



THE LEAD STORY

NEWSLETTER FOR LEADERSHIP JACKSONVILLE

November 2016

LJ NOMINATIONS * POLITICAL LEADERSHIP * CLASS NOTES
LEADERS WANTED

The Leadership Jacksonville office will be CLOSED Wednesday through Friday, November 23-25 in observance of Thanksgiving.



There is still time to register for

Reunion Luncheon ***Tuesday, November 15, 2016***



Check-in and mingle with friends beginning at 11:30 a.m.
Lunch and program at noon.

Make your reservation and payment by Wednesday, November 9.

\$ 36 - Honorary and Dues Paid Alumni

\$ 45 - Dues not paid

\$ 136 - Annual Dues plus Lunch

Click [here](#) to make reservation and payment using Visa or MasterCard.

Are you at least 70 1/2?

Did you know that if you are at least 70 1/2 years young and have an IRA, you can make a distribution of IRA assets directly to charity, without being taxed? Under the Pension Protection Act of 2006, Congress permanently passed legislation allowing individuals (at least 70 1/2) to make contributions from their IRA directly to charity without incurring an income tax, limited to \$100,000. As you think about this opportunity and if you do not need the income, a charitable contribution of your required distribution from the IRA is a great way to give, and as a 503c organization Leadership Jacksonville qualifies. If you are in this category, we thank you in advance for considering an IRA donation to our Endowment.



Karen Mayfield
LJ 2006

REMINDER

Don't miss the opportunity to make your nomination for the

Leadership Jacksonville Class of 2018

Nominations are open until December 23. Visit the [website](#) for selection information and to begin the process.

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

Leadership Jacksonville's mission is to educate, connect and inspire diverse leaders to build and strengthen their communities. Many times this is done through nonprofit service, but for some of our alumni this work is done through elected office.



Leadership Jacksonville's Nonpartisan Political Campaign Seminar is an intensive five-session course providing practical knowledge for those considering entering the political arena. Learn from elected officials, seasoned professionals and experts in a variety of related disciplines and backgrounds. Get the information you need to evaluate crucial decisions to make before running for office and examine how to plan and execute effective political campaigns for local, state or national elected offices.

Apply Now! Limited Space Available in the Spring 2017 Class.



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Contact us today for detailed information about how to be part of the inaugural class of Leadership Jacksonville's Nonpartisan Political Campaign Seminar.

[Click here](#) for additional information.



Exposure to the election process, public speaking and learning about local government took center stage at **YLJ Class XXVII's** "Leading for a Lifetime" day on October 13.



Thank you to Florida State College at Jacksonville, Kent Campus, Edward H. White Military Academy of Leadership and the Young Men and Young Women's Leadership Academies for hosting the **LJ Class of 2017** for Education day on October 20.



Chris Quinn
and Marie Perry



Shariffa Spicer, Abena Horton,
Kate Nesselt and Faith Hall



Paul Stallings and
Jennifer Plotkin

UPCOMING EVENTS

YLJ XXVII Program Day
Thursday, November 10, 2016
"Inside the System"

Reunion Luncheon
Tuesday, November 15, 2016
11:30 a.m., Omni Hotels & Resorts Jacksonville

LJ 2017 Program Day
Thursday, November 17, 2016
"Leading From Within"

LJ Office Closed for Thanksgiving
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
November 23 - 25, 2016

LJ 2018 Nomination Deadline
Friday, December 18, 2016

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.

Alumni may purchase a LJ **name tag** with the new logo. To order, make a \$10 payment **online**. In the description block tell us that payment is for a name tag, show your first and last name as you would like it to appear on your name tag (no titles please) and class year. We will forward your tag to you.



Class Notes

1977

Thank you to class liaison **Betty Carley**.

1978

Thank you to class liaison **Dan Wolff**.

1979

Thank you to class liaison **Ted Pappas**.

1980

Thank you to class liaisons **Edythe Abdullah** and **Chris Rasche**.

1981

Thank you to class liaison **Martha Barrett**.

1982

You need a class liaison. Please contact **Jill** if you are interested in serving.

1983

Thank you to class liaison **Noah Henderson**.

1984

Thank you to class liaisons **Sue Gottesman-Jarzyna** and **Susan Rodgers**.

1985

Thank you to class liaison **Nina Sasser**.

Sara Van Cleve received the Clanzel T. Brown Award from the Jacksonville Urban League for her efforts to encourage incarcerated men and women to improve their education.

1986

Thank you to class liaison **Jane Arnold**.

1987

Thank you to class liaison **Barbara Hunter**.

1988

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1989

Thank you to class liaison **Laura D'Alisera**.

1990

Thank you to class liaison **Lewis Hunter**.

1991

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Hugh Greene received JASMYN's highest honor, the Diamond Award at the 2016 Coming Out Breakfast. Hugh received this honor for his support of JASMYN's clinic and the leadership role he's played as a champion for equality within Baptist Health and the community as a whole.

John Peyton has been selected by the JAX Chamber board of directors to serve as the 2018 chamber chair.

1992

Thank you to class liaison **Barbara Drake**.

