

# The LTC Connection



*Our Mission – To assemble, develop and educate a diverse cadre of skilled leaders who will be catalysts for positive change in our community*

**Diversity – Teamwork – Individual  
Growth – Service – Communication –  
Innovation**

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## From the Board

### In this newsletter

*Jenni Harper, Communications Director*

We are excited to present our January newsletter to our alumni! After a busy holiday season, we're eager to get back to our regular schedule of session days, alumni meet-ups, board meetings, and newsletter updates.

We sincerely appreciate all that have provided information for inclusion, including our alumni in the news, upcoming fundraisers and volunteer opportunities, and general feedback from previous newsletters. Please continue to give us feedback and provide information for future newsletters. The intent is to send the newsletter by the end of the first week of each month, so **contributions are due by the 25th of each month.**

Also, be sure to click on the "view entire message" link at the bottom of this email as your email provider may "clip" the newsletter for viewing.

Keep reading to learn more:

- LTC board opportunities
- Alumni news and events
- Class XXIV updates
- Service opportunities and upcoming fundraisers

Also, continue to check our website, as well as Facebook and Linked In pages. Our Facebook page will soon feature the popular "Meet a Leader" posts where we will give a brief bio of a member of Class XXIV each week.

Lastly, thank you all for your continued support of our organization. Your contributions to this newsletter allow us to share *your* successes and triumphs with your fellow alumni. We try to include as much information as we can each month, but without your continued contributions we may miss newsworthy items. Please email any feedback or news for inclusion to [ltcwa.communications@gmail.com](mailto:ltcwa.communications@gmail.com). News does not need to be limited to the newsletter - we can add to any of our social media platforms or can share via email with the alumni as needed.

Thank you!

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**Opportunity to give back to LTC**

If you are one of our 500 alumni that have benefited from the LTC learning experience, you have an opportunity to continue being a catalyst for positive change in our community by serving on our Board of Directors or volunteering for our non-profit organization. You recognize the value of service and teamwork, and we sincerely invite you to apply for a Board of Director position or let us know your skill-set and capacity to contribute.

Current vacancies include vice chair and sponsorships shadow.

**APPLY NOW**

## 2018 - 2019 Board of Directors

### Executive Committee

Chairman: [Rick Redden](#), Class XVII  
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Law & Justice: Ricky Walsh, Class II  
Local & State Government: Randy Hansen, Class XXII  
Director Elect (shadow), Local & State Government: Jamie Arevalo, Class XXI  
Medical & Health Services: Becky Grohs, Class XIII  
Director Elect (shadow), Medical & Health Services: Kirk Williamson, Class I

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## Show your support for LTC

### Wear your name badge on session days

Kirk Williamson (Class I) suggests all alumni proudly display their class name tags on session days. When people ask what this means, you'll have the opportunity to share the impact Leadership Tri-Cities has had on you and the community!

If you're not able to wear your name tag, your alumni lapel pin will work also!

## 2018-2019 Session Days

January 30 - Local & State Government

February 21 - Education

March 20 - Medical & Health Services

May 15 - Hanford Site

June 12 - Leadership Forward & Graduation



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## Class XXIV news

### December's session day: Law Enforcement & the Justice System

#### Leadership Tri-Cities Class XXIV - Law Enforcement and Justice Session

December's class session was held Wednesday, December 12 at the Kennewick Police Department. The objective of the day was for Class XXIV to gain a well-rounded introduction to issues facing the justice system and law enforcement in our region. The class heard from a variety of speakers, including local judges, attorneys, chiefs and sheriffs, and police officers.



*photo, Susan Coleman*

The day session began with an overview of the justice system, followed by a session on the Metro Drug Task Force. Other sessions included a panel of local chiefs and sheriffs, a presentation on gangs in our community, and PTSD in Law Enforcement.

**Class XXIV's next session day, Local & State Government, will be held Wednesday, January 30**

## Alumni

### December Lunch & Learn - Law Enforcement and the Justice System

The December First Friday / Alumni Lunch & Learn was held December 6 at Proof Gastropub. Attorney Alex

Johnson of Johnson & Johnson Law Firm discussed the crime of driving under the influence, prosecution and mandatory punishments of DUI offenses under Washington State law.

