



INSTITUTE INSTANT INFO

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The Fall Reunion & Fundraiser

"Leaders Together Triathlon"

Saturday October 26th (1-5 pm)

Are You Ready For Some Fun with Friends?

Imagine walking into a gymnasium and seeing your fellow leadership colleagues walking around a track with hoola-hoops, grooving to the electric slide, and shooting hoops backwards . . . now if this doesn't spark your interest . . . what does? We have decided that this fall it's time to not just raise money in any old way, but to do it in a leadership style with a twist. The committee, co-chaired by Miranda Lutell and Judy Tellez, has planned a fun filled, interactive event where students, members, and their families can reunite and have fun together while raising funds for the Institute. The event is a time to 'hang out' together, see old faces; meet the kids, spouses and parents; do activities together; eat, talk, and act silly. The Fall Reunion & Fundraiser will be a fun and productive way to help raise funds for the Institute.

Make sure to mark this date NOW - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26th!

Mark Your Calendars! Upcoming Events...

- **October 26th**
Fall Reunion &
Fundraiser
"Leaders Together Triathlon"
- **November 16th-23rd**
Habitat Build

Keith's Corner

"Don't forget your roots!" Maybe you heard your parents say this to you. The message was: remember where you come from. It was a call to stay faithful to what you had been taught and attached to what was important. As each of you completes this program, walks across that bridge and becomes a member of this Institute, you publicly acclaim your attachment to the "family", that group of people who stand in the open spaces and fill a need in today's society for leadership. Those who follow behind you eagerly await your arrival, are excited to meet you and hungry to learn from your experiences. I see this time and time again each semester as a panel of members return home and are

Habitat for Humanity Build Date Scheduled

The Habitat for Humanity build date is being shifted from October to November due to some land acquisition issues. The official dates are scheduled for November 16th-23rd. The land is located at 40th & Georgia in Glen Park. The last three Saturdays students, members, and staff have volunteered their time on clearing the property. Thanks to all of those who helped with the lot: Brenda Grey, Carrie Besch, Jackie Dooley, Leslie Melton, Keith Kirkpatrick, Dan Lowery, Angelina Mendoza, Christina Jimenez, Guadalupe Rodriguez, Jackie Mason, Kim McGowin, Letty Zepeda, Miranda Lutell, Ralph McCullers, Tina Rongers, Suzanne Bonaventura, Trish Cooney, Greg Bialata, Suzanne Chick, and Nate Remaly. Dan Shih, chair of the fundraising committee, has also been volunteering lots of time working in the office. Watch for future calls for your time, talent, and financial support. If you would like to volunteer for any of our Habitat committees please contact the office.

Call for Junior Achievement

Let us know if you're interested in participating-we'll send you the information. This is a great opportunity to get involved with youth leadership development activities!

Member Panel Well Received

On September 17, a guest member panel consisting of Eric Robinson, Joe Alessi, Carolyn Jones and Brenda Grey spoke at the weekly meeting for the Leadership Development Program. The member panel was well received by the students, many of them commented: "It gave me connections to new people." "It got me excited about the program." "It's nice to meet new members and see what they've done

Leadership Council Shifting to Advisory Role

After much discussion the Council will realign itself with a less formal role. The Advisory Council will consist of an appointed group of students and members who will meet on a monthly basis to discuss two or three hot topics. Watch for more info.

Welcome to New Members

There was a great turnout for this summer's induction ceremony! Attendance was terrific with well over 100 total! We had 2 members

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A Special Thanks to Those Who Sponsored Students This Semester



Tobey Wilson Amy Patterson Sandie Bernadette Ziol
Geneva Osawe Sheila Hurtado Ernestine Johnson
Julie Johnsen Lisa Morrow Melinda Lunghofer
Greg Bialata Heather Mason Carol Underwood
Alan Jones Scott Besedick Jennifer Gescheidler
Shari Coulis

Student Snippets

David Northern has accepted a new job as Deputy Director of the Housing Authority of Lake County, IL. He and his wife are also expecting their first baby on November 17th.

Claude Chandler now sits on the IUN Student Alumni Association Executive Board and will be running for one of the Vice-President positions.

Audra Vaz has been asked to sit on an alumni marketing committee for her alma mater, Grand Valley State University. It's a two year project to increase the reach and impact of the university.

Pamela Stalling has just been promoted to Executive Director of the Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Northwest Indiana. She is also chairing the "Banking on Our Community" Consumer Credit Counseling of Northwest Indiana Benefit Auction & Dinner on November 8th. For more info contact the Institute office.

Suzie Bonaventura was the chairman for the 3rd annual Wonderwalk for the March of Dimes held on Sept. 27th. The Wonderwalk honors her late husband Dr. Peter Bonaventura Jr. He was an OB/GYN doctor who dedicated his life by helping mothers with their prenatal care and a lifelong resident to the area. She is also serving as the committee chairman for the silent auction for the March of Dimes Chef's Gala on Oct. 3rd at Sand Creek Country Club.

Beth Eldridge is also working closely with the March of Dimes on coordinating fundraising activities.

Member News You Can Use

Derrick Crocker recently participated in a mentor program through Tolleston Junior High School where his sister went to work with him for a day to see what it is like to be a loan officer. Joe Alessi is the President of Lake Viking Soccer for the Fall 2002 season. He also was an announcer at the Valparaiso Popcorn Festival Parade held on Sept. 7th. Did you hear him?

Jennifer Gescheidler is the new co-chair of the Graduate Association of Sociologists at Loyola University Chicago. She is also looking for vegetarians to interview for her thesis. Please contact the office for more info.

Carrie Besch is currently interning with IUN's University Advancement in the marketing department.

Tawana Pruitt and her husband have started a trucking company hauling commodities.

Judy Zeilenga is the Northern Region Consultant for CILC (The Center for Interactive Learning and Collaboration). She is responsible for 17 schools (elementary and secondary), 12 of which are in Gary. CILC is committed to enhancing education, rural healthcare and library communities through the use of two-way, interactive, video distance learning technologies.

Checkout Upcoming Institute Speakers

October 8th - Jim Fleming, President Aero Metals

October 15th - Panel

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Gayle Van Sessen, *Executive Director, Crown Point Chamber of Commerce*

October 29th - **Mary Guinn**, *Superintendent, Gary Community School Corporation*

November 5th - **Lou Martinez**, *President, Lake Area United*

November 12th - **Chris Morrow**, *Chairman, Mercantile National Bank*

November 26th - **Michael Griffin**, *Clerk-Treasurer, City of Highland*

Just a Reminder that all weekly meetings are open to members!