



THE LEAD STORY

NEWSLETTER FOR LEADERSHIP JACKSONVILLE

December 2016

LJ NOMINATIONS * POLITICAL LEADERSHIP * RECONNECT
YLJ APPLICATIONS * CLASS NOTES

The Leadership Jacksonville office will be CLOSED
Friday, December 23 through Monday, December 26.

IMPORTANT

Leadership Jacksonville Class of 2018

Nomination Deadline is December 23

Visit the [website](#) for selection information and to begin the process. One nomination per candidate, submitted online, is sufficient. Please do not include letters of reference.

Nominations are just the first step in the selection process. Nominees will receive instructions on completing the required application in early January.

Leadership Jacksonville's Nonpartisan Political Campaign Seminar



Application deadline January 31, 2017

This intensive five-session course providing practical knowledge for those considering entering the political arena will run April 7, 14, 21, 28 and May 5, 2017 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Information and application available online.



It's time for **CLE** and **YLJ** alums to
Reconnect



Thursday, December 29, 2016
5:30 p.m.

Alumni of Collegiate Leadership Experience and Youth Leadership Jacksonville Classes XIII through XXV will be guided on a tour of the Duval County Courthouse by The Honorable Gary Flower followed by a get-together at Intuition Ale Works. Guest/spouse/significant others are welcome to join.

Courthouse tour begins promptly at 5:30 p.m.
Gather with your fellow CLE and YLJ alums at Intuition Ale Works at 6:45 p.m.

RSVP to meg@leadershipjax.org by Monday, December 26.



LEADERSHIP
JACKSONVILLE
YOUTH LEADERSHIP

Youth Leadership Jacksonville
Class XXVIII application information
is now in area high schools.

Accredited high schools in Duval, Clay, Baker and St. Johns counties participate by submitting up to six current sophomores as candidates for selection. Since 1989 more than 1,200 students have participated in YLJ.

Don't wait - check with your child's school immediately for program applications.

If you need the name of the school point of contact, email **Meg Folds** at meg@leadershipjax.org



It's United Way Campaign time and many of you are making your designations to the causes that matter most to you. Please let us know if you have designated Leadership Jacksonville to receive your gift so that we know to watch for it and can thank you appropriately.



UPCOMING EVENTS

LJ 2017 Program Day
Thursday, December 8, 2016
Health Day

LJ Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, December 12, 2016
12 p.m., LJ Office


LJ Office Closed for the holidays
Friday, December 23 through Monday, December 26

LJ 2018 Nomination Deadline
Friday, December 23, 2016

Reconnect
Thursday, December 29, 2016
5:30 p.m. Duval County Courthouse

Political Campaign Seminar
Application Deadline, Tuesday, January 31, 2017

Celebration 2017
Tuesday, April 18, 2017
6 p.m., Jessie Ball duPont Center



The end of the year is a very busy time so **Leadership Connect** is taking a short break and giving the November groups extra time to meet. Alumni may continue to join, however. **Sign up by December 23** to be included in a group for **January 2017**. Click [here](#) to provide your name, class year, preferred phone number and email.



Class Notes

1979

Corrine Brown received a special Community Services award from the Jacksonville Urban League for her outstanding leadership and commitment to Jacksonville and its surrounding area.

1985

Ruth Waters was recognized by Mayor Lenny Curry and the Jacksonville Children's Commission's board of directors for twenty-five years of service to the City of Jacksonville.

1994

James Richardson has been elected to the board of trustees of the Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens.

Richard Sisisky will be joining The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida board of trustees in January.

1998

Karen Brune Mathis won second place honors in the Florida Press Club's journalist awards for daily circulation papers under 40,000 daily. Karen's award was for a profile of Jacques Klempf, the story behind Ikea's decision to open in Jacksonville, and the use of helicopters to sell developers' dream of the St. Johns Town Center.

2001

Jan Lipsky has joined Image-Partners, Inc. a leadership and organizational development consultancy, as their newest people development partner.

2005

Daniel Pickett is now partner in charge of southwest operations for Moody Nolan located in Dallas, Texas.

2008

Holt Graves has been promoted to chief financial officer at RS&H, replacing retiring CFO **Ken Jacobson** (LJ 2002).

2009

Linda Scaz has been appointed to the advisory board for Age Well Institute, Baptist Health.

