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Mark Your Calendars!

Upcoming Events….

Friday, July 30, 2004
Metro Luncheon on Regional Issues
Morton Marcus, Retired Dir. Indiana Business Research Ctr
Holiday Inn, Michigan City
RSVP to LaTrice Neely at 219/981-4402
11:30 am – 1:30 pm
$20 prepay or $25 at the door

Tuesday, August 3, 2004
Induction Ceremony
Institute for Innovative Leadership
Radisson Hotel, Merrillville
4 – 7 pm

Friday, September 3, 2004
Quality of Life Council Quarterly Meeting
Topic: Greenways
7:30 – 10:30 am
Place to be announced

Keith's Corner

The coming year promises to be a great and exciting time for the Institute. With our renewed and revised relationship with Leadership Northwest Indiana and a variety of opportunities on the horizon, it is time for a refined and expanded vision for this organization. During the next few months you will be hearing about all sorts of new things from us. I know we've had a "dry spell" with the newsletter, but we are back on track and you will be seeing updates and highlights of our planning and future. Stay tuned for exciting news.

CIRCLE Is Taking Shape *by Tina Rongers*

A year ago this June, leadership students began to form a power **C**IRCLE or a group of **C**ommitted **I**ndividuals **R**estoring our **C**ommunities through **L**eadership and **E**ngagement. On that Saturday morning, a handful of students identified a two-fold need:

1. The leadership program needed an informal forum for students and members to come together to discuss issues or maintain relationships on a monthly basis.
2. We wanted to be action-oriented on issues facing our community.

Over the last three months, a core group of CIRCLE members have emerged and are committed to realizing our mission: We envision ourselves as a group affecting change within ourselves and our Northwest Indiana community through open discussions and actions on quality of life issues.

Our goals include:

- community involvement
- awareness of issues
- and serving as an objective information resource

CIRCLE forms through each individual who commits to a larger vision for positive change in Northwest Indiana. The potential influence and future outcomes of CIRCLE are high because it is a diverse group of people committed to affecting positive change for the fundamental well-being of the Northwest Indiana community.

CIRCLE meets the third Saturday of month at the IUN Library Conference Center and meeting highlights are emailed a week in advance. CIRCLE can be reached at NWICIRCLE@hotmail.com.

FUNDRAISER UPDATE

We had nearly 250 people attend the Miniature Golf Fundraiser and Silent Auction held at the Avalon Manor on April 16th. All 18 holes were sponsored and we had 10 event sponsors. A total of **$15,369.52** was raised with the Silent Auction raising **$5,490** alone.

Although our revenue was slightly down from the last couple of years, we were pleased with the overall enthusiasm of the sponsors, donors and attendees. Thanks to all the Institute members, students, sponsors and donors for your support in making this event fun and successful, especially **Janel Polster** for selling the most tickets, **Brock Lloyd** for collecting most prizes and **Tami Pae** for securing the most sponsors.

A great big THANK YOU to **Sandra Bowie** and **Regina Demeter** for co-chairing the event! Great job!

LNI RENEWS AGREEMENT-STAFF CHANGES ENSUE

For the past two years the Institute and Leadership Northwest Indiana (LNI) have worked collaboratively toward building leadership capacity in our region. Through an agreement the Institute provided support services and cooperative program planning. Beginning July 1st with a new agreement finalized, the Institute will operate the program for LNI under the direction of its board of directors. Under the new arrangement, Keith Kirkpatrick will assume the role of Executive Director for LNI and Kathleen Berda will become Program Director for both LNI and the Institute's Leadership Development Program. These changes will position our organizations for growth and a more expansive vision. Both groups are very pleased with the potential of the new format. The Institute welcomes to the staff the addition of Kathleen with her capable skills.

Institute Graduates

Congratulations to the following Institute members who received degrees at IUN's May Graduation:

Jackie Dooley, **BS**- Health Services Mgmt.
Kysha Egungbemi, **MPA**, Human Services Administration
John W. Gunn, **BA**, Afro-American Studies
Matthew Johnson, **BS**, Business Administration
Brenda Joshua, **MPA**, Health Services Administration
Jody Kristoff, **MSW**
Ralph McCullers, **MPA**, Public Management
Melissa Murdock, **AS**, Health Information Technology
Tawana Pruitt, **MPA**, Public Management
Nate Remaly, **MBA**
Cora Robinson, **BS**, Environmental Management
Joy Robinson, **MBA**
David Root, **BA**, Sociology
Kimberly Roper, **BS**, Management & Health Service Admin.
Esther Rothstein, **MSW**
Deanna Soper, **MBA**
Jim Soper, **MBA**

If we missed someone let us know!

Upcoming Workshops

Become a Stronger Leader!!!

Achieving Excellence through Quality
Thurs., August 12th, 8 am to 12 pm
Dan Lowery, PhD, Executive Director
Center for Sustainable Regional Vitality

WATCH FOR OUR NEXT BROCHURE

Staff Updates

On behalf of the Institute staff, members and students, a big THANK YOU to **Trish Cooney** who worked in the office the last couple of years while finishing her degree in health information technology! Since graduation she has landed a position as an Accredited Record Technician at Porter Memorial Hospital.

Member News

Sallie Davis' son, Jason, graduated cum laude from the University of Notre Dame. He has been accepted into the university's Graduate School of Accounting, which is ranked 5th in the nation. This summer he will be interning at Price Waterhouse Coopers, from whom he won a minority scholarship. Congratulations to Mom and Son!

Congratulations to Jill Van Wienen (formerly Pietroski) who was married to Keith Van Wienen on April 17th.

Congratulations to Miranda Malinovsky (formerly Luttell) who was married to Chad Malinovsky on May 8th.

Congratulations to Jill Greening (formerly Rzepka) who was married to Matthew Greening on June 12th.

Juanita Bass is working in the Institute office for the Aftercare for Indiana through Mentoring (AIM), Indiana's juvenile reentry program. AIM mentors provide reentry support to incarcerated youths returning to communities throughout Indiana.

Mike Jordan has been hired as Field Representative for the Indiana State FOP Labor Council. In addition, he taught a class in May on Law Enforcement Management at Calumet College.

Rachel Powers received a promotion earlier this month and is now working in Quality Management at Community Hospital. Congratulations Rachel.

The National Guard Unit of **Sheila Hurtado** has been mobilized for active duty overseas with operation "Enduring Freedom." Notes of support may be e-mailed to sheila.hurtado@us.army.mil.

Student Snippets

Brock Lloyd and his wife, Karen, had a little girl on May 14th. Jade Alexandria Lloyd weighed 9 lbs, 1 oz. Best wishes to Dad, Mom, big brother and baby Jade!

Congratulations to **Gabriela Tirado** who became a United States citizen earlier this month!

Cora Robinson has just received a wonderful scholarship from the Lighthouse for the Blind. This will enable Cora to purchase some much needed computer equipment.