Lucy Giardino Cortese recently received the Christi Veleta Award at the 2016 EPB-UNF Environmental Symposium. Lucy was honored by the Environmental Protection Board for four decades of dedicated service to the Jacksonville community in promoting environmental education, awareness and action.

Susan Main is the proud grandmother of Nathan James born on October 16. Congratulations to the family!

1993

Thank you to class liaisons **John Bottaro** and **Janice Donaldson**.

Ju'Coby Pittman received the Whitney M. Young National Leadership Award from the Jacksonville Urban League for her work creating a one-stop community development center to support job training and creation and housing for veterans, ex-offenders and low-income residents.



Susan Main with grandson Nathan James

1994

Thank you to class liaison **Cyndie Brake**.

1995

Thank you to class liaison **Lauri-Ellen Smith**.

Tonyaa Weathersbee has taken a position as a metro columnist with The Commercial Appeal, part of the USA Today Network, where she will be writing about a range of local issues and people in Memphis, TN. Tonyaa started on October 31.

1996

Thank you to class liaison **Guy Cuddihee**.

Guy Cuddihee has made a career change to the nonprofit arena and is now president and chief executive officer for Beaches Habitat for Humanity.

1997

Thank you to class liaisons **Barney Spann** and **Linda McCallum**.

Congratulations to **Michael Corrigan** who received the Legacy Award from the Florida Tax Collectors Association. The reward honors his office's financial operations in four areas of competency.

1998

Thank you to class liaison **Karen Mathis**.

Barbara Moulding has been appointed to the board of directors at WJCT.

1999

Thank you to class liaison **Jim Towler Jr.**

2000

Thank you to class liaison **Mary Harvey**.

2001

Thank you to class liaison **Dorrie Felder**.

2002

Thank you to class liaison **David Clark**.

2003

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2004

Thank you to class liaison **Terry Lorince**.

2005

Thank you to class liaisons **Ken Jacobs** and **Bonnie Upright**.

2006

Thank you to class liaison **Genni Jett**.

Hope McMath received Equality Florida's Voice for Equality Award for her work at the Cummer Museum of Art and Gardens and her advocacy for the LGBT community.

2007

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Nicole Brose has been named the new president of Dignity U Wear. As the top administrator she will lead marketing, community relations and development outreach.

2008

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Congratulations to **Maggie Cabral-Maly** on her retirement after 16 years with Florida State College at Jacksonville.

2009

Thank you to class liaison **Andrea Rizzi**.

2010

Thank you to class liaison **Gary Brose**.

Ed Perez has been active since his retirement last year from CSX. He and his wife recently started the nonprofit Three Grains of Rice Missions, Inc., focusing on the eradication of homelessness and empowering women and children through training and education. Ed also started the Perez Consulting Group, LLC focusing on IT vendor management and implementation of cultural change. Ed is the president of the Mayo Community Research Advisory Board and serves on the boards of Dignity U Wear, Presbyterian Social Ministries, Hope Haven Children's Clinic and Family Center and the Urban League of Jacksonville.

2011

Thank you to class liaison **Maria Coppola**.

Darren Dailey, in his role as Artistic and Executive Director of the Jacksonville Children's Chorus, has been approached by Galaxy Music to develop a choral series to cultivate new music for choirs. The series is comprised of exceptional choral works for adult and children's choirs around the world to perform. Essentially, the choral series is Darren's "endorsement" of the pieces, recommending them to choirs to include in their repertoire. This is quite a tribute to Darren and the work of the Jacksonville Children's Chorus.

2012

Thank you to class liaison **Jennifer Gornto**.

2013

Thank you to class liaison **Jess Riggs**.

2014

Thank you to class liaison **Karen Estella Smith**.

Bill Adams has been promoted to the position of managing shareholder of Gunster's Jacksonville office. Bill co-founded the office in 2007.

Chris Hand's new book, co-authored with former Florida governor and U.S. senator, Bob Graham, is now available on Amazon. "America, The Owner's Manual: You Can Fight City Hall - and Win" explores how citizens can engage government directly to help usher in change. It includes examples of what has worked in the past and advice from civic experts. Specific skills are included.

2015

Thank you to class liaison **Leila Sundstrom**.

2016

Thank you to class liaison **Chris Hoffman**.



Isla Grace Sirota

2017

Congratulations to **Mark Sirota** and his wife Janice on the birth of their first child. Isla Grace was born on October 18 weighing 7 lbs.3 oz. Mark reports that baby and mom are doing well.

New Leadership Summit

Nelson Bradshaw (NLS VIII) has been appointed by Governor Rick Scott to fill a vacant seat at the Florida Development Finance Corporation and will serve a three-year term.

Honorary

The JAX Chamber and the Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville dedicated "Harmonious Ascent", honoring **Preston Haskell** for commissioning the sculpture. This work by Aisling Millar McDonald, an adjunct professor of visual arts at the University of North Florida, is a 20-foot-tall steel fabrication sculpture that you can see to the east of the Chamber building. Be sure to check it out when you are next in the area.

