



Leadership
DOOR COUNTY

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2005
Class Directory

Class XV

Commencement

Tuesday, June 14, 2005
Cherry Hills Golf Resort
Sturgeon Bay, WI



Commencement Schedule

Tuesday evening June 14, 2005

4:00 p.m. — 9 hole golf outing begins

6:00 p.m. — Hors d'oeuvres served & cash bar open

6:30 p.m. — Commencement program begins

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A Message from the Board President..

Congratulations, members of Leadership Door County's fourteenth class, on the day of your commencement! We are very happy to have had such a wonderful group of people as participants this year and are proud to now count each of you as an LDC alum. We also want to thank you for your work and cooperation during the past ten months; we hope that you have enjoyed your experience.

We have no doubt that, as you move forward from today, you will fulfill the Leadership Door County mission: continued or increased volunteer involvement in Door County's non-profit and public sectors. By completing the LDC program, we hope you have made new friends and contacts as well as learned much that will enhance your personal and professional lives.

As you leave this program, please let us know if you have any suggestions to enable us to better achieve our mission. And finally, make sure to recommend to us names of possible class participants for future years in order to ensure the continued success of the Leadership Door County program.

Thank you for a great year, and again, congratulations!



Leadership Door County strives to "Prepare Leaders to Serve." Our hope is that each of our graduates will understand more about our county than they did ten months ago.

THE SESSIONS

Opening Retreat (overnight)

Friday & Saturday, September 24 & 25, 2004

Wave Point Marina & Resort, Southern Door; Team Leadership Center, Institute

Communication, Conflict Resolution & Local Media

Tuesday October 12, 2004

Door County Maritime Museum, Door County Advocate, WDOR, all in Sturgeon Bay

History

Tuesday November 9, 2004

The Clearing, Ellison Bay; historic buildings in Ephraim

Education

Tuesday December 14, 2004

Gibraltar Area Schools, Fish Creek; Northern Door Children's Center, Sister Bay

County Government

Tuesday January 11, 2005

Door County Courthouse; Door County Highway Shop; Pinkert Law Firm, all in Sturgeon Bay

Human Services

Tuesday February 8, 2005

Crossroads at Big Creek, Sunshine House, Door County Senior Center, all in Sturgeon Bay

Health Care

Tuesday March 8, 2005

Door County Memorial Hospital, Dorchester Health & Rehab, both in Sturgeon Bay

The Arts

Tuesday April 12, 2005

Peninsula Art School; Door Community Auditorium; Peninsula Players; Hands On Art Studio, all near or around Fish Creek

Economy and the Environment

Tuesday May 10, 2005

Bjorklunden; Hickey Brothers Fishery & The Ridges Sanctuary, all near Baileys Harbor

Closing Retreat/Commencement (overnight)

Monday & Tuesday, June 13 & 14, 2005

Sylvan Lodge, Sturgeon Bay; Team Leadership Center, Institute; Cherry Hills Golf Resort, Sturgeon Bay

Deviation from the above schedule may have occurred.

May 10, 2005

Class XV



Bjorklunden, Balleys Harbor

The Leadership Door County Class of 2005

From left to right: Phil Berndt, Lori Tuttle, Amy Bremel, Susan Johnson, Linnea Brunstrom, Beth Lokken, Tish Konowalski, Robert Swank, Terese Boeck and Holly Feldman

With LDC, Door County joins hundreds of towns, cities, and counties across the nation and around the world that understand that leadership is too important to leave to chance. Through a series of intensive all day workshops, participants become acquainted - or more thoroughly versed - in a wide variety of topic areas.

Armed with this greater understanding and broader network of friends, important work gets done. For some people that greater knowledge simply helps galvanize their thinking about the projects in which they already find themselves. For others, it introduces them to whole new areas of endeavor they never knew existed.

How - or where - that knowledge is used is frankly irrelevant. That there are more people out there doing more, networking with others, or forging out on their own is what LDC is all about. We hope that LDC has strengthened and transformed everyone who has experienced this program. In doing so, the whole community benefits from having those people involved.

This year's class is made up of an extraordinarily high powered group of people. The Board wishes to congratulate them for their accomplishments throughout the year and to wish them all the very best of luck in their future endeavors. Much needs doing, so go get 'em! 5



Class of 2005

PHILLIP BERNDT



While being raised in Green Bay, there wasn't a free moment that went by that Phil's family didn't head to their boat in Fish Creek and eventually, Fish Creek became his home. In addition to an extensive career in real estate, Phil served as President of the Gibraltar Historical Association for nearly 9 years - while building the support needed to protect and secure the Noble House as a historical treasure and green space. He has shared his objective views and problem solving skills through involvement in local government and community planning strategies and finds great satisfaction in his latest position as Membership Director of the Door County Chamber of Commerce Visitor and Convention Bureau. In his free time, Phil enjoys learning how to (you name it) – or, how things work - and is most often found in the garage or in the garden.

"I'm very thankful for the in depth experiences offered by this year's adventure – I've learned more about myself and the Door community than I ever expected and very proud to work with such a dedicated team as those found in LDC 2005."

Phil is the proud father of Max & Spencer and lives with his partner, Brian, on the edge of a bountiful wetland in the town of Egg Harbor.



Class of 2005

TERESE BOECK



Terese describes herself as a 'compulsive volunteer' and has worked in that capacity all over Door County with The United Way, American Folklore Theatre, Habitat for Humanity, Door Shakespeare, The Ephraim Historical Foundation, Third Avenue Playhouse, Door County Maritime Museum and Lighthouse Preservation Society, Stage Door Theatre, The Ephraim Business Council, The Peninsula Players, Isadoora Theatre and St. Rosalia's Parish, just to name a few!

