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Recruitment in full swing for Class 2011

Kathy Romano, Recruitment Chair

Class 2011 recruitment is underway and we, the Mesa LTD alumni, are the best recruiters available. You must know at least one person residing or working in Mesa that is interested in learning more about our community.

If you do - then tell them about the Mesa Leadership Program - and let me know who they are. I will contact them, answer questions and help them through the application process.

I encourage you to invite your friends and associates to visit our website (www.mesaltd.org) for Mesa LTD information, a recruiting brochure and a downloadable application.

Recruitment Open Houses will be held at the Mesa Chamber of Commerce on April 13th (Tuesday) and again on April 22nd (Thursday). Attendees will have an opportunity to learn a lot more about the program and also meet some of our terrific Mesa LTD alumni. This is an event you will want to encourage anyone interested in the program to attend.

I am also available to attend events, organization meetings, etc. to make Mesa LTD presentations and distribute brochures and 2011 applications.

Thank you for your continued support of Mesa LTD. Sharing your experiences with other people and your on-going commitment to our mission is one more way you support our goals. Our public, private, and non-profit sectors really need the help of the quality leadership that the Mesa LTD Program graduates provide.

You can reach me either by e-mail (kromano5@cox.net) or phone (480-628-8359). Looking forward to hearing from you.



Mesa LTD Upcoming Events

**Class 2010
Census Project
MACFest**
3/13 & 3/20/10
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Downtown Mesa

**Silent Auction
Fund Raiser
for City of Mesa's
a.b.c. program**
4/8/10

CAF Museum
5:30 - 8:30 PM

**Annual Alumni
Meeting &
Class 2010
Graduation
Keynote Speaker
Claudia Walters
Mesa 2009 Woman
of the Year**
5/7/10
Mesa Hilton
5:30 - 9:00 PM

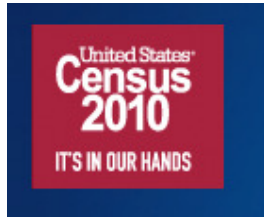
Mesa LTD Alumni CURRENT Contact Information Needed

The 2010 Mesa LTD Directory will be printed in late April and we want it to be as accurate as possible. So - if you have moved, changed your phone numbers or e-mail address - we need to receive your corrections.

The e-mail has become such a convenient communications tool and Mesa LTD is using it more and more to get news out to the Alumni. If you have an e-mail address and haven't been receiving our e-mails, just let us know.

Please e-mail any contact information changes, corrections or additions to Kay Henry (khenry5445@cox.net) or call 480-941-5445.

Mesa LTD Class 2010 Project



Increase Mesa Participation in 2010 Census

Leo Archer, Mesa LTD Class 2010 Rep

Greetings from the Mesa LTD Class of 2010 and what a group we have this year! In the grand tradition of previous classes, the members are a vibrant and eclectic bunch that represents the diverse spectrum of people living here in Mesa. Beyond their daily jobs, many are already active in various social and political causes. We have some running for state office, some championing the causes of minorities and the disenfranchised, and some involved in the promotion of local businesses.

Ultimately, despite our differences and interests, we are united in one common cause – the desire to participate in and improve the city in which we live. Everyone has embraced the spirit of the class and all are actively participating in its activities. With that in mind I wish to draw your attention to this year's class project.

This year the class has chosen to take a slightly different route than in previous years. Rather than one unique, single event project, our participation will be across a number of different individual events, all with one intention – to promote awareness and participation in the 2010 Census.

Our team has decided to participate in three upcoming events in order to get the word out about the impact of the census on the City of Mesa and its residents.

The first will be the 2010 Winter Visitor Expo being held at the Arizona Wing Commemorative Air Force Museum at Falcon Field on Feb 3rd, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

The second and third events will be at the MACFest events on March 13th and March 20th. The latter two take place from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. In all cases we will have an information table and banner showing who we are and our link to the census. Both at the table and while walking the events, we will hand out pamphlets and goodies to educate people as to why it is so important for them to participate

The census is vital for us all here in Mesa. It is our chance to maximize our share of the more than \$400 billion allocated by the federal government and it helps determine voting and zoning boundaries that impact our city, county, and state. The job of getting increased participation is daunting. While the federal government has active programs in this area, the class is determined to do all it can to help.

