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October 2014

Join us for Happy Hour! MEET THE CLASS of 2015

Thursday, October 9, 2014
5-7 pm

Mark's Jacksonville

315 East Bay Street (Across from the old Courthouse)



Cash Bar ~ No Reservations Required

Join YOUR classmates, members of the Class of 2015, and other LJ Alumni at one of Jacksonville's premier downtown hotspots!

Parking Available on Bay Street and in the old Courthouse parking lot



Annual Reunion Luncheon

The Omni Hotel Jacksonville was the site for the 2014 Reunion Luncheon on September 23. Our newest alumni from LJ Class 2014 and NLS XII were welcomed and LJ Class of 2013 was recognized as this year's "Best Class." All were treated to the first showing of a portion of The Jacksonville Legacy Series "Lessons in Leadership: Jacksonville's Community Trustees," recounting highlights of the first six JLS episodes. LJ offers a special thank you to Akerman LLP for supporting the production of this film.



Helen Lane with Louise Freshman Brown, LJ 1994 and Lawanda Ravoira, LJ 1997

At Reunion Luncheon each year, LJ inducts Honorary Lifetime Members to its membership. We are pleased to welcome **Helen Lane** and The Honorable **Warren Jones** as 2014 inductees and look forward to their participation in the LJ family.



Warren Jones with Courtenay Wilson, LJ 1979



Madeline Scales-Taylor, LJ 1992, Irvin Cohen, LJ 2014 and Gail Johnson, LJ 1996



The LJ Class of 2014 was well represented. Above are Joe Grass, Mike Maguire, Dane Grey, Jason Perry, Rick Schart and Tameka Gaines Holly.



Sam Hall, LJ 2002, Bruce Musser, LJ 2002 and Cindy Watson, LJ 2014



Sarah Caruthers-Jackson, LJ 2003 and Twyla Prindle, LJ 2009



LJ 2000 alumni Sandy Barata and Susan Walker



Andrea Rizzi, LJ 2009 and Heather Solanka, LJ 2011



Karen Mayfield, LJ 2006 and Wanda Willis, LJ 2002

★ Watch your U.S. mail for LJ's 2014-15 Yearbook. In early November you will also have an extra email from us. The LJ board, staff and a strategic planning committee are busy doing strategic planning. A very important part of the work is hearing from our alumni. We will reach out with an important survey and hope you will respond. ★

NOMINATIONS are being accepted
for the **Leadership Jacksonville Class of 2016**
and **Collegiate Leadership Experience Class of 2015.**

Visit our website for program information and selection criteria by clicking the program name above. Please remember the incredible value that diversity brings to our programs and help us reach widely to spread the word about our programs.

Click [here](#) to submit your **NOMINATION**. You may nominate more than one qualified candidate.

Remember, nominations are just the first step. Nominees will be invited later in the year to complete an application.

Youth Leadership Jacksonville Class XXV



Volunteers (top row) Tiffany Galvin Green, Lisa Hayes, Ken Jefferson, (bottom row) Jessica Otto and Heather Solanka with members of YLJ Class XXV at Opening Dinner.

The 55 students of YLJ XXV kicked off their year with Opening Dinner August 17 and followed with Opening Retreat September 6. Hendricks Avenue Baptist Church again hosted the group for a full day retreat of team-building and learning activities focused on communications and appreciating differences. We thank the many volunteers in addition to those shown above who created and contributed their time to the dinner and retreat: Gordon Bailey, Scott Chamberlayne, Amy Lingren, Kendra McCrary, Jack Morgan, Connie Phillips, Michael Phillips, Steve Ramsey, Kyle Reese, Andrea Rizzi, Molly Beman, Hanks Massey, Max Nelson and Rakhil Patel.



Upcoming events:

LJ 2015 Program Day
Thursday, October 9, 2014
Social Responsibility and Sustainability, Day 2

Meet the Class of 2015
Thursday, October 9, 2014
5:00 p.m. Mark's Jacksonville

YLJ XXV Program Day
Thursday, October 16, 2014
"Leading for a Lifetime"

CELEBRATION 2015
Thursday, April 9, 2015
6:00 p.m., Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront

Class Notes

1981

We've lost [email contact](#) with a few of your classmates. Do you have an [email address](#) for our missing 1981 graduates?

Rick Brownell
Frederick Chitty
Keagle Davis

Roberta Gordon
Katherine Hilburn
James Martin

Clifford Mendoza
Christie Monson

1985

Brenda Simmons-Hutchins, immediate past chair of the board of library trustees for the Jacksonville Public Library, will be among 13 honorees recognized for significant contributions to the community in health, education or economic development at the Women of Color Cultural Foundation, Inc.'s Ebony and Ivory Ball on October 4.

1991

Hugh Greene has joined the board of directors of Jacksonville Bancorp.

