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## ***A message from the Chair.....***

Spring is always a great time to be involved in Mesa Leadership! Let me briefly highlight some of the many activities that are currently going on.

Have you had the opportunity to look at Mesa LTD's new website ([www.mesaltd.org](http://www.mesaltd.org))? It is up and running and updated as new happenings occur. This new site contains some of the previous contents as well as many things we have not been able to post in the past. I'd like to recognize board members Kay Henry, Laura Hyneman and Denise Traves for their hard work on this project.

Mesa LTD is in full recruiting mode now for the Class of 2009. The single biggest thing the Mesa LTD program can do for Mesa and the Valley of the Sun is to recruit and retain a full class of bright and eager individuals for the Class of 2009. So scan your database of family, friends, professional colleagues and others for possible people you would like to see get more involved in Mesa. Contact Kate Ali'varius, ([alivarius@hotmail.com](mailto:alivarius@hotmail.com)) our Recruiting chair with suggestions.

We also have a working nominating committee for next year's MLTD board. Alumni are always invited to get involved with the program and this is a great way to do it. Contact Laura Hyneman if you are interested in serving on next year's board ([lfhyneman@cs.com](mailto:lfhyneman@cs.com)).

Finally, the Mesa Leadership Board of Directors would like to commend all of the candidates running for election in the March Mesa elections. Mesa LTD is especially proud of the following alumni that have mustered the courage to put themselves up for public office: Dina Higgins, Dennis Kavanaugh, Vern Mathern, Dave Richins, Scott Smith and Claudia Walters.

Yours in Leadership,  
Dale Easter  
Mesa LTD Chair



## **Upcoming Events**

**Tues., 3/18/07  
5:30-7:00 pm  
Recruitment  
Open House  
Mesa Chamber**

**Fri., 5/2/07  
6:00 pm  
Annual MLTD  
Alumni  
Meeting/  
Class  
Graduation**

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And  
Wells Fargo  
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for your  
sponsorships  
this year.**

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**In  
Remembrance  
of Mesa LTD  
Alumni  
Mrs. Toby  
Kornreich  
Class of 1986**

### **Mesa LTD Recruitment Open House**

**March 18, 2008**

**5:30 pm to 7:00 pm**

**Mesa Chamber of Commerce  
120 North Center Street, Mesa**

**Do you know someone looking for opportunities to meet one-on-one with Mesa leaders, serve on city or non-profit boards, or simply learn about Mesa government? If so, invite them to attend our March 18<sup>th</sup> Open House.**

## Class 2009 Recruitment in Full Swing

Kate Ali'varius, Recruitment Chair

We're currently recruiting prospects for the next MLTD Class of 2009. Please refer anyone in your network to our newly-designed website at [www.mesaltd.org](http://www.mesaltd.org). Here, you'll find useful information about MLTD as well as an application and guide to program content.

I'm available anytime to answer questions, meet with prospective candidates, deliver MLTD rallying cries, or simply offer assistance with the application process to individuals or groups. I can be reached daily at 602-721-0804 or via email at [alivarius@hotmail.com](mailto:alivarius@hotmail.com).

I would appreciate any/all leads established through your work, community, and/or personal contacts. As always, you can expect a professional overture followed by an effort to hand-hold, if needed/desired, through the application and interview phase of recruitment.

Please remember that tuition is not due until acceptance. This will allow all interested candidates to familiarize themselves with the program and its expectations before issuing their full commitment to MLTD. If a case for why MLTD should be supported by one's employer is needed, I'm happy to help compose the verbiage necessary to garner the desired funds approval.

On behalf of the program that we all have a vested interest in promoting, supporting, and continuing with vigor, I extend my extreme gratitude for your continued service and contributions to MLTD. Together, we're enabling a better Mesa!

## Your Investment in Mesa Leadership

Nathan Ricks, Treasurer

Since 1982, the Mesa LTD Program has graduated over 500 members and continues to be the most respected and valued organization in leadership development in the community. As a result, the Mesa LTD Alumni Board continues to work diligently to serve and meet the needs of our members.

Some of the activities that have been implemented to date are:

- Publication of the quarterly LTD Alumni Newsletter.
- Continued partnership with the Mesa Chamber of Commerce and its activities.
- Assistance/referrals for placement with community boards/organizations.
- Establishment of the Mesa LTD website ([www.mesaltd.org](http://www.mesaltd.org)).
- Annual LTD Alumni Association Membership Directory and an e-mail database to provide members with current alumni information and timely communication.
- Annual socials, free to dues-paying Alumni and invitations to special alumni events
- Attendance and voting privileges at the Annual Board Meeting in May.

It may have been a while since you graduated from the Mesa LTD Program or have been involved in Alumni Association activities. Maybe you continue to support LTD by attending Alumni-sponsored events and/or providing your expertise for one of the program class days. Either way, we seek your financial support to continue providing these opportunities and services for LTD Alumni. Thank you for supporting Mesa LTD and our commitment to training future leaders!



