

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 10

From Class XXIV Director, Spain Abney



The Class XXIV Retreat was held in Wenatchee August 3rd and 4th. The class selected their fellow team members for the following positions:

President - Renée Adams
Vice President - Leo Martinez Jr
Secretary - Jennifer Cunnington
Sergeant At Arms - Marc Newman
Historian - Patti Jones
Project Manager - Tracy Spooner
Asst PM - Jerry Cochran
Food/Beverage Coordinator - Sara Schwan
Social Director - Lori Lott

Class 24 displayed their great humor, professionalism, creativity, and positive team attitudes during the retreat in fun exercises such as writing a weather report for other personality types. They learned about the challenges of communication at multiple levels across an organization through leadership exercises conducted by Paul Casey.

Through several leadership games like above this class quickly bonded as a team, reflected on themselves, and learned about each other. I am very excited to walk with them along their LTC journey this year.

Spain Abney, Director, Class XXIV

From the Board

Opportunity to Give Back to LTC

If you're 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 skillset 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.

APPLY NOW

2018 - 2019 Board of Directors

Executive Committee

Chairman: [Rick Redden](#), Class XVII

Vice Chair: Vacant

Class Director (Class XXIV): [Spain Abney](#), Class XIX

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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Class XXIV News

Class XXIV summarizes day one



Patti Jones, Class XXIV historian (photo, Jenni Harper)

On August 1st, 2018, the best class of flying squirrels ever took to the ropes course in Columbia Park as they kicked off Leadership Tri-Cities Class XXIV. Being ever so grateful for the support of their class director, Spain Abney (and for providing ample supplies of

water and snacks), the new class bonded over successful crawling through a wormhole, swinging over quicksand, and declaring their support for each other as they learned to fly.

The 25 new LTC members represent a wide variety of background, businesses, and personalities that learned, shared, overshared, and crushed the goals set for them by the ropes course instructors over the course of the day.

Breaking early due to the fabulous Tri-Cities August heat, the new class reconvened that evening at the beautiful Reach Museum for dinner and welcoming reception by LTC President Rick Redden. It was a gorgeous night in a location that really highlights the beauty and history of the Tri-Cities area; the location was an excellent choice to impress upon the group the foundation of LTC's spirit and importance of community.

Pulling off a stunningly inspiring keynote speaker, Class XXIV was treated to word of inspiration and guidance of General James "Mad Dog" Mattis. Such an impressive way to start off the new year, and represent the values and mission of Leadership Tri-Cities. Congratulations on a strong start, Class XXIV; and here's to the beginning of a tremendous year for the best class ever!

Class XXIV's first session day will be held September

Alumni

Alumni team building - with paddle boards

Tawni Gama, Alumni Director

We started off on single boards and paddled around the cove at Two Rivers Park. Then, we got onto the eight person paddleboard and worked as a team to paddle, turn, switch places on the board and even jump. As a group, we managed to do all of this without losing a single person! It was a fun and unique team building experience.

Anne Spilman, LTC Events Director and Class XXII graduate, said of the event, "It was perfectly rewarding! I loved trying something new with support of fellow leaders."



Anne makes it look easy!
(Tawni Gama, photo)

September Lunch & Learn - Economic Development

September:

Join us Tuesday, September 18 at the Richland Community Center from 1 - 2 p.m. to hear Allison Clark of Washington State Department of Commerce speak on economic development. Lunch will be provided. **Watch your inbox for the event invitation!**

Lifetime Alumni Association Members- \$10

Annual Alumni Association Members- \$15

Non- Alumni Association & Guests- \$20

Allison will discuss the activities undertaken at Commerce to attract business investment, and particularly foreign direct investment (FDI), to Washington State. I will

highlight Washington's key sectors, value proposition, and FDI data as well as Commerce's business attraction strategy and related activities.

Allison Clark is the Managing Director of the Business Development unit at the Washington State Department of Commerce, overseeing the business recruitment, retention, and expansion activities for the state. Before joining Commerce, Allison managed regional economic and workforce development programs at Highline Community College where she was also a part-time business faculty. She formerly managed export promotion and international trade programs in the King County Executive's Office. Before arriving in Seattle, Allison worked for a Washington, DC-based trade association focusing on rural electrification and renewable energy projects located throughout the developing world as well as inbound training programs for international energy officials and business counterparts. Allison is a returned Peace Corps volunteer, having served three years in Thailand. She holds a BA in political science and business administration from the Pennsylvania State University and an MA in international relations, with concentrations in international economics and Southeast Asian studies, from the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies.

For more information, or to RSVP, email [Tawni Gama](mailto:Tawni.Gama)

Save the dates for future alumni events

October:

Agriculture

Saturday, October 27th

Farm to Fork Dinner hosted by My Garden Over Floweth

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

Alumni spotlights

Mike Sheridan, Class XX

Mike Sheridan has been chosen to serve as the manager of Quality at Waste Treatment Completion Company (WTCC), effective June 25. He has held this position in an acting capacity since last October.

