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## The 19th Class of Leadership Stark County

Having been selected in 2005, the 19th class has attended several program days and will begin their community projects in January. These individuals represent the geographic, professional, and cultural diversity present in Stark County.

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**Javan L. Yoder**, Stark Truss Co., Inc.  
**Glenda Zink**, Stark State College of Technology  
**Clint Zollinger, Jr.**, Day Ketterer Ltd.

## Leadership's SECOND Generation

Among the exciting new events on the LSC calendar is the February 9th Leadership Celebration. Committee chair, Tony Peldunas, (18th) and the committee have planned an interesting and informal evening at Kozmo's Grille in Massillon. This event is part of the implementation of the strategic plan developed in 2004. The idea of a celebration of leadership came through focus groups and action teams who determined that such an event would help keep alumni involved in the organization and also showcase leadership examples in Stark County. *While the 2006 event is limited to the current class members, Board of Trustees members, honorees and guests, a 20th anniversary event will be open to all alumni.*

This year's celebration will honor two generations of leadership, an idea that sprang

from a realization that younger leaders must be prepared to step in and continue the work begun by the previous generation if our community is to prosper in the 21st century. The honorees gave some insight into the interaction between the generations when it comes to volunteering and community leadership. Ryan Walls (15th) relates, "For years I watched my mother (Eloise Walls, 2nd class) give so much of herself to various community activities and never could figure out why. Leadership Stark County and my mom, leading by example, helped outline the need in Stark County for a new generation of trustees in the community." Former executive director and honorary alumnus, Nancy Leach, reflects on the value of the program to her and son Andy (15th), "As Executive Director, I witnessed how the (continued on next page)

## Second Generation ...

Leadership Stark County program expanded the perspectives of the participants. People are familiar with their own areas of expertise, but often don't have the opportunity to learn about other aspects of their community. LSC promotes both empathy and understanding, which are critical in community leaders. I was very pleased when Andy expressed an interest in going through the



program, and I am very proud of the role that he now plays in the Stark County community!" For Kerri Kutz Salvino (13th), the leadership seeds were sown early: "I can remember how much my Dad (Norm Kutz, 1st) enjoyed the program when he went through. I must have been about 13 or 14 at the time, and I can remember him coming home and talking about the program days and the people he was meeting with a great deal of enthusiasm. I thought at the time that it sounded like something I would like to do if I ever had the opportunity, so when Diebold offered, I jumped at the chance!" Perhaps someday, daughter Ella, now age two, will add the third generation.

The honorees span not only the generations but also represent the classes from the first class of Leadership Canton (Norm Kutz) to the most recent graduates (Robert Thompson, Jr.) of the eighteenth class.

### *The honorees are:*

Constance Butera, 3rd, and daughter, Karen Butera, 14th

Norman Kutz, 1st, and daughter, Kerri Kutz Salvino, 13th

Nancy J. Leach, honorary, and son, Andrew R. Leach, 15th

Eloise Walls, 2nd, and son, Ryan Walls, 15th

Robert L. Thompson, 7th, and son, Robert Thompson, Jr., 18th

**Norm Kutz of Leadership Canton's first class and daughter, Kerri Kutz-Salvino, LSC 13th class.**

## Great Leaders Keep Learning

Attend the Leadership Development Conference for Alumni of Leadership Canton and Leadership Stark County.

### "Making Northeast Ohio Great Again"

Keynote by **Brad W. Whitehead** of the Cleveland Foundation

Workshop leaders include:  
**Barbara Fordyce (4th)**, psychologist, Fordyce and Associates

**Chris Goff (14th)**, president & CEO, Community Healthcare Coalition

**Marc Schneider (1st)**, president, Schneider Lumber

Mark your calendar for the all-day conference!

**Friday, March 31, 2006**

**From 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

**Lunch provided**

**Cost: \$49**

**Location:** North Canton Medical Foundation, 6046 Whipple Ave. N.W., Canton, OH 44709

Conference Chair: **Barbara Heinricher (17th)**, VP Human Resources, Unizan

Questions?: **Stephanie Werren (19th)**, director, Leadership Stark County

**Reserve your place now!**

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### LSC MISSION STATEMENT

To develop a core of motivated leaders with a lifelong commitment to community trusteeship through training in leadership skills and education about the community.

