

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

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.

Self-nominations for the Board of Directors are being accepted for the following positions until filled.

Executive Board

- Vice Chair

At Large Directors

- Sponsorships Director Shadow

Candidates will be proposed for election at the next regular meeting of the board. If a candidate is not elected at that time, nominations will continue to be accepted until an applicant is elected.

If you're not interested in a Board position but are willing to volunteer, we're seeking alumni with communication and event management skills to assist with marketing, class recruitment and fundraising, and those who wish to participate in an alumni service project. Contact Board Communications Director Jennifer Harper (Class XXII) at <mailto:ltcwa.communications@gmail.com> for more information.

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**2018 - 2019
Board of Directors**

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Law & Justice: Ricky Walsh, Class II
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Medical & Health Services: Becky Grohs, Class XIII
Director Elect (shadow), Medical & Health Services: Kirk Williamson, Class I

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

October 17 - Human Needs and Services
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

Class XXIV's first session day: Economic Development

Patti Jones, Class XXIV historian

In a whirlwind 10-hour day of speakers, PNNL tours, feverous note taking, and thought provoking questions, Tracie Cowen provided the best class ever with an impressive glimpse of what the next 10 months of learning will look like. The opening tone was set by Rick Martinez's opening discussion from *The Leadership Challenge* (Barry Posner), regarding Modeling the Way. Class members were posed with the question, "Are you leading by your values?" The class will be guided in their lives by the idea that someone can tell what your core values are by observing your leadership.

The day flew by with discussions on what economic development looks like in the Tri-Cities, and why this is important. The enthusiasm brought by these speakers for what is going on in our area was inspiring and informative, and provided a lot of information to process, share, and motivate. Through statistics in labor and marketing, the importance of tourism, transportation, and research development, many differing ideas and opinions were shared. Time and time again, speakers focused on the need for our community to function as a region instead of individual cities.

An afternoon dedicated to learning about the influence of Pacific Northwest National Laboratory and the contributions the lab makes not only to our area, but the scientific community as well, was followed by panelists discussing workforce education, small business and access to capital, which closed out a jam-packed day of wisdom. The day covered a wide range of economic influences, large corporations, individual entrepreneurs, government agencies and educators, all eager to share their piece of the puzzle and how they fit into the success of our great community.

With only 20 minutes left in the day, reflections on the day brought the class discussion back to processing the information that was shared, individual take-aways, and reiterating the poignant ideas of the day.

This is only day one, Class XXIV. It's remarkable to think about what an incredible year we have ahead of us when this is only the first day of ten.

Class XXIV's next session day, Human Needs and Services, will be held Wednesday, October 17

Alumni

Alumni Lunch & Learn - Economic Development

September's Lunch & Learn event was held Tuesday, September 18 at the Richland Community Center. Allison Clark of Washington State Department of Commerce spoke on economic development. Allison highlighted Washington's key sectors and activities undertaken at Commerce to attract business investment in Washington State.



Class XXII members Jeremy Asmus, Tyler MacDonald, Steve Christensen, and Tawni Gama (*Tawni Gama, photo*)

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

December:

Law Enforcement & Justice System

Friday, December 7th

Alex Johnson with Johnson & Johnson Law

January:

Alumni Social

Wednesday, January 16

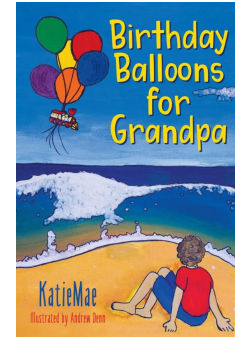
The Edge Steakhouse at Zintel Creek Golf Course

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.

Alumni Spotlight

Kathi Denn, Class XV

In July of this year, a lifelong dream of Kathi's has finally come true. She had her first children's book published, and it is available on Amazon in both eBook and paperback under her author pen name, KatieMae.



Birthday Balloons for Grandpa is about an 8-year-old boy named Andrew who is determined to see his Grandpa and tries to find a way to visit him. Only one problem, he must figure out a way to make a trip to Heaven. It isn't long before Andrew discovers a way to get there, and we are taken on a journey we could never have imagined.

It is a story of hope and loss, love and adventure, leaving young readers engrossed at every turn and is great for beginner chapter-book readers, especially when dealing with the loss of a loved one.

One recent review of the book stated :

"I was almost immediately drawn to this book, partly because my name is also Andrew and I lost my Grandpa, who I was quite close to, years ago. I think this book did a really good job conveying that sense of loss, but also the truth that despite our desire to be with them again, we have to continue living our lives here on Earth, but those we have lost can feel our love all the way up in heaven. It's a heavy topic but delivered in a way that younger readers will understand and connect with. I definitely recommend this book and look forward to the author's next release."



Kathi Denn, Class XV, at her book signing for *Birthday Balloons for Grandpa*. Here she is seen with her son, Andrew Denn, the illustrator.

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.

Service opportunities / Upcoming fundraisers



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



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.](#)

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 tcwa.communications@gmail.com

- October 17 - Human Needs and Services Session Day
- October 25 - November newsletter submissions due to lrcwa.communications@gmail.com
- November 7 - Board Meeting, Clearwater Hapo
- November 14 - Agriculture Session Day

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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

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 by the 25th of each month for publication the following month.

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