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## **Mesa LTD Alumni in the News.....**

Mesa LTD alumni are exceptional when it comes to volunteering their time for the numerous activities throughout our wonderful city and state. In fact, five of our seven City Council Members are Mesa LTD graduates: Mayor Scott Smith (Class 2000), Dina Higgins (2005), Dennis Kavanaugh (1982), Dave Richins (1997), and Scott Somers (2005).

In a June 23<sup>rd</sup> memo, Mayor Smith announced 26 new appointments and 35 reappointments to the City of Mesa Advisory Boards and Committees. The following Mesa LTD alumni and current class members were included in those appointments.

- Rich Adams (1989) – Economic Development Advisory Board.
- Kate Ali'varius (2007) – Judicial Advisory Board
- Nick Camillone (2005) – Transportation Advisory Board
- Randy Carter (2009) – Planning & Zoning Board
- Dale Easter (2006) – Economic Development Advisory Board.
- Douglas Gerlach (2000) – Human Services Advisory Board
- Steve Ikeda (2007) – Parks & Recreation Board
- Cheryl Laflen (1987) – Library Advisory Board
- Jared Langkilde (2004) – Economic Development Advisory Board.
- Vern Mathern (1984) – Downtown Development Committee.
- Linda Sullivan (2006) – Board of Adjustments
- Sophia Tesch (2008) – Human Services Advisory Board
- Stephen Viramontes (2008) – Industrial Development Authority

They will be joining the numerous other Mesa LTD alumni currently serving on these boards and committees.

Also, in late August, Arizona Republic newspaper articles conveyed that:

- Ana Cadillo (2007), community relations manager for Southwest Ambulance was voted by the Mesa Sister Cities Association Board as its new president.
- Irene Frklich (2004), director of the English Language Acquisition Department for Mesa Public Schools, was named as the state's Distinguished Administrator of the Year in the Educations Services Division by the Arizona School Administration Association.

## **Mesa LTD Alumni**

**You are invited to join Class 2009**

**October 4, 2008 (Saturday) at 9:30 a.m.**

**Making Sense of Place Film – “Phoenix, The Urban Desert”  
Speaker – Grady Gammage Jr.**

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## Class 2009 Class Off to a Great Start

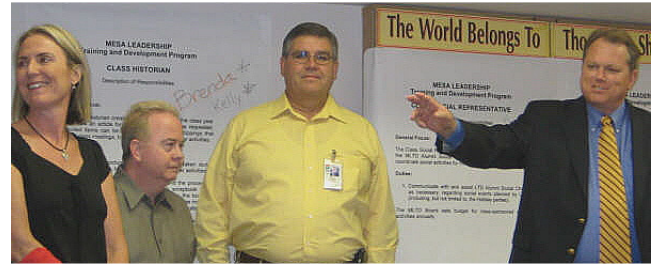
Raz Ali'varius, Class 2009 Representative

The twenty-six members of Mesa LTD's Class 2009 attended its Orientation meeting on August 9<sup>th</sup> at the Mesa Chamber and experienced a jam-packed full day's agenda.

The day was filled with stories and advice from Mesa LTD alumni as well as presentations and discussions about the history of Mesa. We all enjoyed getting to know each other throughout the day and especially through the four colors exercise. Like the Myer-Briggs test, the four colors exercise helps people determine their personality type. It was fun, lively and showed that we're a well rounded group; definitely proof that we'll be the best class ever!

Our class is very diverse. Each member brings a unique perspective and vision about the City of Mesa. We have recent transplants to Mesa as well as those who are direct decedents of the early pioneers. We have entrepreneurs, community leaders, and others that through lively discussions have all shown a passion for Mesa.

The Mesa LTD Board of Directors and alumni have put together a great program. Building on their own experiences, they will be giving the class new opportunities to learn more about Mesa. They have added mentoring of new members by alumni as part of the curriculum. On behalf of the Class of 2009, we would like to thank the Mesa LTD Board and alumni for their selfless volunteer efforts. The class very much appreciates their sacrifices. The first night culminated with a dinner in which the city council members as well as Mayor Scott Smith attended.



Councilmembers Higgins, Kavanaugh, Jones & Mayor Smith greeting Mesa LTD Class 2009 members before dinner.