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# GOVERNMENT ACADEMY Participants Interact with Presidential Advisor

Participants in the Stark County Local Government Leadership Academy were invited to attend a private 'questions and answers' session at Mount Union College with **Mr. David Gergen**, former advisor to Presidents Reagan, Bush and Clinton. Mr. Gergen spoke at Mount Union College on January 19th as part of the Center for Public Service's Lecture Series. Leadership Stark County graduates enrolled in the academy include **Anna Capaldi (16th)**, Perry Township Trustee; **Robert Fonte (11th)**, director- Stark County Park District; **Lisa Gissendaner (17th)**, director-youth development, City of Canton; and **Fred Pisani (14th)**, Waynesburg Village Council.

The government academy is a six-week program, which began in February, designed to enhance leadership and decision-making skills. Professor Chet Bowling of Ohio State University will

facilitate the program along with representatives from Stark County's institutions of higher education. The program is a collaboration among Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Stark County, Stark County District Library and the Ohio State University Extension, in cooperation with the Stark County Chamber of Commerce Association.

Academy participants are invited to enjoy lunch and the keynote speech by Brad Whitehead of the Cleveland Foundation at the Alumni Development Conference on Friday, March 31. All Academy participants will receive a certificate of completion in recognition of their commitment to building our community.



Academy participants James Deans, Canal Fulton City Council and Robert Fonte, director, Stark County Park District and Leadership Stark County 11th class graduate.



Academy participants (l-r) Vince Watts, executive director, Coming Together Stark County, Paul Beidenbach, Sander Electric, and Richard Regula, Stark County Commissioner.



Former presidential advisor, David Gergen with Jack DeSario, director, Mount Union College Center for Public Service and Government Academy participant Richard Regula.

## Continue the Commitment to Community Building: 20TH CLASS REFERRALS NOW BEING ACCEPTED

2006 marks the selection and beginning of the 20th anniversary class of Leadership Stark County. Help commemorate this milestone by recommending a community minded individual for the program. LSC continues to strive to be representative of the professional, cultural, racial, economic, geographic and ethnic diversity of the community. We are looking for individuals who:

- Possess high standards of personal integrity
- Show evidence of, or potential for, achievement in community service
- Are interested in seeking volunteer leadership roles in the community

- Are able to attend all programs (approximately 12 hours per month)
- Live or work in Stark County.

Please fax your personal referrals of existing or emerging community leaders. They will receive an application and information packet for the 20th Class of Leadership Stark County in early March 2006.

### Prospective Candidate:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Company: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, and Zip Code:

Recommended by: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments or additional information:

Please fax or mail your nominations to:

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## CLASS ACTS:

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**Barbara Hammontree Bennett (3rd)**, of Hammontree & Associates, was recently appointed by Governor Taft to the Ohio Rail Commission.

**Donna Nedelk-Boyer (5th)** was promoted to resource development manager of a nine-state area for NiSource Energy Group (Columbia Gas).

**John M. Tucker (12th)**, of Krugliak, Wilkins, Griffiths, & Dougherty, received the honor of *Rising Star* status from the Ohio Super Lawyers.

**Fred Pisani (14th)** manages the Jackson Township Recycling Station which was recently recognized by the Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission for providing employment opportunities for people with disabilities.

**Scott M Zurakowski (17th)**, also of Krugliak, Wilkins, Griffiths, & Dougherty, has been elected shareholder and director.

## THANK YOU!

### 2005 SALVATION ARMY KETTLE DRIVE

We'd like to thank those LSC graduates who rang the bells for the 2005 kettle drive and special thanks to John Juergensen for organizing the volunteers. Money raised from the kettle drive is used to meet needs in the community.

**Volunteer Coordinator:** John Juergensen (18th)

**Volunteer Bell Ringers:** Connie Butera (3rd), Peg Diebel (10th), Barb Heinricher (17th), Dennis Kelley (current), Lisa Leech (10th), Sarah Howes McIntosh (13th), Dick McLaughlin (14th), Janie Pavlek (10th), Denise Robb (13th)



**Sarah Howes McIntosh, 13th class, volunteered to ring the Salvation Army kettle bell.**

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