The fact is that for every person counted in our city the impact is approximately \$1,500 in federal dollars per year. Therefore, even a few hundred new participants could have a significant impact on our bottom line and as a result, the potential quality of life for us here in Mesa. In this case, even a small difference can mean a lot. We encourage all of you to stop by these great events and introduce yourselves to us. We would love to meet you all!

Announcing Mesa LTD's 5/7/10 Annual Alumni Meeting & Class 2010 Graduation

Theresa Jepsen, Social Chair

The Mesa LTD Board is pleased to present the 2010 graduating class on May 7, 2010, following the Annual Alumni Meeting at the Mesa Hilton. All Mesa LTD alumni and guests are invited to attend both events.

The Annual Meeting will include reports on the past year's activities and year-to-date finances. Members in good standing will vote for the 2010-11 Board slate of candidates and ratify the Association's Governing Rules. Alumni in good standing are those who are current in paying their annual membership fees. There is no cost to attend the Annual Meeting and it begins at 6:00 pm.

The Graduation Ceremony and dinner marks the class members' completion of the nine-month program. It is a reflection on the class accomplishments, their contribution of time to the community through the class project, and their bonding with each other.

Each year a prominent member of the community is invited to speak and this year, Claudia Walters has accepted our invitation. Claudia was named the 2009 Mesa Woman of the Year and her achievements as a public servant are numerous. Additionally, she is a former Councilmember, Vice Mayor and previously ran for Mayor.

Your invitation will be e-mailed or mailed to you about the first week in April.



Let's get Together on April 8th and PARTY for Charity!

Sophia Tesch,
Community Liaison Chair

This has been a rough economic year for many of us. Mesa, like the rest of the nation, is facing one of the most significant economic crises it has faced in decades. As Mesa Leadership - what can we do to face this crisis? Have a party! We are having a party and we want you to be there!

Come to the historic Arizona Wing Commemorative Air Force Museum, on April 8th (Thursday) from 5:30 - 8:30 pm to enjoy the amazing atmosphere, some wonderful speakers and great food! Admission is just \$5. Where can you get that kind of entertainment for \$5? There will be a silent auction and raffle and 100% of the proceeds after expenses will go to benefit Mesa's A Better Community (a.b.c.) Fund.

You may have seen articles about the a.b.c. fund in the paper lately or the contribution box on your City of Mesa utility bill. Created by Councilmember Dennis Kavanaugh (Class 1985) the fund's intent is to supplement the gap between the needs of the Human Services providers serving Mesa and the funding offered by Community Development Block Grant and Emergency Shelter Grant money.

People may donate any amount of funds (the amount suggested on the utility bill is \$1.00) to go into a pool of money to help agencies that feed and shelter the homeless, assist those facing addiction issues, create an alternative to leave a domestic abuse situation and so much more! The Human Services Advisory Board then makes recommendations on how to allocate these funds to provide the most help as possible for disadvantaged Mesa citizens.

As this year's Chair of the Human Services Advisory Board, I can tell you that the need is great and that we as Mesa LTD can put forth the spirit in which we created our class legacy projects to make this positive impact on our community.

So what we need from you is simple and fun. We would like each class to put together an offering for the silent auction. This may include a basket of goodies, an awesome gift certificate, or some type of services or great gift suitable for a silent auction. We will also have a raffle and are looking for a really amazing prize for that! In addition we are looking for sponsors to cover the food and other costs to put on the event.

If you have any questions or would like to help sponsor the event or volunteer to help, please contact Kay Henry khenry5445@cox.net or Sophia Tesch stesch@cox.net.

A Big Thank You!!!!

