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Presenting Mesa LTD's Class of 2008

Mesa Leadership Training and Development is pleased to announce the selection of the following twenty-nine (29) members of the Class of 2008.

Frank William Alger Jr. - Network Communications Specialist,
Eschelon Telecom.

Francisco Ballesteros -Retired, Head Start Council Vice-Chair &
Volunteer

David Brannon - Sales Consultant, Tuscany Villas at Painted Mountain.

Melissa D. Buxton - Sr. Marketing Manager, Fiesta Mall.

Lisa Marie Coleman - Guidance Counselor, Red Mountain High School.

Brent A. Cope - CEO, Mesa General Hospital

Javier Fabian Cota - President, Mesa Police Association.

Brenda Lee Day - Salesperson; Artist, Phoenix Gallery Art Awakenings

Myra Jane Falkenstein - Havanese Dog Breeder & Handler

Felipa Garcia - Home/School Liaison, Longfellow Elementary School.

Craig C. Henry - Owner, Express Personnel Services.

Theresa V. Jepsen - Executive Assistant, Arizona Humanities Council.

Dee L. Kepp -Associate Broker, Independence Reality Professionals Inc.

Eric J. Kobet - Paralegal, Phoenix Law Firm

Elizabeth Ann Machado - Family Case Specialist, Maricopa County
Human Services.

William M. Norton - Gas System Inspector, City of Mesa, Gas Division

Kimberly Nuzman - Director of Marketing & Development, House of
Refuge East

Alberto R. Olivias - Director Civic Education & Outreach Programs,
MCC Center for Civic Participation.

Teresa Y. Pena - Vice President, Wells Fargo Bank

Virginia Saettone - Retired R.E. Appraiser, Maricopa Juvenile
Restorative Panel, Volunteer

Heather A. Scantlebury - Neighborhood Crime Prevention Specialist,
West Mesa Community Development Corp.

Dorothy Shupe - Principal, Dream Catchers Planning & Design LLC

Sophia Tesch - Vice President, Sonoran Trim Inc.

Amanda Renee Thorsen - Head Community Organizer, Mesa
ACORN

Kyle Tilghman - Engineering Supervisor, Salt River Project

Stephen Antonio Viramontes - AZ Territory Manager, Royal Bank of
Scotland Group

William W. Warren - EMS Division Manager, Southwest Ambulance

Lara Wibeto - Homemaker, Community Activist

Richard Allen Yahrmarkt - Vice President Operations, Marco's Pizza

Our new,
redesigned
web site
is currently being
updated.
Log-on in the near
future for current
information and
ongoing updates.
(www.mltd.org)

MLTD Alumni
willing to fill
the vacate Board
Publications Chair
position should
send an e-mail to
MLTDChair
@yahoo.com.

Join
Mesa Chamber's
Networking
Round Table
on 8/23/07
at Carrabba's Grill
11:30 to 1:00 pm
\$10 members/
\$15 future
members.
RSVP by calling
Tiffany
480-969-1307, 3011
or on line at
mesachamber.org

In Remembrance

*Mesa LTD loses two
graduates.*

*Joyce Maughn
Class 2000*

*Paul Hasslacher
Class 1988*

MLTD Scholarship Fund

Nathan Ricks, Treasurer

The Mesa LTD Board very graciously thanks the following alumni members who made donations to the tuition assistance scholarship fund last year.

Rich Crandall
Sandra Driscoll
Mayor Keno Hawker
Maria Mancinas
Vernon Mathern

Because the wording of the previous MLTD policy regarding the scholarship acceptance criteria was unclear, it was difficult to quantify an applicant's scholarship eligibility. The Board voted unanimously at its June 2007 board meeting to clarify the scholarship acceptance criteria by using Mesa's Median Household Income (published on the City of Mesa's web site and updated annually) as the measurement for scholarship awards.

Awards will be made on financial need and must meet 80% of Mesa's median household income guidelines.

Three Class 2008 scholarship applicants met the criteria, were approved by MLTD's Executive Council and each received a scholarship of \$250.

As an FYI to all alumni, the August 18th MLTD account balances were: Alumni - \$2,858.32; Program - \$18,917.24 (July/Aug. expenses not deducted yet) and Scholarship Savings - \$684.63 and Scholarship CD - \$2,611.58.

2007-2008 Class Program Calendar

Linda Sullivan, Curriculum Chair

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>
08/11/07	Sat.	Orientation
08/11/07	Sat	Dinner at Landmark
09/08/07	Sat.	Mesa City Government
10/06/07	Sat.	Business & Economic Development
11/02/07	Fri.	Avenues of Advocacy
12/01/07	Sat.	Justice System
01/05/08	Sat.	Social Services
02/01/08	Fri.	Education
03/07/08	Fri	Land and People
04/04/08	Fri	Arts and Recreation
05/02/08	Fri	Graduation (evening event)

A message from the Chair.....

