



# THE LEAD STORY

NEWSLETTER FOR LEADERSHIP JACKSONVILLE

January 2016

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The Leadership Jacksonville Office will be **CLOSED** Monday, January 18, 2016  
in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

## **APPLICATION IS OPEN ONLINE** for **Leadership Jacksonville Class of 2017**

The application for the Leadership Jacksonville Class of 2017 is available now on our [website](#). Interested applicants (even if not previously nominated) are encouraged to begin the application process as soon as possible.

Applications must be submitted no later than midnight on Thursday, January 21, 2016.

[Click here to begin your LJ application.](#)

## **Leadership Jacksonville has a new look!**



Leadership Jacksonville is excited to start the new year with a brand new logo reflecting our updated mission and capturing the essence of our vision and values. We will be implementing it on our website, in newsletters and correspondence over the next several months.

## **WE'RE OPEN for business in the Jessie Ball duPont Center.**

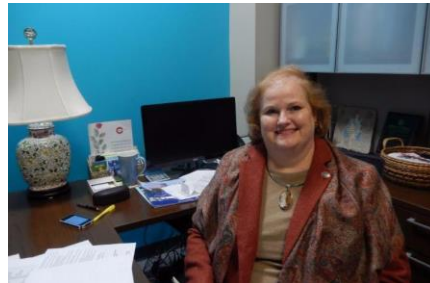
Leadership Jacksonville is up and running in our new office downtown. Our move went smoothly and we're enjoying the bright, fresh facility with fellow nonprofits. The LJ staff gives a big thank you to Jan Lipsky who volunteered and helped with packing.

In the spirit of sharing, Leadership Jacksonville was proud to donate unneeded items to: The Sulzbacher Center, Boys and Girls Clubs of Northeast Florida, Girls on the Run of Northeast Florida, DCPS Teacher Supply Depot, Hope at Hand and Jacksonville Speech and Hearing Center.

Make a note of our new address: 40 East Adams Street, Suite 230, Jacksonville, FL 32202. We look forward to your dropping by.



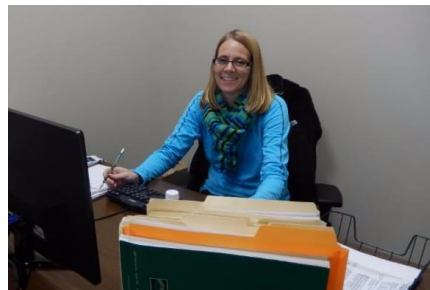
Jill Dame



Meg Folds



Nicole Bryan



Debbie Calhoun

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## **Celebration 2016**

Mark your calendar for Celebration 2016 on Tuesday, April 26. This year we will have a new format and location. Honorees will be announced in the February *Lead Story* - and we have two great ones!

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## Youth Leadership Jacksonville XXVI



Thank you to Brooks Rehabilitation for sponsoring "Are We Our Brother's / Sister's Keeper" program day on December 3 and to Hendrick's Avenue Baptist Church for providing space for the morning.



Debbie Johnson LJ 2011 (left) and Erin Skinner LJ 2015 (right) joined members of YLJ XXVI during the poverty simulation.

### Upcoming events:

#### LJ 2016 Program Day

Thursday, January 14, 2016  
"Leading From Within"

#### LJ Office Closed

Monday, January 18, 2016  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

#### LJ 2017 Applications Due

Midnight, Thursday, January 21, 2016

#### YLJ XXVI Program Day

Thursday, January 28, 2016  
"Dollars and Sense"

#### CELEBRATION 2016

Tuesday, April 26, 2016  
6 p.m., Jessie Ball duPont Center

## Class Notes

### 1980

**Scott McCaleb** has been re-elected chair of the Jacksonville Transportation Authority board of directors.

### 1994

Governor Scott has reappointed **John Falconetti** to another term on the Jacksonville Port Authority board.

### 1995

Congratulations to **Jerry** and Sarah (Patent) **Mallot** who were married on December 29.

## 1996

**Yvette Jenkins Jefferson** is now program director of the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program with the city of Jacksonville.

In 2010 the farm families who own Cabot Creamery Cooperative presented the first Cabot Community Celebrity Awards. Their goal was to honor the achievements and contributions of volunteers who are making a significant difference in their communities. This year **Skip Cramer** was one of forty honorees and he and his wife Glenda enjoyed an Eastern Caribbean Cruise with the honorees.