Since the first class, Class 2009 member have been engaged in a vigorous discussion about the class project. Kelly Howard got the ball rolling and others have added to the discussion. While it is still early to tell what the top contenders for class project are, one thing is for sure: this class won't be satisfied unless it's a project that has a lasting impact on the city. I (Raz Ali'varius) was honored to be elected class representative along with Brenda Laufer as class historian and Perla Anderson as class social representative. The class is excited about the program and the many activities coming up.

THANKS to the following Alumni for their donations to Mesa LTD's Scholarship Fund:

Mary Cameli  
Jean Colfer  
Sandra Driscoll  
Chris Rhodes  
Thomas Rhodes  
Gabriel Saia  
Brian Sexton

One Class 2009 member received a scholarship.

### Mesa LTD Alumni Dues

THANKS to the 55 alumni who have already paid this year's alumni dues. Want to pay your dues? You can do so through

PayPal on Mesa LTD's web site  
([www.mesaltd.org/dues](http://www.mesaltd.org/dues))  
or send a \$30 check to  
Mesa LTD, PO Box 82, Mesa, AZ 85211

Visit Mesa LTD's Web Site  
([www.mesaltd.org](http://www.mesaltd.org)) for information on:

Board Members & E-Mail Links  
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Class 2009 Members and Program Schedule  
Alumni & Board Meeting Minutes  
Current Mesa LTD Information  
MLTD Bylaws, Policies and Job Descriptions  
Interactive Bulletin Board  
Links to City & Chamber Web Sites  
& Much, Much More

## Presenting Mesa LTD's Class of 2009

Mesa LTD is pleased to present Class 2009's twenty-six (26) members.

Raz B. Ali'varius – Manager, Database Development, Zaio, Inc.

Perla C. Anderson – Management Assistant II, City of Mesa

Armondo Barry – Owner of 2 Businesses: President, Amate International LLC, &  
Business Coach, The Success Club LLC

Randy Carter – Architect/Owner, Dream Catchers Planning & Design LLC

Kari Cluff – Project Manager, Salt River Project

Jason C. Craig, JD – Major Gifts Officer, Phoenix Children's Hospital Foundation

Cheryl Crame – Administrative Assistant to Associate General Manager, SRP

Cindy Claflin-Debrocke – Realtor, Century 21 R.A.N. Realty

Kelly Howard – Self-Employed Business Owner

Theresa James – Business Systems Consultant, Wells Fargo Bank

Bill Jessen – Government Account Manager, AT&T Mobility;  
Senior Channel Manager, Motorola (effective 9/22/08)

Rob Johnson – Public Relations Specialist, Bashas' Family of Stores

Mary Larsen – Management Assistant, City of Mesa Planning Division

Brenda Laufer – Executive Assistant, Gateway Community College &  
Freelance Journalist

Lori Lutkenhaus – Ombudsman, Salt River Project Consumer Affairs

James May – Deputy Human Resources Director, City of Phoenix

Dea McDonald – Vice President of Development & Operations,  
DMB Mesa Proving Grounds

Debra McKinion – Administrator, CAF Aviation Museum, Falcon Field Airport

Carolyn D. Olson – Director of Housing & Revitalization, City of Mesa

Kristine Ouzts – Commercial Relationship Mgr., Johnson Financial Group

Cindy Porter – Account Manager, Salt River Project

Tom Richards – Self Employed Strategic Consultant for a small Oil/Gas Production Co.

Todd Selleck – Equipment Manager, Arizona Biltmore Golf Course

Shelliann Taylor – Division Manager, Southwest Ambulance

Ruthann Tryon – Program Outreach Coordinator, Mesa Life Options &  
Realtor, Farnsworth Realty & Management

Lynne Van Gould – Home Delivered Meals Coordinator, Mesa Senior Center

## Serving on City Boards Affords Learning Opportunities

Theresa Jepsen, Placement Chair

Graduates of the Mesa LTD program and Mesa residents at large are invited to make an impact on their community and learn firsthand about City operations by volunteering on advisory boards and committees. At present, the City of Mesa has two dozen boards and committees ranging from the Board of Adjustment to Zoning Administrator which Civic-minded citizens become involved in their local government and make recommendations to the Mesa City Council. The City, in turn, benefits from the knowledge, experience and expertise of citizens.