### 2007-08 Alumni Dues Notice Reminder!!!



**If you plan to attend the May 2, 2008 Mesa LTD Annual Alumni Meeting and haven't paid your 2007-08 dues – they must be paid prior to the start of the meeting because only members in good standing can vote. You may send a \$30 check to Mesa LTD, P.O. Box 82, Mesa, AZ 85211, use PayPal on our web site, or pay at the door before the meeting starts.**

## Notable Class2007-08 Highlights!

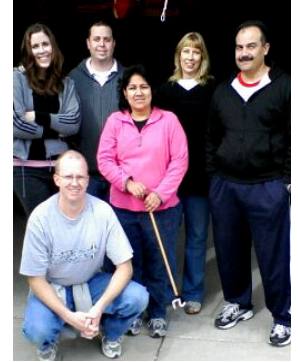
Francisco Ballesteros, Class Rep

WOW, Class 2007-08 is almost adjourned, we're about there! It's like waiting for a baby to be born.

Speaking of babies, congratulations to class member Sophia Tesch who had a baby girl; Victoria Rose 7 lbs 3 oz born January 20, 2008 at 4:47 pm. Virginia was born during the half time of the Green Bay Packers and New York Giants playoff game. Big sister is also a football baby; she's a Super Bowl baby, way to go Sophia!

Class can you believe it! We've gone through 2007 and welcomed the New Year finishing up our class project at Sunshine Acres. What an experience that was. We made a long lasting impact in that small community. Awesome job, that's my class!

Let's not forget the Salt River Project Tour. There was a lot of information and just as many professional people presenting it. Good jokes too. The helicopter ride was great. Brenda Lee came in and said to us, "I'll listen to the lectures, but as for the helicopter, I am going to stay". When Salt River Project President told the Edith fell out of the chopper joke, I thought Brenda was going to cry. But at the end of the lecture, I heard her say, "What is everyone



waiting for, let's fly". In one and half hours in the air we saw lakes, dams, trails and it seemed everyone's favorite were the mountain dwellings. What a site that was! Brenda, are you ready for the next flight? Thanks to all that made this tour possible.

I hope the class of 2008-09 will enjoy the Mesa Leadership Training and Development Program as much as we did.

Thank you Class of 2007-08! Go out and be the best! Thanks to all the Executive Board members for your support. Special thanks to Linda Sullivan and Denise Traves, Curriculum Co-Chairs and Brian Sexton, Community Liaison Chair. Best wishes to those class members that had to leave early and pray you come back next year.

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**We must have the courage to allow a little disorder in our lives. - Ben Weininger**

## Great Class Experiences This Year

Linda Sullivan, Curriculum Co-Chair

With two classes remaining this year, we are looking forward to meeting at the Phoenix Mesa Gateway Airport in March and the Mesa Arts Center in April. In February, we were fortunate to have our Education class at the A. T. Still University which was a first for MLTD, and in January we met at the Red Mountain Multigenerational Center for the second time.

### HELP WANTED!!!

The Mesa LTD Board still has openings for a Publication Chair and Social Chair. We need volunteers to serve out this year. Contact Dale at [MLTDchair@yahoo.com](mailto:MLTDchair@yahoo.com) if you are interested.

## Visit Mesa LTD's New Web Site ([www.mesald.org](http://www.mesald.org))

for information on:

**Bylaws**

**Policies**

**Board Job Descriptions**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

**Newsletters**

**Class 2009 Application**

**Class 2008 Members**

**Board Members & E-mail Links**

**PayPal Link to Pay Dues.**

**Current Mesa LTD Information**

**Links to City and Chamber Web Sites  
& Much, Much More!!!**

## Mesa LTD Active in the Community

Maria Mancinas, Past Chair

I would like to congratulate all former Mesa LTD graduates for currently vying for any kind of elected office in Mesa. I also congratulate Ana Cadillo and Denise Traves for their recent appointment to the Human Relations Advisory Board.

We, at Mesa LTD are always highly encouraging our graduates to actively pursue positions in the community, and are proud of all who are currently serving on City or nonprofits boards and committees.

In addition, I would like to quickly remind you of the following upcoming important events:

03/07/08 - Early voting in person ends.

03/11/08 – Voting Day.

Finally, I would like to leave you with the words of Albert Einstein:

*“Never regard study as a duty, but as the enviable opportunity to learn to know the liberating influence of beauty in the realm of the spirit for your own personal joy and to the profit of the community to which your later work belongs.”*

## Candidates Wanted for 2008-09 Mesa LTD Board of Directors

**Interested Alumni contact  
Laura Hyneman,  
Nominating Committee Chair  
E-mail: [lfhyneman@cs.com](mailto:lfhyneman@cs.com)**

### \*\*\*\* Alumni News\*\*\*\*

Congratulations to Maria Mancinas for receiving the 2007 Employee of the Year at Maricopa County Human Services, Dept., Education Division. She was chosen from a field of 250 employees.