To the following Mesa LTD sponsors:
Fresh & Easy - Holiday Party Drinks
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January Classroom Space & Food

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Mesa LTD is now on Face Book.

To find us - type Facebook.com. You need to be a Face Book member & can easily join. In Search - type Mesa Leadership Training and Development.



Reminder for Annual Alumni Meeting Voting!!!

If you plan to attend the May 7, 2010 Mesa LTD Annual Alumni Meeting and haven't paid your 2009-10 membership fees - the fees must be paid prior to the start of the meeting. Only members whose membership status is current can vote. You may send a \$30 check to the MCBE Foundation, 120 N. Center, Mesa 85201, or pay at the door before the annual meeting starts.



Mesa LTD Alumni Spotlights

Laura Hyneman, Chair Elect

Art Jordan (Class 1986) has been elected to the Executive Committee of Valley Forward Association. This will be the seventh year Art has served on the Board of Directors and will serve as the Vice Chair of the Water Issues Committee. Art is the V.P. of Project Development at Linthicum Corporation.

Maria Mancinas (Class 2002) has been selected to take a leading role in a Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) for the light rail extension to Mesa Drive. The planning area is surrounded by University, Country Club, Broadway and Gilbert roads. According to John Wesley, Mesa's Planning Director (Class 2006), "PAC will have a key role in shaping the plan and policies that will guide the future of this area" Periodic general public meetings will be held to review this exciting project with the larger community.

Carolyn Olson (Class 2009) received the 2009 Community Development Employee of the Year Award from the Arizona Chapter of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO). Olson is being recognized for her work with nonprofit organizations and the homeless. She is currently working on several programs including the Housing and Urban Development Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) Program, which combines HUD's Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) rental assistance with case management and clinical services, which are provided by the VA at its medical centers and in the community.

Gerald Paulus (Jerry) (Class 1995) was appointed to serve a three year term on the East Valley Adult Resources Board of Directors. East Valley Adult Resources provides opportunities to connect, contribute and care for our aging community. They operate home food delivery programs, education, training, retirement housing and outreach to our senior community. Jerry was the director of the Mesa Gas Utility until retiring in June 2008 and recently returned from service in Iraq where he served as a senior oil and gas advisor for the US State Department in 2008-2009.

Claudia Walters (Class 1992) was named Mesa's Woman of the Year for 2009. Her achievements began with her tenure as president of the Whitman PTO. She began her service as an elected official on the Mesa school board, serving as board clerk and later as president. She served two terms on the City Council and her last four years she was vice mayor. Walters' also serves on the boards of the Mesa United Way and United Food Bank and other non-profits involved in feeding the hungry and assisting the less fortunate with a wide range of needs. She is an educator and corporate trainer with the Learning Center in Mesa.

Members of Class 2010

Kit Filbey, a business owner and former teacher, is running for the Legislative District 19 House seat. Kit was named by the AZ Republic as one of the "10 Key individuals to watch in Mesa in 2010."

Michael Conway, a longtime Mesa resident and public schoolteacher, has announced his candidacy for the Arizona House seat representing District 18, which primarily covers west and central Mesa.

Message from the Chair.....

Lots of exciting events are happening over the next couple of months and your Board is hoping that you, our alumni, will participate in these activities as much as possible. So mark your calendar to attend:

- March 13th or 20th MACFest and support Class 2010's Census Project.
- April 8th Silent Auction Fund Raiser for the City of Mesa's a.b.c. program. Donate a theme basket from your class for the auction and be sure to attend this fun and worthwhile event.
- May 7th Annual Alumni Meeting and Class 2010 Graduation at the Mesa Hilton. Detailed information will be e-mailed or mailed to all alumni during the first week of April.

Also – if you know someone you really believe would be a viable candidate for Mesa Leadership's Class 2011, please let us know. Please e-mail (khenry5445@cox.net) or call me (480-941-5445) anytime.

Kay Henry, Mesa LTD Chair

**In Remembrance of Mesa LTD Alumni
Tom Norris
Class of 1995**