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A message from the Chair.....

A lot has been happening in Mesa Leadership since the Class 2009 graduation in May.

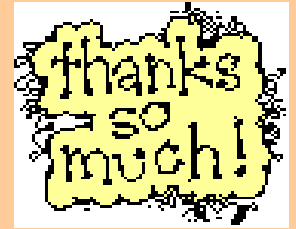
Our biggest news is that the Mesa Leadership Training & Development (LTD) Program and Alumni Association now function under the direction of the Mesa Chamber of Commerce Business in Education Foundation, Inc.

The official government approval of the Foundation's 501c3 paperwork occurred in late July. One big plus for future Mesa LTD donors/sponsors is that their contributions will be considered as federal income tax charity deductions due to the Foundation's 501c3 non-profit status. Both Mesa LTD's Chair and Chair Elect sit on the Foundation's Executive Committee and are voting members.

Mesa LTD's Program and Alumni Association will basically remain the same as before. The major change is that all of Mesa LTD's bank accounts were closed and the monies transferred to the Foundation's bank account. The Foundation now handles all of our financial receivables and disbursements working closely with our Treasurer. Our Board still approves all expenditures prior to the Foundation paying the bills. Additionally, our Treasurer continues providing the same financial tracking, budgets and reports as before. We are also working on revising Mesa LTD's Bylaws and Policies to reflect the new organizational structure.

You will be receiving another Newsline in January with lots more articles and information. I'm so looking forward to seeing many of you at the December 17th Holiday Party.

Kay Henry
Mesa LTD Chair



**A BIG THANKS
to
the following
businesses and
organizations who
have already
generously given
cash or in-kind
contributions to
Mesa LTD since
July.**

City of Mesa

Mesa Bank

**Mesa Chamber of
Commerce**

**Mesa Public
Schools**

Salt River Project

**Southwest
Ambulance**

Wells Fargo

Mesa LTD Annual Alumni & Class Holiday Party December 17, 2009 (Thursday)

5:30 to 8:00 p.m.

**Pat & Chris Esparza's Home
207 North Macdonald Street, Mesa, AZ**



Mayor Scott Smith will provide the Holiday Welcome.

Heavy Hors d'oeuvres, Drinks, Dessert & Coffee will be served.

Look for your invitation in your mailbox around Thanksgiving. Hope you can attend!!!

Mesa Leadership Class 2010 Off to an Amazing Start

Class 2010's membership composition is very diverse and includes several educators, many different types of business/non-profit employees, business owners and community volunteers.

The following are the twenty-three (23) exceptional individuals enrolled in Class 2010: Leo Archer, Susan Archer, Robert Burgheimer, Antonio Castillo, Michael Conway, Armando Espinoza, Kit Filbey, John Ford, Emily Garcia, Joni Grover, Noreen Hansen, Sally Harrison, Linda Haskell, Denise Heap, William Jessen, James Mabry, Wayne Manske, Scott Marble, Jennifer Mathus, K. Charles Phillips, Cliff Richeson Jr., Diane Selleck and Holly Walter.

A week before the August 8th Orientation Class, a fun, interactive social ice breaker held at the Chicago Pizza Restaurant welcomed the majority of the class members. This ice breaker was a terrific way for everyone to meet each other prior to attending the first class.

Every year, the Mesa LTD class chooses three members to represent them. This year Leo Archer, (Class Representative), Sally Harrison (Social), and K. Charles Phillips (Historian) were selected by the class to serve in those capacities.

These motivated class members started evaluating possible class projects in September and agreed in October that they would partner with Census 2010 as their class project. Armando Espinoza, who introduced the idea, accepted the assignment to draft the concept and time schedule for review at the next class meeting and in November the class formed subcommittees and took on various assignments.

If you want more detailed information about Class 2010's monthly activities, please visit our web site (www.mesaltd.org) for articles and pictures.

Alumni Volunteers are Needed to Help Implement 4/8/2010 Fund Raiser

Getting our terrific alumni involved in Mesa LTD activities after graduation has been the Association's Board on-going goal over the last several years.

This year, because of our new alliance to the Chamber Foundation, Sophia Tesch, Community Liaison Chair, suggested that we organize a Silent Auction Fund Raiser for the City of Mesa's ABC Program. She is also Chair of the City of Mesa's Human Services Advisory Board that oversees the program and said donations are down this year.

ABC (A Better Community Program) is a program that City of Mesa utility bill customers can easily give back to the community by adding one or more dollars to their monthly utility bill payment. 100% of all donations provide assistance to low-income families, individuals, disabled, seniors and at-risk youth. This program was implemented by Councilmember Dennis Kavanaugh (Class 1985).

After evaluating several Mesa locations, we selected the CAF Museum (McKellips & Greenfield) as the best place for the event and reserved it for April 8, 2010.

Our first planning meeting will occur in the immediate future and we are recruiting alumni to volunteer to help make this event fun, successful and profitable.

Interested in Volunteering – Please Contact:

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**"Do the hard jobs first. The easy jobs
will take care of themselves."**

Dale Carnegie



Cultivating Leadership within the Community.

Visit Mesa Leadership's web site (www.mesaltd.org) and find out more about our terrific organization - including monthly articles and pictures about the current Class 2010 members and its activities.