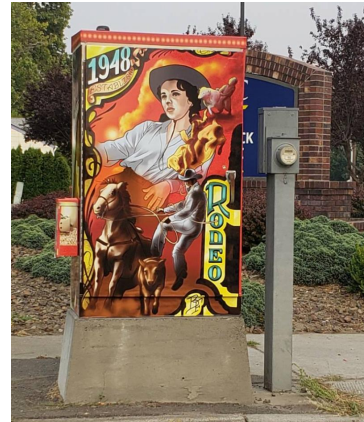
Mike has a strong nuclear safety and engineering background, having started his career at the Charleston Naval Shipyard as a nuclear engineer then supervisory nuclear engineer. He worked at the West Valley Demonstration Project as a senior engineer then in positions of increasing responsibility including manager of Quality Engineering. He joined the AECOM family of legacy companies with Westinghouse in 1993. He held positions as manager of Cognizant System Engineering, of Tank Monitoring and Engineering Technical Support, and of One System Nuclear Safety & Engineering for WRPS at the Hanford Tank Farms for about seven years before joining WTP as manager of Commissioning and Operations Quality Assurance.

He is a certified as an NQA-1 lead auditor, safety trained supervisor, and project management professional (PMP). He received his bachelor of science in Marine Engineering and Naval Architecture from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy and a Master of Business Administration from University of Phoenix. Mike is also a graduate of Leadership Tri-Cities Class XX.



Alumni in the news...


- Kody Flannery, Class XXIII, was a featured artist for the City of Kennewick's traffic box celebrating the Ben-Franklin Fair and Rodeo in August
- Dan Kathren, Class VI, was recently elected to the board of directors for Academy of Children's Theatre
- Matt Nash, Class XII and Jenni Harper, Class XXII, have been appointed to the Benton County Accessible Community Advisory Committee
- Tim Nies, Class XI, was recently selected as the Energy Services & Development General Manager for Energy Northwest
- Larry Dunbar, Class III has taken a position with Jefferson Public Utility District as General Manager
- Anne Spilman, Class XXII, is the new Executive Director for Academy of Children's Theatre



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 tcwa.communications@gmail.com.

Service opportunities / Upcoming fundraisers

YOU'RE invited




WOMEN HELPING WOMEN
FUND TRI-CITIES

18TH annual luncheon

OCTOBER 11 Thursday, October 11
Noon-1:30p
TRAC Center, Pasco



FOR MORE information WWW.WHWFTC.ORG



ASHLEY Rhodes-Courter
Child Welfare Advocate,
Philanthropist, Mother,
Dreamer, Author

You're Invited!
2018 ^{take}action LUNCHEON
 BENEFITING THE ACADEMY OF CHILDREN'S THEATRE'S
THEATRE EXPANSION PROJECT
 ★ \$100 MINIMUM DONATION ★

THUR, SEPT 20, 2018
 12:00-1:00 PM
 9221 W CLEARWATER AVENUE
 KENNEWICK, WA
 RSVP: INFO@ACTSTAFF.ORG

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Fundraising opportunity

[Red Mountain Trails](#) normally sells Christmas Trees every year at their location near Benton City. This year, however, they are looking for a non-profit who would use their location to run a Christmas tree lot fundraiser - Red Mountain Trails will host the lot at their location and provide bonfires and horse-drawn wagon rides during operating hours. The organization will be responsible for all aspects of the tree lot. For more information, contact Teresa Owen at info@redmountaintrails.com

Therapeutic Riding of Tri-Cities

[Therapeutic Riding of Tri-Cities](#) (TROT), which provides animal assisted therapy and activities for individuals with disabilities, is growing. Unfortunately, it is also *outgrowing* its current home at 6208 W. Argent in Pasco. If you know of any horse properties in the greater Tri-Cities area that are available and suited for housing a therapeutic riding facility, please contact info@trot3cities.org.

Additionally, there are current openings for new board members, volunteer opportunities, and fundraising committee members.



Three Rivers Community Foundation grant applications due September 14

Grant applications for the Three Rivers Community Foundation endowment grant are

due this coming Friday, September 14.

Any nonprofit organization having recognition as a tax-exempt public charity under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code may apply for a grant through the Foundation. Applicants must be registered in the State of Washington and serve Benton or Franklin Counties or the Burbank, WA area. Click [here](#) for more information.



Reach Beyond Challenge Course

REACHBEYOND

Reach Beyond Challenge Course, located in Columbia Park, is where it all began for many of us to get to know and trust our classmates.

For years Reach Beyond has provided grant monies that provide opportunities for at-risk youth to spend a day or more developing skills such as:

- Teamwork
- Communication
- Problem Solving
- Self-confidence
- Self-respect.

Today, many of the grants are no longer available.

But with **YOUR** help, Reach Beyond can still serve the thousands of local youth that need and deserve to develop these skills!

Ways You Can Support Reach Beyond

- **Sponsor a week** and help serve up to 300 youth per week
- **Sponsor a day** and help serve up to 60 participants
- **Pay it forward** and serve your group as well as the next.

Click [here](#) for more information on how you can sponsor a group to attend the course.



Class XXIV begins their year at the Reach Beyond Challenge Course (*Susan Coleman, photo*)

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

Calendar

- September 12 - LTC Board Meeting, 4:30 p.m. Hapo (Clearwater)
- September 18 - Alumni "Lunch & Learn", 1 p.m., Richland Community Center
- September 19 - Economic Development 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

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 ltcwa.communications@gmail.com by the 15th of each month for publication the following month.

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