Watching A Desert Wind - I'm sitting in front of my PC on a hot, breezy Arizona summer night and I'm thinking about all the changes going on within MLTD and the City of Mesa. Just like a monsoon wind seems to always change the appearance of our backyards, summer always brings change to MLTD. Here are some of the changes recently happening in the program.

We are very happy to have a large Class of 2008 entering the program in August. I'd like to express my gratitude to all of you who referred colleagues and friends to MLTD. Please continue to share your MLTD experiences with others in the community. Kate Ali'varius, Class 2007, is our Recruiting Coordinator this year. Contact Kate to refer any future potential MLTD candidates.

You will also notice major changes at MLTD's web site (www.MLTD.org). Jane Martin and her EVIT team provided their technical expertise to incorporate the visions of Susan Frabotta, Maria Mancinas and others on what a new and improved MLTD web site should look like. Pam Stapley of the Mesa Chamber loaned MLTD much of the beautiful Mesa imagery you will see on the new site.

On the subject of publications, the MLTD board has a current opening for its Publications Chair. This person would be managing our website, this newsletter as well as MLTD public relations and promotion. If any of you would like to volunteer to develop new skills or use your existing skills in this area, please contact me at MLTDChair@yahoo.com.

Our MLTD board has also undergone our fair share of turnover. I'd like to thank Pat Esparza, Susan Frabotta, Gloria Chavez, Nick Camillone and Sharon Corea for their service on the 2006-07 Board. In addition we all owe both Nick and Maria Mancinas big thanks for the leadership they provided as Chairs during the 2006-07 MLTD years.

It is always a pleasure to welcome new board members. Denise Traves (Class 2007), Co-Curriculum; Brian Sexton (Class 2007) Community Relations; Laura Hyneman (Class 2003) Placement; and Kate Ali'varius are all joining the 2007-08 MLTD board. As you meet these individuals, please thank them for stepping up to help MLTD and offer them any suggestions you may have.

Finally, we now have over 570 graduates from our previous 26 MLTD classes. Imagine all the changes MLTD graduates could create in Mesa and the entire Maricopa County if each of us did just one thing to better our community. Laura Hyneman has done a lot of work updating MLTD's contacts with non-profits and other service boards in the Mesa community. Let's all consider getting involved, even if it is to help on "one little thing" for Mesa. Contact Laura if you would like Placement suggestions!

Sincerely,
Dale Easter, MLTD 2007-08 Chair

Numerous MLTD Alumni Serve on City of Mesa Boards & Committees

Laura Hyneman, Placement Chair

Mesa Leadership Training and Development alumni continue to support many city and non-profit boards. This year the following thirty-two (32) MLTD alumni serve on the city's Advisory Boards and Committees.

Board of Adjustment

Michael Clement, 2003

Dina Higgins, 2005

Roxanne Pierson, 2002

Diane Von Borstel, 2003

Building Board of Appeals

Jeff Decker, 2002

Downtown Development Committee

Greg Holtz, 1997

Dean Taylor, 2003

Economic Development Advisory Board

Dale Easter, 2006

Vern Mathern, 1994

Historic Preservation Committee

Lane Burdick, 2003

Nathan Ricks, 2006

Human Relations Advisory Board

Terry Benelli, 2001

David Luna, 2002

Human Services Advisory Board

Linda Starr, 2003

Judicial Advisory Board

Scott Rhodes, 2002

Michael Cowan, 2001

Library Advisory Board

Doug Gerlach, 2000

Kay Henry, 2005

Maria Mancinas, 2002

Michael Yates, 2004

Museum & Culture Advisory Board

Andrea Soto, 2005

Parks and Recreation Board

Connie Gullet-Whiteman, 1996

Dina Lopez, 1992

David Martinez, 2004

Planning and Zoning Board

Rich Adams, 1989

Pat Esparza, 2000

Jared Langkilde, 2001

Frank Mizner, 1991

Transportation Advisory Board

Nick Camillone, 2005

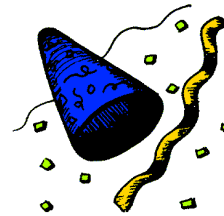
Paul Hursh, 2001

Amy Ricks, 2006

David Wier, 1986

If you are interested in serving on a city advisory board or committee, information is available on the City web site (www.cityofmesa.org). You can also contact Heidi Gast, 644-3002 or heidi.gast@cityofmesa.org.