## 1999

**Jeanne Miller** has been appointed to the Jacksonville Transportation Authority's board of directors by Mayor Lenny Curry.

**LaTanya Wynn-Hall** has joined Lutheran Services Florida, Inc. as executive director of the Duval Head Start/Early Head Start Program.

## 2000

**Charlie Cofer** has filed to run for the Fourth Judicial Circuit Public Defender.

## 2002

**Kendall Spencer** has joined the board of directors of The City Rescue Mission.

## 2001

**Jan Lipsky** has retired from St. Vincent's Healthcare.

**Jane Loop Pomar** is now a partner at Jobplex, Inc., a DHR International company.

## 2007

**Sandy Bartow** has announced plans to retire from the JAX Chamber early in 2016. Sandy joined the Chamber in 2004.

**Trish Kapustka** was named the Small Business Leader of the Year for the North Council of the JAX Chamber.

## 2010

**Cleveland Ferguson** has joined the Jacksonville Transportation Authority as vice president of administration.

## 2015

**Lauren Feiner** is now the manager of connectivity partnership at TravelClick in Orlando.

**Josh Martino** has joined the board of directors for the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens.

**Tracy Raulerson** is now president of her new company Tracy Bible, Inc. which she opened in November.

## 2016

The Jacksonville Chapter of International Association of Business Communicators has named **Dan Croft** as vice president of membership and **Chris Kennelly** as vice president of communications. LJ 2016 is well represented in the local IABC!

**Jesse Forst** has joined the board of directors of Communities in Schools of Jacksonville.

## New Leadership Summit

Former Mayor **Alvin Brown** (NLS I) has announced that he will be spending the spring of 2016 as a fellow at Georgetown University's Institute of Politics and Public Service.

**Ted Carter** (NLS XI) has accepted a position as chief economic development officer for Cuyahoga County, Ohio, starting in mid-January.

**Tim Cost** (NLS XI) was inducted into the First Coast Business Hall of Fame by the Florida Council on Economic Education.

## Various

Many LJ alumni were welcomed as new members of the Jacksonville Women's Network at its December Meeting: **Maria Mark** (LJ 2014) and **Ashley Smith Juarez** (LJ 2012) Government, **Christine Sapienza** (NLS XIII) Healing Arts, **Nicole Thomas** (LJ 2013) Hospital/Health Management, **Crystal Broughan** (LJ 2010) and **Brenna Durden** (LJ 1998) Legal, **Maria Coppola** (LJ 2011) Marketing & Communications, **Lelia Duncan** (LJ 2009) and **Cindy Funkhouser** (LJ 2014) Nonprofit Management, and **Sabeen Perwaiz** (LJ 2016) Volunteer.

The Jacksonville Women's Network's 2016 officers include: **Maribel Hernandez** (LJ 2004) Secretary, **Ellen Bushnell** (LJ 2000) Treasurer, **Janet Owens** (LJ 1992) and **Laurie Price** (LJ 2000) board members.

Governor Scott has reappointed **Teresa Davlantes** (LJ 2012) and **Frank Mackesy** (LJ 1997) to another term on the Jacksonville Aviation Authority board.

**Mia Jones** (LJ 2000) will be chairing the Duval delegation for 2016. **Jay Fant** (LJ 1996) is vice chair.

OneJax Institute at the University of North Florida announced the recipients of its 2016 Humanitarian Awards, honoring individuals who have demonstrated the highest level of personal and professional integrity, given generously and extensively to the community and have been dedicated to the improvement of human relations among diverse groups in the community. The list includes LJ alumni: **Alton Yates** (LJ 1988) 2016 Gold Medallion for Lifetime Achievement Award, **Hope McMath** (LJ 2006) President's Citation Award, and the 2016 Silver Medallions **Michael Boylan** (LJ 2005), **Kevin Gay** (LJ 2015) and **Susan Greene** (LJ 2010).

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## Note of Sympathy

Our condolences to **Ham Cooke** (LJ 2000), his family and friends upon the death of his wife Genie on December 22.

## Make a LJ Donation

Many companies sponsor matching gift programs that will match the charitable contributions made by their employees. This is a great way to enhance the impact of your giving. Check with your employer for details.

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