Cathi Forment Ulrich and her husband Rick were married in June of 2013. Together they own and operate the historic Bell-Clemmons House bed and breakfast, a Civil War-era home and former boarding house, in Southport, North Carolina. For more information visit the [Bell-Clemmons House](#) website.

2011

Ronnie King has been appointed to the board of directors for the Jacksonville Public Library.



Members of LJ 2014 met in November for their third annual class dinner.



Kathee Murphy with
CK Franchising CEO
Sarosh Mistry

2012

Shannon Hewett Bell and her husband Brad are broker/associates with Frankel Realty Group in Jupiter, FL.

Local Comfort Keepers franchise owner **Kathee Murphy** received the Operational Excellence award by CK Franchising, Inc., on October 29 in Las Vegas. CK Franchising is the franchisor of the Comfort Keepers in-home senior care franchise network. Kathee was one of thirteen franchisees selected from over 340 franchisees for this prestigious award. She was recognized for consistent delivery of exceptional service to clients, employees and the community.

New Leadership Summit

Mary Jackson (NLS XIV) has been nominated by President Obama for appointment to the rank of vice admiral and assignment as Commander, Navy Installations Command, Washington, DC. Mary is currently serving as commander, Navy Region Southeast, Jacksonville, Florida.

Michael Mayo (NLS X) was honored as a visionary leader, committed to advancements in patient care and quality outcomes, as well as finding a cure for Type 1 Diabetes, by the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation at their October gala.

Honorary

Delores Barr Weaver received the Igniter Award from LISC at its inaugural Community Development Awards Celebration. Delores received the award for serving as a catalyst for urban neighborhood revitalization, pioneering the renewal of northwest Riverside through the conversion of John Gorrie Junior High School into condominiums.

Various

Congratulations to the LJ alumni who won election, or reelection, on November 8: **Charlie Cofer** (LJ 2000) Public Defender 4th Judicial Circuit, **Jay Fant** (LJ 1996) Florida House District 15, **Chris Hoffman** (LJ 2016) Jacksonville Beach City Council Seat 1 and **John Rutherford** (LJ 1995) U.S. House District 4.



Leadership Connect found Camille Lee-Johnson LJ 2014, Tatiana Salvador LJ 2004, Marcus Haile LJ 2014 and Vicki Waytowich LJ 2016 "connecting" at South Kitchen & Spirits in November.

Jim Dickenson (LJ 2006) has been appointed to the board of directors of the City Rescue Mission. **Chad Perce** (LJ 2014) has been elected chair of the board and **Barbara Darby** (LJ 1993) has been elected board secretary.

Jeff Chartrand (LJ 2009), **Barbara Drake** (LJ 1992), **Kevin Gay** (LJ 2015), **Jim Gilmore** (LJ 1981), **Chad Labenz** (LJ 2014) and **Nina Waters** (LJ 1991) are serving on the steering committee for the 2017 LGBT Community Fund for Northeast Florida.

Sharon Simmons (LJ 2001) and **Moitreyi Nayek** (LJ 2016) have joined the board of directors for The Women's Center of Jacksonville.

Leadership Jacksonville was well represented at the Association of Fundraising Professionals Florida First Coast Chapter's National Philanthropy Day Luncheon. **Bob Shircliff** (Honorary) received the Life Achievement Award. **David Stein** (Honorary) together with his wife Linda received Outstanding Philanthropist. **Richard Sisisky** (LJ 1994) was named Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser. The Petway Family Foundation, **Betty Petway** (LJ 1977), was named **Outstanding Foundation**.

Collegiate Leadership Experience

Congratulations to **Odot Ikon** (CLE 2015) on the birth of her son Edison Hodges on November 3.

Austin Sherman (CLE 2016) was on the winning team from the University of Florida Fredric G. Levin College of Law at the annual Florida/Georgia-Hulsey/Gambrell Moot Court Competition. **Ia Howard** (LJ 2005) was one of the judges hearing the moot case arguments on this year's panel.



Edison Hodges

Youth Leadership Jacksonville

Isaac Ricks (YLJ XXVI), a senior running back at Terry Parker High School, was a profiled player in the October issue of *In the Game Northeast Florida*.

Notes of Sympathy

Our condolences to **Drew Prusiecki** (LJ 2005), **Katie Prusiecki** (YLJ XXI), **Adam Prusiecki** (YLJ XXV) and their family upon the death of Drew's mother and Katie and Adam's grandmother, Lillian Prusiecki on November 17.



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