

# 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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Issue 12

## From the Board

### In this newsletter

*Jenni Harper, Communications Director*

We are excited to present our November newsletter to our alumni! 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 [lctwa.communications@gmail.com](mailto:lctwa.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

Vice Chair: Vacant

Class Director (Class XXIV): Spain Abney, Class XXI

Alumni Development: Tawni Gama, Class XXII

Secretary: Jennifer Mitchell, Class XVI

Treasurer: Stephæn Harrell, Class I

### At Large Directors

Class Director-elect (Class XXV): Susan Coleman, Class XIX

Leadership Development: Garth Reed, Class XVI

Communications: Jenni Harper, Class XXII

Sponsorships: Darci Teel, Class III

Events: Anne Spilman, Class XXII

### Session Directors

Agriculture: Justin Toner, Class XXI

Arts & Culture: Candice Jones, Class XXI

Economic Development: Tracie Cowin, Class XXI

Education: Sarah Thornton, Class X

Director Elect (shadow), Education: Alyssa St. Hilaire, Class XVIII

Hanford Site: Jill Conrad, Class XX

Human Needs & Services: JoDee Garretson, Class II

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

November 14 - Agriculture



December 12 - Law Enforcement & the Justice System  
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

### October's session day: Human Needs and Services

*Michelle DeGooyer, Class XXIV*

#### **Leadership Tri-Cities Class XXIV - Human Needs and Services Session**

The focus of October's session was on the services and programs available to meet human needs in the community.

The day session began with a **tour of the new Boys and Girls Club** in Kennewick. Brian Ace, Executive Director, Class XIII, gave a brief history of the club in the community, sharing the story behind the new facility and the selection of the site. The class enjoyed hearing Brian's story and touring the new 30,000 square foot facility, now under construction.



*(photo, Michelle DeGooyer)*

Class XXIV's day was only beginning – they first travelled to the United Way for a **Life Simulation** sponsored by Gesa Credit Union. The Life Simulation experience helped class members to get an understanding of what it might be like to live in a typical low-income family trying to survive from month to month; often only one major life event away from poverty. The experience was quite enlightening and humbling for many.

The rest of the day the class heard from six panels consisting of over 20 leaders from across the community who demonstrated their personal commitment to supporting people in need. Each leader shared at least one compelling story about the members (patients) they serve.

Reflecting on the day, the class was impressed by the personal and professional commitment of the community leaders working in the support of advancing Human Needs and Services in the community. Many of these leaders dedicate their lives to service – one in particular over 35 years.

Throughout the day Leadership Tri-Cities Class XXIV was exposed to many leaders who **"Set the example by aligning their actions with shared values"**.

**Class XXIV's next session day, Agriculture, will be held Wednesday, November 14**

Alumni

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

*Tawni Gama, Alumni Director*

Join us at Proof Gastropub for a conversation with attorney Alex Johnson of the Johnson & Johnson Law Firm regarding the crime of driving while under the influence (DUI). Mr. Johnson will discuss the prosecution of DUI offenses; mandatory punishments under Washington State law (including fines, fees, jail time and DOL suspensions); and local policies and trends in handling DUIs. The discussion will be followed by a Q & A.



Click on the link below to RSVP no later than Friday, Nov. 30th.

Lifetime Alumni Association Members- \$10  
Annual Alumni Association Members- \$15  
Non-Alumni Association Members & Guests- \$20

[More on event, alumni service request & LTCAA](#)

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## 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.