1997

Frank Mackesy has been elected chair of the Jacksonville Aviation Authority board of directors. **Ray Alfred** has been elected treasurer. The Class of 1997 is well represented on the JAA!



LJ President Deborah Moore,
LJ 2003, and President-Elect
Chuck Hedrick, LJ 2006

2002

We've lost [email contact](#) with a few of your classmates. Do you have an [email address](#) for our missing 2002 graduates?

James McLean
Bruce Trimble

2003

John Trainer is now senior development officer at Jacksonville University.

2005

We've lost [email contact](#) with a few of your classmates. Do you have an [email address](#) for our missing 2005 graduates?

David Dahl
Lloyd Martin
Michael Reininger

2008

Randy Gordon has joined IBM as client executive.

2009

Lester Bass has been appointed by Governor Rick Scott to serve as a Duval County Court Judge.

2010

Joe Camerlengo merged his law firm on October 1 with another local group to form Coker Schickel Sorenson Posgay Camerlengo & Iracki, P.A. Joe will lead the trucking, tractor trailer and commercial vehicle crash division.

2012

Michael Howland has been named the president and chief executive officer of the Jacksonville Speech and Hearing Center.

2013

The Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville has named **Abel Harding** as chairman of its board of directors.

Congratulations to **Michael Miller** and Glenn Calingasan on the birth of their son Elijah on September 5.

Greg Steele has announced his intention to retire as President and CEO of the Youth Crisis Center within the next six months.

2014

Ken Jefferson has been named to the board of directors for Providence School.

Jonathan Oliff has joined American Airlines as senior labor attorney. Best wishes as he leaves for Dallas, Texas.

2015

Donnie Horner joined Beaver Street Fisheries in national sales.

Congratulations to Tyler and **Jeff Winkler** on the birth of their son Spencer on August 31.



Spencer Winkler

Honorary

Howard Kelley was presented with the *2014 Jacksonville Film Industry Award* for his accomplishments within the local industry at the 14th Annual Jacksonville Film Industry Reception. Howard spent more than 25 years in broadcasting, including 10 years in television management as vice president and general manager of Channel 12 WTLV and has received numerous awards for his work in broadcast journalism.

The Urban Land Institute North Florida has announced its plans to honor **Peter Rummell** with its 2014 Visionary Leader Award.

Best wishes to **Jim Winston** and his wife Jeanne on their marriage on September 5.

Various

More Leadership Jacksonville attorney news. **David Hull** (LJ 1990) and **Tim Sleeth** (LJ 1986) have been named to the list of The Best Lawyers in America 2015.

Congratulations to the LJ alumni who were honored as 2014 Women of Vision by Girls, Inc. Many of our alumni served as models at the awards luncheon. Honorees included: **Helen Lane** (Honorary), **Ju'Coby Pittman** (LJ 1993), **Melissa Ross** (LJ 2013), **Lynn Sherman** (LJ 2011), **Ashley Smith-Juarez** (LJ 2012), **Nina Waters** (LJ 1992) and **Shirley Webb** (LJ 1997).



NLS XII alums Todd Feintuch and Scott Wooten

LJ alumni recognized as The Jacksonville Business Journal's 2014 Ultimate Financial Officers include: Small Private Company **Anna Brosche** (LJ 2009); Large Private Company **Sam Inman** (LJ 2002) and **Peter Osterman, Jr.** (LJ 1990).

Equality Florida recently honored three LJ alumni. **Maria Mark** (LJ 2014) and **John Delaney** (LJ 1986) received the Voice for Equality Award and **Pat Geraghty** (NLS XI) received the Equality Means Business Award.

The Jacksonville Public Library newly announced board of library trustees officers includes LJ alumni **Erin Skinner** (LJ 2015) chair and **Jackie Perry** (LJ 2011) secretary.

Hope McMath (LJ 2006) and **Marcelle Polednik** (LJ 2013, NLS IX) have been chosen to join The Chief Executive Program: Community and Culture. Participants from the United States and foreign countries participate in a yearlong program working together and with National Arts Strategies to address issues in the cultural community.

Youth Leadership Jacksonville

Scott Amand (YLJ XII) is a member of the inaugural board of CHAMPS, a philanthropic and networking group for young professionals looking to have a positive impact on the lives of at-risk students. CHAMPS has been started by Communities in Schools of Jacksonville whose CEO is **Steve Gilbert** (LJ 2014).

Notes of Sympathy

Our condolences to the family of **Ward Rainnie** (LJ 1982) who passed away on September 10. Our

Condolences to the family of **Myrtice Craig** (LJ 1980) who passed away on September 26.

Our sympathy to **Michael Corrigan** (LJ 1997) and his family upon the death of his father-in-law Archie DeAngelis on September 28.

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