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Introducing the Class of 2011

The Mesa Leadership Board is pleased to publish the roster for its 29th MLTD class. The following twenty-one (21) members will graduate in May 2011.

George A. Bock, Jr. is interested in Mesa's economic health and believes MLTD alumni will play a large role in readying it for future opportunities. He owns the company Geo-Seal.

Chris Bradley is new to Mesa and excited to become a more-connected member of the community through MLTD. He teaches Film and Media Studies at Arizona State University.

Chad Cluff is a Mesa native and has a long history of involvement in non-profit and community programs. He is a broker and owns Cluff Real Estate.

Stacey Dillon is very knowledgeable about Mesa and she looks to further broaden her awareness. She owns Public Safety Authority Medias, LLC, a media/marketing firm.

David DiPietro has a strong business background and is 2-year resident of Mesa. He owns his own company, Bookkeeping Express.

Frank Garshak comes to MLTD with a wide spectrum of community volunteer experiences. He is a supervisor at Salt River Project.

Denise Glendenning has long played an active role in her community. Now that her children are older, she is looking to become further involved. Denise is an Accounting Technician at Salt River Project.

Ellen Granillo's enthusiasm and dedication to non-profits and boards makes her an asset for the Class of 2011. She is a director for the Assistance for Independent Living with East Valley Adult Resources, Inc.

Danette Harris brings many years of corporate leadership and experience to the class. She is a manager with Boeing.

Elizabeth Henry has instilled in her family a strong connection to community, largely by being a role model. She is manager and owner of Express Employment Professionals.

Sheri Johnson has an abundance of enthusiasm and energy. She wants to learn more about Mesa so she can do wonderful things to make Mesa a greater place to live. She is employed by Banner Behavioral Health Hospital.

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Where Are They Now?

**If you know of a MLTD alumnus doing great things,
 or if you have news of your own to share, please let us know!**

**MLTD members from all classes are being sought to be highlighted
 in a special section on our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/mesaltd.
 E-Mail information to Sophia Tesch at stesch@cox.net.**

Mesa Leadership Launches 29th Class

Kay Henry, Mesa LTD Past Chair

Members of Mesa's Leadership Class 2011 eagerly met for the first time at the Buca di Beppo Restaurant on August 6 for the class social ice breaker. Curriculum Co-Chairs Leo Archer (Class 2010) and Ruth Tryon (Class 2009) organized the event and everyone enjoyed yummy appetizers, good conversation and several get-to-know-you games. It was a great way for class members to meet each other for the first time in a relaxed, social environment.



Curriculum co-chairs, Leo Archer and Ruthann Tryon lead the new class on Orientation day at the Southwest Ambulance site.

Southwest Ambulance again provided excellent meeting accommodations for the first class at its 708 West Baseline campus on August 14. After a light breakfast, the day's agenda commenced with Charlie Deaton (Class 1994), Mesa Chamber of Commerce, welcoming everyone and Mesa Leadership Board members talking about the program features and graduation requirements.

The class theme "Orientation - Past, Present and Future" included guest speakers who addressed Mesa's history. Vic Linoff showed a very informative slide show of Mesa's buildings starting in the early 1900s and Dil Brinton and Ray Russell presented a panel discussion on Mesa's history.

John Ford (Class 2010), Southwest Ambulance Marketing & Customer Relations Director, conducted an enlightening class tour of Southwest Ambulance's campus and buildings. After lunch, everyone participated in the "Leadership through Civil Discourse" workshop led by Alberto Olivas (Class 2008) and Deanna Villanueva-Saucedo.

At the end of the day, the class selected Michelle Streeter (Class Representative), Liz Henry (Class Social) and Sheri Johnson (Class Historian) for the three Class 2011 positions. Dinner at the Landmark Restaurant provided an upbeat ending to this very stimulating, energetic and enjoyable day.



The 2011 Class Orientation day concluded with dinner at The Landmark.



Dues are now being collected for the 2010-2011 year

For only \$30 you can renew your membership to be a member in good standing

and be eligible to vote at the May 2011 Annual Meeting. Make your check out

to MCBE and mail it to Mesa LTD, 120 N. Center, Mesa, AZ 85201.



As a citizen....

You can take an active role in shaping Mesa government policies, programs and decisions. Participating in government can be as simple as voting at each election. But you can go a step further by participating in the day-to-day process of local government.

You can volunteer for one of the many advisory boards or committees that make recommendations to the City Council and City departments.

You can influence decisions when it comes to adopting laws, the biennial budget, or where to site a new park.

You can be an active member of a neighborhood association or help form one in your neighborhood.

You can seek elective office.

One of the greatest challenges of governance is finding a balance between the interests of the community as a whole and those who have a special stake in a particular issue. Citizens can help strike that balance by looking for solutions that work for the entire community, not just a small group.

Although participating does not always mean prevailing, it does make government a partnership effort. That's something positive, because when citizens are actively involved in their government, decisions can better reflect the will of the people.