In the near future, information about many of Mesa's non-profit boards will be posted on the MLTD web page and contact information and board meeting times/locations will be provided.



Alumni Volunteers Needed!!! MLTD Party Committee

Amy Ricks, Social Chair

Are you looking for way to reconnect with old friends from your Mesa Leadership Class?

How would you like to network with alumni and current class members?

We are looking for alumni volunteers to serve on the MLTD Party Committee. This committee will meet a few times over the next couple of months to plan a wonderful social event for this year. Your enthusiastic involvement will greatly help make this year's event an outstanding success.

Please contact Amy Ricks at mltdsocial@yahoo.com if you are interested in participating

MLTD Alumni Involvement

To continue encouraging the involvement of our MLTD Alumni, we again plan to present several alumni workshops this year. We would like your ideas on topics you are interested in so we present meaningful workshop experiences for everyone attending.

We are also looking for alumni to make 15 minute "Alumni Spotlight" presentations at each of this year's nine classes. Your talk will cover your MLTD class experience and the positive impact it had on your life after you graduated.

Please e-mail your suggestions, etc. to Chair Dale Easter at MLTDChair@yahoo.com.

Alumni Update

Dina Higgins, Chair Elect

Two of our MLTD alumni have made some significant changes to the level of service they are giving to our community.

Terry Benelli, Class of 2001 and past chair of the MLTD board, has been named Executive Director of NEDCO, Neighborhood Economic Development Corporation. You can visit their website at www.NEDCO-Mesa.org.

Jo Martin, Class of 2000 and past treasurer and curriculum chair, has been elected Chair of the Board of the Apache Junction Chamber of Commerce. You can see what things are happening in Apache Junction by visiting its web-site at www.apachejunctioncoc.com.

Mesa Non-Profit Organizations

NEDCO Needs Board Members

Laura Hyneman, Placement Chair

Would you like to be doing more to better our community and are wondering how you can help?

A wonderful way to have a positive community impact is by volunteering at one of the many outstanding non-profit organizations located in Mesa. Most organizations are looking for all types of volunteers from serving on their board of directors to doing many other types of volunteer services.

One organization currently seeking members for its board of directors is the Neighborhood Economic Development Corporation (NEDCO). They are particularly interested in business owner applicants.

NEDCO is a collaborative partnership between private and public sectors, a vehicle for institutions to meet community reinvestment and community development goals. It is a funding mechanism for implementing such opportunities in Arizona. Opportunities that neither the private sector nor the public sector alone can do.

NEDCO's clients are typically start-up, expansion and non-profit organizations. Anyone with experience in these areas would be an asset to the board. Presently their board consists of VP's from Northern trust, Alliance Bank, First National Bank, National Bank of Arizona, US Bank and Economic Development Representatives from the Mesa Chamber and Salt River Maricopa Indian Community.

If you are interested in serving on their board, please contact Terry Benelli, NEDCO's Executive Director at 480-969-1093. For more information about NEDCO, visit their website at www.NEDCO-Mesa.org.

“Never tell people how to do things. Tell them what to do and they will surprise you with their ingenuity.”

George Patton

Final Reflections on MLTD's Year 2006-07

Maria Mancinas, Past Chair

I hope the now new 2007 Alumni members are all prospering in achieving to their fullest potential. Though, it has been quite a long time I would like to take this opportunity to reminisce and to look back at some of the highlights of the 2007 graduation ceremony.

First and foremost, I would like to once again thank Ms. Pat Esparza for her six years of service and continued support to the Mesa LTD program, in addition I would like to also give kudos to not only the graduating class but to the other alumni for their attendance and for their kind and warm standing ovation in honor of Ms. Esparza. Furthermore, I would like to extend my gratitude to Southwest Ambulance for their generous donation as well as to the graduating class who presented Mesa LTD board with a plaque of appreciation.

All in all, it was a joyous occasion for all those involved and I personally would like to extend my thanks to everyone who helped made the Class of 2007 what it was and likewise helped shape my tenure as Mesa LTD Chair.

I hope to see many of you, as I will be serving as Past Chair on the Mesa LTD Board for the Class of 2008.

Seeking Ideas for Class 2008 Project

Does an organization you support have a social, community, and/or philanthropic need that MLTD class members may assist through their annual class project?

If your organization can benefit from the help of MLTD, please send a brief statement of need along with a proposal enlisting the help of MLTD's Class of 2008 to Kate Ali'varius (alivarius@hotmail.com). Also include your organization's name and contact information.

All proposals must be received by October 1, 2007 to be considered for the May 2008 Class completion.