Various

Congratulations to our LJ alumni who have been named 2017 Women of Distinction by Girls Scouts of Gateway Council. The presentation will occur in April to honor **Anna Brosche** (LJ 2009), **Jane Lanier** (LJ 1994) and **Diane Raines** (LJ 2002).

In February, Volunteers in Medicine (**Mary Pat Corrigan**, LJ 2017, CEO) will have its inaugural Women with Heart event honoring 12 incredible ladies in the community who are committed to helping those in need in our community receive free healthcare. LJ Alumni in this group include: **Mia Jones** (LJ 2000), **Nicole Thomas** (LJ 2013), **Susan Towler** (Honorary) and **Tracy Williams** (NLS XIV).

Allishia Bauman (CLE 2012), **Joni Poitier** (LJ 2016) and **Jacqueline Rudloff** (LJ 2015) have been named to the Women's Giving Alliance's Delores Barr Weaver Fellows Program, Class of 2017.

Collegiate Leadership Experience

Camille Sheppard (CLE 2010) has joined the law practice of her parents Bill Sheppard and **Betsy White** (LJ 2000). Camille is a UF law school graduate who was sworn into the Florida Bar in September. The firm is Sheppard, White, Kachergus & DeMaggio.

Al'eta Turner (CLE 2012) has been selected for the Class of 2016 Florida Black Pages Top 20 Under 40 Influential Young People in Jacksonville. More can be found [online](#). She is also an inaugural graduate of Jacksonville Women's Business Center's **Aspiring to Success** program. Al'eta is the principal consultant with Al'eta Allan Weddings and Special Events.

Youth Leadership Jacksonville

Congratulations to **Rade Obradovic** (YLJ XIX) who was selected Teacher of the Year at Hyde Park Elementary School.

Olivia Printy (YLJ XXV) was named Rookie of the Week for D-1 Mid-Atlantic Athletic Conference in Women's Soccer in September. Olivia is a freshman and starting goalkeeper for the Manhattan College Jaspers in New York City.



Rade Obradovic

Notes of Sympathy

Our condolences to the family and friends of **Martin Northup** (LJ 1995). Martin passed away peacefully on March 6 after a long battle with cancer. In addition to his medical career in radiology at UF Health, Martin loved teaching residents in the Department of Radiology. He was active in a variety of medical societies and held many leadership positions in these organizations. In addition he was the recipient of many awards and recognitions for his work. Martin was also very active with Beach Church, Jacksonville Beach, Florida and was passionate about their mission work.

Our condolences to the family and friends of **Gwynne Tonsfeldt** (LJ 2001) who died on October 3 as a result of pulmonary fibrosis. Gwynne was a past president of the Scarsdale NY Junior League and locally a founder of FOCUS Cummer. She was also a strong supporter of the Jacksonville Symphony and the UNF School of Music.

Our condolences to **Jim** (LJ 1999) and **Susan Towler** (Honorary) and their family upon the death of Jim's mother, Bettie Dixon Towler, who died on October 15. Bettie was four days shy of her 91st birthday.



Leaders Wanted

Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)

The Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing includes three Commissioners that represent the public in their Board of Commissioners work to set accreditation policy and make accreditation, administrative, budget and policy decisions. This entity is responsible for the specialized accreditation of nursing education programs that offer a certificate, diploma or recognized professional degree. The Board is headquartered in Atlanta. If you are interested in service on the ACEN board, please contact Jill Dame, 903-396-6263, for additional information.

Jacksonville Ethics Commission

The City of Jacksonville Ethics Commission will have an upcoming vacancy beginning January 2017 and the Commission is soliciting applications for the vacancy. The Ethics Commission will select its new member for a three-year term following the Commission's review of all submitted applications and interviews of applicants. The Ethics Commission is comprised of nine (9) members appointed by either designated City of Jacksonville governmental officials or the Ethics Commission. The Ethics Commission is responsible for selecting three (3) of the nine (9) Commission members. The upcoming vacancy is for an appointment by the Ethics Commission.

The Ethics Commission has a long, distinguished history in the city of Jacksonville of ensuring transparent and open government for the citizens. Among its many outstanding accomplishments, the Ethics Commission has drafted and implemented the Jacksonville Ethics Code and successfully assisted in the establishment of an

independent Office of Ethics, Compliance and Oversight that is primarily responsible for administering the Ethics Code. Per Chapter 602, Part 9 of the Jacksonville Ordinance Code, the Ethics Commission performs numerous functions, including assisting the Office of Ethics, Compliance and Oversight, and investigating and consideration of any potential violation of the Jacksonville Ethics Code.

If you are interested in potentially being selected to serve on the Commission, please contact Kirby Oberdorfer, Deputy Director of the Office of Ethics, Compliance and Oversight, at (904) 630-4747 or koberdorfer@coj.net for more information and to obtain a copy of the application. Completed applications are due on Monday, November 14 at noon and must be submitted by email. Interviews of all applications will be scheduled on Wednesday, November 16 from 406 p.m.

Did you know?

We have added a new way for you to keep in touch and up-to-date on LJ activities. You can now follow Leadership Jacksonville on Twitter @leadershipjax as well as on Facebook at Jack Leader. Be sure to check us out.

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