From mesaaz.gov/Government/citizenparticipate.aspx.

MAC Program Provides Greater Access for Non-Profits

The Arts & Culture Education Sponsorship (ACES), through the Mesa Arts Foundation, is sharing rental fees to provide greater access to MAC theaters and volunteers. Dates are limited and an application is required. Artists, schools, or performance troupes can contact Kate Alivarius at 602-721-0804 or alivarius@hotmail.com.

Spotlight on MAHC The Mesa Association of Hispanic Citizens

The Mesa Association of Hispanic Citizens (MAHC) is a local organization that was formed in 1987 to provide a forum to identify and address issues facing Latino residents. MAHC also promotes and advocates an improved quality of life for all Mesa residents. It is directed by an all-volunteer board. The organization is hosting several important events this fall that you may wish to add to your calendar.

The 6th Annual East Valley Minority and Business Symposium

MAHC and the East Valley Hispanic Business Alliance present this 6th annual event hosted by Southwest Ambulance, 708 W. Baseline Rd., Mesa. The event will open on Thursday, September 16 with a reception (5:30-7 pm) and symposium on Friday, September 17 (8 am - 1 pm). Don't miss out on the valuable workshops presented to assist small business owners. The event is free and open to the public however, reservations are recommended. To reserve your seat, email info@mahcaz.org.

Latino Town Hall

To be held at Mesa Community College on Saturday, October 23. The annual Town Hall educates the public on major issues and current events facing local Latinos, and how Mesa can formulate responses based on changing demographics. Panel topics to be confirmed. In previous years, panel topics ranged from economic development, neighborhood issues, education, health, public office candidate forums and immigration concerns. Check the MAHC website for more information closer to the event, and to reserve your space, <http://www.mahcaz.org>.

Additionally, MAHC welcomes participation from all concerned and interested citizens, regardless of ethnicity or cultural background. Contact a MAHC Board member for information, info@mahcaz.org.

**“A community is like a ship;
everyone ought to be prepared
to take the helm.”**

Henrik Ibsen

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Melissa Jones brings many years of living, working and being an active community member. She works in the City of Mesa Energy Resources Department.

Donald Lucius is a strong believer in giving back to his community. He sees MLTD as a means to doing more for others. Donald is an Area Manager with Total Transit in Mesa.

Robert McDonald is a Mesa native who desires to learn more about its history in order to build up community and neighborhoods. He owns RM Media, LLC.

Frank McRae brings a high level of enthusiasm to MLTD and is on the lookout for outlets to contribute. He works in the City of Mesa Energy Resources Department.

Sunnee O'Rork is a recent transplant from Massachusetts and looks to learn more about Mesa and how she can use her skills and talents here. She is the Executive Director for the AZ Museum for Youth.

Durrie Parks recently moved to Mesa and wants to become an active community member. She is employed with GoDaddy.com.

Katie Rosier brings a lot of enthusiasm to the MLTD program. As a native, she has already been quite involved in community programs. She is also Sous Chef with Casino Arizona.

Michelle Streeter sees a lot of Mesa in her work as Director of Public Relations & Communications with the Mesa Convention & Visitors Bureau. She joins MLTD to see the additional facets of the community.

Joseph Swaba brings leadership experience to MLTD

and plays a key role in the education scene statewide and at the city level. He is Associate Director of Grant Development with Maricopa Community Colleges.

Rick Wagner has a long record of community involvement and continues looking for places to serve. He owns R.M. Interiors and Design.

August through April, the class will meet at various locations throughout Mesa. Special thanks to our community partners for hosting our group:

8/14 - Orientation & History at Southwest Ambulance

9/10 - City Government at City of Mesa

10/2 - Growth & Development at Salt River Project

11/5 - Avenues of Advocacy at Mesa Bank

12/3 - Art, Culture & Recreation at Mesa Art Center

1/7 - Land & People at Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport

2/4 - Education at A.T. Still University and East Valley Institute of Technology

3/5 - Social Services at Red Mountain Multigenerational Center

4/2 - Justice System & Community Partnership at Mesa Court and Police Training Facility

May - Graduation Ceremony & Annual Meeting

Additionally, the MLTD Board meets 6:30-8:30pm, the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Chamber of Commerce. Meetings are open to MLTD members and alumni are encouraged to attend.

Helping During the Holidays

Thinking about what gifts to give this holiday season? Consider giving your time.

Volunteers are essential for successful holiday programs. The Salvation Army seeks help with the Christmas Angel program (toy distribution, registration, booths), Thanksgiving meals and Christmas dinner. Food delivery drivers are also needed. If interested, call 602-267-4117 or visit <http://phoenixsa.volunteerfirst.org>.

Visit MLTD on Facebook

You can connect with former class members or network with other alumni. It's an easy way to stay connected, view news, events and learn of opportunities.

www.facebook.com/mesaltd



Calendar of Events

Information is subject to change. Call to confirm details.