*photo, Jeff Johnson*



## Alumni Social January 16

### Join your fellow LTC Alumni at The Edge January 16th

Let's kick off the New Year with a party! Grab a guest and come enjoy food, drinks and fun at the EDGE Steakhouse at Zintel Creek Golf Club with your fellow LTC alumni. We will have a buffet style meal and two complimentary drinks per registered attendee. If you enjoy to golf or just think it sounds fun, take a shot in the EDGE golf simulator!



When: **Wednesday, January 16, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.**

Where: The Edge Steak House and Sports Lounge 314 North Underwood Street, Kennewick.

[Sign Up for the Social!](#)

(Alumni membership not required to attend)

## Join the Alumni Association

Each class experience is full of learning, networking and development of our individual leadership skills. This life changing experience should not end at the completion of your class! Instead, as a larger group, continue your LTC journey as part of a strong, unified alumni membership group. Invest in your continued leadership development by becoming an alumni member of LTC for \$50 on an annual basis or pay \$300 for lifetime membership.

Your alumni membership includes:

- Paid admittance to Class Graduation
- Reduced rate to First Fridays
- Ability to participate in an annual service project
- Access to the annual social
- Right to nominate an alumnus for the "Alumnus of the Year" Award

Click [here](#) to join or renew your membership.

## Save the dates for future alumni events

**January:**

Alumni Social

**Wednesday, January 16**

The Edge Steakhouse at Zintel Creek Golf Course

Tawni has been working hard to ensure our alumni, now over 500 strong, have plenty

of opportunities to network with each other and continue to support this amazing organization. Please watch this page so you don't miss out on upcoming events! Tawni will send event notifications to sign up as the events near.

*Do you have anything exciting you'd like to share with your fellow alumni? Are you especially proud of one of your classmates? Let us know and we'll share it in an upcoming newsletter! Email [ltcwa.communications@gmail.com](mailto:ltcwa.communications@gmail.com).*

## Service opportunities / Upcoming fundraisers

### Shine the Light on Human Trafficking Walk

Honor National Human Trafficking Awareness Day by joining SARC in a walk across the cable bridge, rally speeches by Senator Sharon Brown & Det. Rick Runge, and a hot chocolate social to follow.

The event will be held **Friday, January 11 from 4 - 6 p.m.** Participants will meet at the Lampson parking lot at the base of the Cable Bridge, 607 E. Columbia Drive, Kennewick.



### Children's Developmental Center's 2019 Wine Fete Dinner & Auction

The Children's Developmental Center's Wine Fete and Dinner Auction will be held **Saturday, February 2, from 5:30 - 11:30 p.m.**

There are two sessions where volunteers are needed to support this event. More help is needed during the evening session than the morning session.

#### **Morning Session (8 AM – 11:30/Noon) : Setting up the event**

This entails helping to load auction packages and materials from cars/U-haul and transport into the Great Hall at the Convention Center. Volunteers will also help placing promotional items on the tables. General gophering will also be a big part of the volunteers roles.

#### **Evening Session (5:30PM – 11:00 PM: Supporting the actual event)**

Activities volunteers may be asked to perform include: recording the live auction bids, running the recorded sheets to data entry, selling raffle tickets, helping to tear-down the auction displays (starting at 7:00 PM) and getting the items ready for package pickup, and finally helping load up carts with auctions items and help guests get those items to their car.

For those volunteering during the evening session, a potato bar buffet dinner will be provided for those who sign up in time.

**Age of volunteers:** Volunteers need to be over the age of 21

[Email Matt Nash to volunteer](#)

[Purchase Tickets](#)



### Heart for the Arts fundraising gala for Academy of Children's Theatre

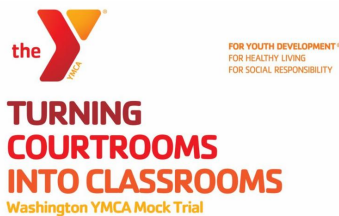
The Academy of Children's Theatre's most important fundraising event of the year, Heart for the Arts, is on **February 23rd**. The event will be held in the space of their new theatre expansion project. No hard hats required, attire is festive cocktail. Entertainment, fine wines, delicious food, awesome auction items, an evening in support of our region's only children's theatre!

[Purchase tickets](#)



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## Benton County Mock Trial Competition



YMCA's Benton County District 2019 Mock Trial will be held in **February 2019** at the Benton County Justice Center. The event is in need of volunteer attorneys as well as court room monitors.

For more information, please contact the event organizer, Sherry Bingman, at 509-735-8388 ext 3195, or email [sherry.bingman@co.benton.wa.us](mailto:sherry.bingman@co.benton.wa.us).