Terms of service vary according to the committee and range from three to six years. Committees meet once a month, quarterly, or on an as needed basis, to fit a variety of schedules and interests. Anyone wishing to become involved may apply online at [cityofmesa.org](http://cityofmesa.org). 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. For more information please contact Placement Chair Theresa Jepsen, [tvallesjepsen@yahoo.com](mailto:tvallesjepsen@yahoo.com), 480-615-9756

## 9/21/08 Tempe AZ Triathlon Event Participation in Honor of Juan Zapata

Nikki Slaugh, a neighbor and good friend of Juan and Afton Zapata, is participating in the 9/21/08 Tempe AZ Triathlon and is doing the event in honor of Juan. Juan was afflicted with valley fever meningitis 6 years ago and just recently was hospitalized for his 10<sup>th</sup> brain surgery.

A fund has been set up in Juan's name and donations are requested to be sent to the Valley Fever Center for Excellence (VFCE) in Tucson, AZ.

Log onto Mesa LTD's web site ([www.mesaltd.org](http://www.mesaltd.org)) and read the entire article on this event and how you can donate to this worthy cause.

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

Well, this is the second best time of the year to be with the Mesa Leadership program. It is so nice when you see eager folks show up for their first Mesa Leadership class. This year, we have 26 bright and eager candidates beginning their journey of Mesa discovery with Mesa LTD.

However, there was a twist this year. Thanks to a broken leg that set me back on my business travels and Japan summer holidays, your chairman had to miss the Mesa LTD Orientation class for the first time since my involvement with the program. So - in order to hopefully provide a little motivation - I left behind a short video going with the theme of "Mesa Needs More Samurai". Thanks to the creativity of Sean Berry of the Mesa Chamber staff, the video was a hoot!

Now- on to the ongoing saga of 501c3 registration for Mesa Leadership. Anyone who has played procedural ping pong with the federal government knows things can take awhile. Well this one has taken some time. We hear though that we have to provide just a few items in hopes of getting a positive response. Stay tuned as we jump through some more hoops and try to "git er done".

Finally, I like to thank the good folks at the Arizona Republic for becoming our first class sponsor of this new class year. And that's a reminder to all of you with a business or professional organization that desires visibility with the future leaders of Mesa. Class day sponsorships are a great way to touch these new leaders in a variety of ways during a class day. Get in touch with me at [MLTDChair@yahoo.com](mailto:MLTDChair@yahoo.com) if you are interested.

All for now, take time out today to practice a little leadership!

Yours in Leadership,  
Dale Easter  
Mesa LTD Chair

### Mesa Life Options – September Calendar

Coffee with Mesa Police Chief Gascon  
Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> 9:00-10:00am

The Future of Affirmative Action - How Can We Be Fair?  
Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup> 9:00-11:00am  
Presented by the MCCCCD Center for Civic Participation

News Radio Host & Financial Consultant... Wayne Stutzer  
Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> 9:00-10:00am

Making Sense of the 2008 Election Ballot Measures  
Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> 1:00-3:00pm  
Mesa Senior Center, 247 N Macdonald, Classroom 1, Mesa, AZ 85201  
Presented by the MCCCCD Center for Civic Participation

Coffee with Grady Gammage Jr. -The Megapolitan Region  
Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> 9:00-10:00am

Making Sense of the 2008 Election Ballot Measures  
Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup> 9:00-11:00am  
Presented by the MCCCCD Center for Civic Participation

All events occur at Mesa Life Options, 165 N. Centennial Way, Suite 101, Mesa, AZ 85201 unless otherwise noted. Please call to RSVP 480-461-6252 or email mlo@mcmmail.maricopa.edu

**EAST VALLEY BUSINESS 2008 EXPO**  
NEW LEADS - NEW CUSTOMERS - NEW SALES

Thursday, October 2, 2008 / 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Mesa Convention Center / 201 N. Center St. / Mesa, AZ 85201

Plan to attend the largest business to business mixer of the East Valley!

4 Westcor Gift Cards totaling \$2500.00 given away hourly from 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Visit the Mesa Chamber web site [www.mesachamber.org](http://www.mesachamber.org) for more information on the 2008 East Valley Business EXPO. 1500 to 2000 people are expected. FREE ADMISSION.



A BIG THANK YOU to the following Mesa LTD Sponsors for their generosity.  
Southwest Ambulance \$1,000  
Arizona Republic \$500

“Leadership: The art of getting someone else to do something you want done because he/she wants to do it.”

Dwight D. Eisenhower



Mark your Calendar to attend  
**Mesa LTD’s Holiday Social**  
**Saturday 12/13/08.**  
Location TBD