9/9/2010 - **Economic Forum Part 1 with Governor Jan Brewer**, 11:30am-1pm. Hilton Phoenix East/Mesa, 1011 W. Holmes Ave., Mesa. 480- 969-1307. SRP and the Mesa Chamber of Commerce present "An Agenda for Economic Recovery A 2-Part Series Outlining a New Course to Competitiveness with Governor Jan Brewer." Sponsorships available. Call 480-969-1307 x26.

9/10/2010 - **The Colors of Peace Concert**, 7pm, Mesa Art Center in Ikeda Theatre. Sponsored by Mesa Sister Cities and a kickoff event for the Mesa Arts Center. www.mesasistercities.com. Free.

9/17/2010 - **East Valley Minority and Business Symposium**, 8am-1pm. Southwest Ambulance, 708 W. Baseline Rd., Mesa. Hosted by MAHC, East Valley Hispanic Business Alliance and Southwest Ambulance. The event opens with an evening reception on 9/16. Valuable workshops for small business owners. Free and open to the public. To reserve your seat, email info@mahcaz.org.

9/22/2010 - **Ballot Issues Forum**, 7:30-9am, Hilton Phoenix East/Mesa, 1011 W. Holmes Ave., Mesa. Hosted by the East Valley Chambers of Commerce. Learn how the November ballot measures may impact your business. \$15/person. Register by Sept. 8 to the Ahwatukee Foothill Chamber of Commerce. Call 480-753-7676 or online at www.ahwatukeechamber.com.

9/23/2010 - **Latino Town Hall** at Mesa Community College. The annual Town Hall looks at major issues, current events and changing demographics. To reserve seats, visit mahcaz.org.

9/28/2010 - **MLTD Board Meeting** 6:30-8:30pm, Mesa Chamber of Commerce, 120 N. Center. The Board meets the fourth Tuesday each month.

10/11/2010 - **The History of Mexico and Contemporary Issues**, 6pm, Sunland Village East Auditorium, Mesa. 480-380-0106. Sponsored by the Arizona Humanities Council. Free.

10/30 - 10/31 - **Dia de los Muertos**, Sat. 10am-5pm, Sun. 12-5pm, Mesa Arts Center. Live entertainment, performances, a marketplace and altar contest. Free.

Mesa LTD Alumni News

Rich Adams (Class of 1989) is in his second year of serving on the Economic Development Advisory Board. He was appointed to the board after serving six years on the Planning & Zoning Board. He finds the most fulfilling aspect of volunteer service to be his association with other wonderful residents in the community.

Sharon Corea (Class of 2005) was appointed to the City of Mesa Human Services Advisory Board in January 2010. She is also very active in her church. She serves as a Volunteer Leader with City of Grace in Altar Ministry, Pastoral Care and Prayer Ministry. She also provides Administrative Support to the Mesa Campus. In addition, she participated in the Hillsong International Leadership College through the City of Grace Extension College at the Mesa Campus.

K. Charles Phillips (Class of 2010) was accepted to the Masters of Human Rights program in Addis Ababa Ethiopia for the academic year 2011-2012.

**Would you like to serve on a City of Mesa Board?
The following boards have immediate openings.**

Board of Adjustment

Building Board of Appeals - General Building
Contractor Category

Judicial Advisory Board - Citizen Category
(cannot be a City employee, a member of the State Bar of Arizona or a judge in any official or retired capacity)

Parks and Recreation Board

Self Insurance Board of Trustees

Contact Sophia Tesch, stesch@cox.net to learn more.

MLTD Fundraiser Event Needs Volunteers

The Alumni/Community Events Committee seeks help for the Winter Fundraiser to benefit the Mesa ABC Fund. The ABC (A Better Community) Fund helps families and children in need of health and human services. The inaugural 2010 event raised \$3,200 and was held at the Arizona Commemorative Wing Museum.

Contact Bill Norton at williamnorton@mesaaz.gov.

Mesa LTD Alumni CURRENT Contact Information Needed

The 2011 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, please let us know.

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

Save the Dates

Annual MLTD Holiday Party

5:30-8:30 pm

Thursday, December 9, 2010

The Esparza Home

207 N. MacDonald, Mesa

~Invitations will be mailed~

*To ensure you are on the mailing list
email Kay Henry (khenry5445@cox.net)*

Get Out Your Feather Boas & Eye Masks! Mardi Gras & Silent Auction

February 2011

Date & Location To Be Decided

All proceeds to benefit Mesa's
A Better Community (ABC) Fund.

Donations are tax deductible

The ABC Fund helps to build A Better Community by assisting families and children in need of health and human services.

Contact Bill Norton at williamnorton@mesaaz.gov

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

MLTD Program Information
Event Photos
Alumni & Board Meeting Minutes
Mesa LTD Bylaws & Policies

Mesa LTD Program Application
Class 2011 Members & Class Schedule
Links to City & Chamber Web Sites
Board of Directors' Job Descriptions

And Much, Much More