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## Green Show Call for Art

DrewBoy Creative extends a call for art to artists and dreamers to propose their own artistic interpretations of the color green. All mediums accepted for this juried show. This is a juried show with an award given to the artist who best captures green in their work. A People's Choice Award will also be awarded.

The Call for Art Deadline is **January 20**.

Exhibition of art will run from February 15 - March 17, with the opening reception scheduled on **February 15, 2019, 6 pm - 9 pm**.

[For more information and entry form](#)



Mid-Columbia Tri-Cities SCORE is in need of volunteers. Every year, SCORE volunteers help thousands of entrepreneurs start small businesses and achieve new levels of success in their existing businesses. Volunteering at SCORE is a way for you to give back to your community, connect with fellow business owners, and pass on your knowledge and expertise to the next generation of entrepreneurs in your community.

[Click here to learn more about volunteering at SCORE.](#)

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## Girls on the Run Film Festival

Join us for the Girls on the Run Film Festival - LUNAFEST® 2019. We will be viewing eight films, holding a silent auction, and offering different ways to help support girls in our community. Food and drinks are included in your ticket purchase.



The event will be held **Thursday, February 7, from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.** at the Uptown Theater, 1300 Jadwin Avenue, Richland.

Ticket sales start December 1st, 2018. Space is limited, so purchase your tickets early. Individual tickets are \$35 online and \$40 at the door (if seats are available).

Check our website for more details, [www.gotrsewa.org/Film-Festival](http://www.gotrsewa.org/Film-Festival)

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## Finding fundraisers and events around town

- [Tri-City Herald Arts & Entertainment page](#) or search their [online calendar](#)
- Tri-Cities Area Journal of Business [Events Calendar](#)
- Facebook (from the desktop)
  - Click on "Events" on the left side of your home page
  - On the right side of the screen, there are links under "Find Events"
  - Search under "causes"
  - You can further sort by date, city, or change the category

*If you are aware of an event you'd like to share with the LTC community, please let us know by sending information and a link to the event page to Jenni Harper at [lrcwa.communications@gmail.com](mailto:lrcwa.communications@gmail.com)*

## Public boards and commissions

Many of our local cities and counties have volunteer opportunities and/or public commission vacancies. If you've ever been interested in serving on a board or commission and don't know where to start, please start by visiting your local municipality's website! You would be surprised how many opportunities there are to serve!

Examples of service opportunities are: Public Facilities District Board, Americans with Disabilities Act Board, Economic Development Committees, Library Board of Trustees, Lodging Tax Advisory Committee, Parks and Recreation Commission, Personnel Committee, Utility Advisory Committee, Parks and Recreation Commission, Mosquito Control District Board, Planning Commission, Historic Preservation Commission, Arts Commission, Veteran's Advisory Board, Horticultural Pest and Disease Control Board...and that's just to name a few!

[City of Kennewick](#), [City of Pasco](#), [City of Richland](#), [City of West Richland](#), [Benton County](#), [Franklin County](#)

If you are aware of any volunteer and/or board opportunities you'd like listed, please let us know at [lrcwa.communications@gmail.com](mailto:lrcwa.communications@gmail.com)

## Calendar

- January 16 - Alumni Social
- **January 23** - Board Meeting, Clearwater Hapo
- January 25 - December newsletter submissions due to [lrcwa.communications@gmail.com](mailto:lrcwa.communications@gmail.com)
- January 30 - Local & State Government Session Day

[Master Calendar](#)

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## Newsletter contributions

### WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

What type of information would you like to see in the Leadership Tri-Cities newsletter? Please let us know what you like, what you don't like, and what you'd like to see more of. If your organization is involved in a project you'd like to share, if you've been in the news, or if you have anything you'd like your Leadership Tri-Cities community to know about, please let us know so we can include it in a future newsletter! Email suggestions to [lrcwa.communications@gmail.com](mailto:lrcwa.communications@gmail.com)

We'd also like to feature our alumni in the news. If anything exciting is happening in your life - if you've recently been promoted, elected, or appointed to a position that will bring positive change to your community, let us know and we'll let your fellow LTC alumni know!

The LTC Connection is compiled and distributed monthly by the board of directors. Send submissions to Jenni Harper at [lrcwa.communications@gmail.com](mailto:lrcwa.communications@gmail.com) by the 25th of each month for publication the following month.

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