## Mesa LTD Requirements for Graduation

Vicki Coe, Program Chair

The Mesa Leadership Training and Development Program is an educational experience designed to bring leaders and opportunities together. There are no tests, grades, or homework. Class members earn credit toward graduation through participation in a wide variety of individual and group activities that enable them to learn about the community through observation and interaction with other community leaders.

A total of 500 points is required for graduation from the Mesa LTD Program; points are earned by attendance and participation in the following program components:

- Nine themed Class Days covering government, education, criminal justice, and other areas of interest.
- A Class Project selected and designed by the class to contribute to the betterment of the community.
- A Shadowing experience, where the class member may spend the day with a community leader to learn how he or she gets the job done.
- Individual Tours, including Ride-Alongs with City police, fire, and code compliance; and Observation at City and non-profit board meetings.
- Group Tours of public and private sector facilities.

### Allocation of Points:

- Class Days (30 points each) (210 points minimum - 270 points maximum)
- Class Project (30 points)
- Shadowing (30 points)
- Ride-Alongs (30 points each) (120 points maximum)
- Non-Profit and/or City Board Observation (20 points each) (60 points maximum)
- Group Tours (20-30 points each)
- Additional points may be earned by serving as Class Representative (30 points), Class Historian (30 points), or Group Tour Leader (5 points per tour).

Class members are encouraged to make the most of their Mesa LTD experience by exceeding the 500 point requirement and participating in as many activities as possible!

## Openings on City Boards and Committees!

Laura Hyneman,  
Placement Chair

Residents of Mesa interested in serving on one of the City's advisory boards/committees can find out more about each of these boards/committees on the City's website ([www.cityofmesa.org](http://www.cityofmesa.org), City Hall, Advisory Boards and Committees). If you have questions, contact Heidi Gast at (480) 644-3002 or [heidi.gast@cityofmesa.org](mailto:heidi.gast@cityofmesa.org).

Prospective board and committee members can complete an Application Form - City of Mesa online form or PDF mail in form. Completed PDF forms may be mailed to the Mayor's Office or sent by fax to 480-644-2175. Appointments to the boards are recommended by the Mayor and approved by the City Council. Thank you for your interest in helping to make Mesa an even better place in which to live, work and play.

**NOTICE: Below is a list of board and committee openings that will become available upon the expiration of several terms on June 30, 2008.** Other openings also may become available, should members whose first term expires on June 30 be unable to or disinterested in serving a second term.

In short, while the following opportunities definitely will be available, opportunities to serve on other boards are a possibility, too. Consequently, individuals should not hesitate to check all boards and committees on the application they are interested in.

The term of service for the following positions is 7/01/08-6/30/11. Each board has one opening:

- Design Review Board - Architect category
- Economic Development Advisory Board
- Industrial Development
- Judicial Advisory Board
- Library Advisory Board
- Merit System Board
- Library Advisory Board
- Museum & Cultural Advisory Board
- Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
- Personnel Appeals Board
- Planning & Zoning Board
- Transportation Advisory Board

Additionally, the following partial terms are currently available:

- Housing Advisory Board, 2 openings for custom/executive home builders
- Human Relations Advisory Board
- Museum & Cultural Advisory Board
- Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

Do you have some interesting MLTD Alumni "NEWS" for future newsletter articles? We all would like to keep up-to-date on our alumni's activities and your inputs are welcomed. Contact the *Newsline* Editor, [khenry5445@cox.net](mailto:khenry5445@cox.net), with any pertinent information.

### Volunteers Needed for the Class Recruitment Interview Phase

After the Class of 2009 applications are received (4/11/08 due date), we will need alumni to interview potential class members. Please contact Kate Ali'varius, ([alivarius@hotmail.com](mailto:alivarius@hotmail.com)), our Recruiting chair, if you would like to help.

## Mesa Life Options March 2008 Schedule

**Tour of the Court – March 19, 2008 (Wednesday) 9:00-10:00 am**

**Meet at the Mesa Municipal Court (Lobby) 245 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Mesa AZ 85201**

15 Participants only – Please call to register 480-461-6252 or e-mail [mlo@mcmail.maricopa.edu](mailto:mlo@mcmail.maricopa.edu)

**Hospice of the Valley's Dementia Program – March 26, 2008 (Wednesday) 12:00-1:00 pm**

**Mesa Life Options 165 N. Centennial Way, Suite 101. Mesa, AZ 85201**

Please call to register 480-461-6252 or e-mail [mlo@mcmail.maricopa.edu](mailto:mlo@mcmail.maricopa.edu)