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## Save the dates for future alumni events

### **December:**

Law Enforcement & Justice System

Friday, December 7th

Alex Johnson with Johnson & Johnson Law

### **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.

**Jeff Johnson**, Class XXII, was selected as a Tri-Cities Area Journal of Business Young Professional 2018.

**Julie Schroeder**, Class XXIV, was promoted to director of outreach at Academy of Children's Theatre.

**Michael Novakovich**, Class X, was recently elected to the Washington Tourism Board of Directors.

**Cristina Reyff**, Class XXI, has been promoted to the position of Chief Risk Officer for Energy Northwest.

**Susan Coleman**, Class XIX, recently joined the Board of Directors for Women Helping Women Tri-Cities.

**John Dobken**, Class XVIII, has been named as Media Relations Manager for Southern California Edison.

*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 [itcwa.communications@gmail.com](mailto:itcwa.communications@gmail.com).*

## Service opportunities / Upcoming fundraisers

### The Amazing Shake at Hawthorne Elementary

The Amazing Shake is a competition started by Ron Clark at The Ron Clark Academy in Atlanta, Georgia. The Amazing Shake at Hawthorne Elementary is a similar competition that emphasizes etiquette, communication, respect, manners, and poise under pressure. Students learn how to give a proper handshake, communicate effectively, introduce themselves, "work the room", and remain composed under pressure. The goal is to prepare students for the future, by giving students the ability to present themselves well in the many opportunities they may have today and in the future.



As a judge you will be asked to make gut decisions on who has done the best and give each student a score on her/his performance. What you will be looking for will change depending on which event you are judging. If interested and willing, you will be informed in advance what the event you are judging is and what to expect when you arrive at our school. The staff looks forward to working with you to improve students' ability to be successful in their future. With the opportunity to meet dozens of bright young minds, maybe this will be an opportunity for you to meet your future neighbors, coworkers, or even employees! The students and staff look forward to working with you to create this amazing opportunity for the students. Any questions about the Amazing Shake at Hawthorne Elementary may be emailed to [jason.gradwohl@ksd.org](mailto:jason.gradwohl@ksd.org).

[Click here to download the volunteer application.](#)

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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



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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).



The Tri-Cities Cancer Center Foundation's 2018 Autumn Affair will be held Saturday, November 10th at the Red Lion Hotel Pasco. Please join us for this first-class event, which features a 6-course gourmet dinner, delicious wines, live and silent auctions, and much more. This event is generously sponsored by CH2M.

Date: Saturday, November 10th  
Place: Red Lion Hotel Pasco  
Time: 5:30 p.m., Silent Auction and Wine Tasting  
7:00 p.m., Dinner and Live Auction  
Cost: \$125 per person

For more information, please contact Lori Lott (Class XXIV), Foundation Special Events Coordinator, at (509) 737-3373 or [lori@tccancer.org](mailto:lori@tccancer.org)

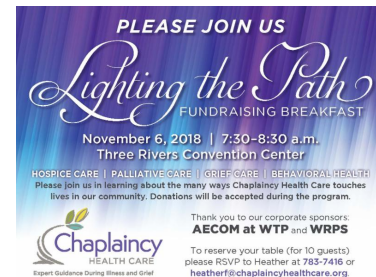


Mid-Columbia Tri-Cities SCORE is in need of volunteers. Every year, SCORE volunteers help thousands of entrepreneurs start small businesses and achieve new levels of success in their existing businesses. Volunteering at SCORE is a way for you to give back to your community, connect with fellow business 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.](#)

Chaplaincy Healthcare's Fundraising Breakfast will be held November 6 from 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. at the Three Rivers Convention Center. Click the link below to RSVP and learn more about this event.

[Chaplaincy Healthcare Fundraising Breakfast](#)



Pasco SOUP is accepting proposals for business startups in the Pasco Community until November 9. Proposals will be presented at their annual event November 15 at 6 p.m.



More information on submitting proposals or attending the event can be found [here](#).

## 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

- November 7 - Board Meeting, Clearwater Hapo
- November 14 - Agriculture Session Day
- November 25 - December newsletter submissions due to [lrcwa.communications@gmail.com](mailto:lrcwa.communications@gmail.com)
- December 12 - Law Enforcement & the Justice System 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 [ltcwa.communications@gmail.com](mailto:ltcwa.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!

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