Terese and her husband Jeff just celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary in February, 2005.

Her son, Jeffrey Jr., is 24 and works at Cafe' Sole' as Terese's assistant.



Class of 2005

AMY BREMEL



Amy is sponsored by HELP of Door County, Inc., where she has worked for the past three years. For the first two years with the agency, she was Youth Services Coordinator, working with runaways and youth in crisis. She is now the part-time Development Director, in charge of fundraising events.

Amy is married to Paul, who teaches high school math at Gibraltar. Amy has a daughter, London, age 4 and a son, McKinley, age 3. She lives in Southern Door and enjoys biking, hiking, camping, and identifying nature at Potawatomi State Park.

She is also involved in her church, Hainesville Lutheran, where she's on the council and dusts off her high school baritone and plays once in a while. In her spare time, Amy advocates for women's issues, enjoys photography and 'playing tourist' with the family.



Class of 2005

LINNEA BRUNSTROM



My name is Linnea Brunstrom. I am 29 years old and live in Sturgeon Bay. I have lived in Sturgeon Bay since 1991 when I moved here as a junior in high school. Before that I lived in the Boston area (where my parents are from) and before that we lived in Japan. I was actually born here in

Sturgeon Bay as my dad was also transferred here in the 1970s.

After my graduation from high school, I spent 3 years at the University of Minnesota, studying child psychology. After taking some time off from school, I decided to continue my education at UW Green Bay and graduated in 1999 with a degree in human development. I started with Baylake Bank in 1999 and I am still there working as a Relationship Manager and IRA specialist.

This summer I am getting married to Adam Pichette and we are in the process of building a house on South Lake Michigan Drive.

In my spare time, I enjoy traveling, cooking, sailing, watching baseball (especially my beloved Red Sox) and spending time with friends and family.



Class of 2005

HOLLY FELDMAN

"Ode to my LDC Class"

What words can I say,
about my dear LDC class?
Well, mostly I'd say,
it was a pain in the @##!

Even writing this bio,
is taking time I don't have,
so making it funny
will help ME have a laugh.

But seriously though,
I'm just beginning to learn
that there is so much to know,
so much to discern.

This peninsula is a long one,
so many miles to travel,
and it takes a lot of individuals
to ensure we don't unravel.

From our schools to our families,
our government, our air,
our arts, and environment-
we have to take such great care.

They are all independent,
and yet all rely on each other,
much like my family,
(minus my whack-job brother.)

But, a deeper understanding
is a great first step,
and that's why our project
was such a success.



This group was a challenge-
even for this mother of 3.
Some days you made parenting
seem like a breeze.

Now that we've graduated,
I hope we will use what we know,
to nurture this county,
and help it to grow.

It has been such a pleasure,
even though I've been a pill
I'm just glad I survived,
Lord knows what you did to Bill.

Thanks for a great experience and
great memories!!!

Your favorite whack-job,
Holly



Class of 2005

SUSAN JOHNSON



Susan Johnson has been the Chaplain at Door County Memorial Hospital/Ministry Health Care since moving to Sturgeon Bay in May 2003. She is a member of the National Association of Catholic Chaplains, a professional organization which credentials Chaplains for healthcare ministry. Prior to her move to Door County, Susan served as staff Chaplain at Mercy Medical Center/Catholic Health Initiatives in Durango,

Colorado and Luther Hospital/Mayo Health System in Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

Before becoming a hospital Chaplain, Susan was employed as a Religion Teacher/Campus Minister at a large Catholic high school in Jacksonville, Florida and Director of the Office of Justice and Peace for the Catholic Diocese of St. Augustine.

Susan has four adult children. Her eldest son, Najib, is married and the father of Max, Susan's first grandchild. He and his wife, Julie Carpenter, live in southwestern Colorado. Susan's second eldest, Zachary, lives in Tallahassee, Florida and was recently married to Lindsay Wiles. Susan also has two daughters, Jessica and Karine, both of whom are single. Jessica returned to work in Gainesville, Florida, in December 2004 after spending several months in Santiago, Chile, completing an internship with the YMCA there. Karine lives and works in Sarasota, Florida.

Susan is a member of the Noon Rotary of Sturgeon Bay. She is Chairperson of the Human Development Committee for that Club and will join their Board of Directors for a one year term on July 1, 2005. Susan has been an active member of DOORCANCer, Inc. for the past two years. She is a participating member of the Sturgeon Bay Ministerial Association, the Door County End of Life Coalition, and an active member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Sturgeon Bay. She enjoys reading and recently helped form a women's book club. Music and movies are also favorite ways for her to relax.



Class of 2005

TRISH KONOWALSKI



I grew up in suburbs of Chicago and New York City. My parents were in their late 40's when they learned that I was on the way. I've often thought that if they had known then that, in their late 60's, they would be raising a teenager/20 something person in the Drug, Sex and Rock and Roll years of the late 60's and early 70's they might well have dropped me off at a local convent and let the nuns raise me.

Thank God, however, they knew not what was to come.

Having survived that, I ended up completing my college education at UW Green Bay. Following a couple of career detours, I eventually accepted a position with A. C. Nielsen, a market research company. I spent 22 years with them. Most of that time was spent in Client Service, working directly with the clients (Keebler; General Mills; Kraft Foods; Miller Brewing; etc.) and helping them to use our information to fine tune their pricing, promotion and media plans. I also spent a number of years in our Operations area and completed my career as Sr. Vice President of Operations for the U. S. Company.

In early 2001, I retired and my husband Craig and I moved to Sturgeon Bay. In 2003 I came out of retirement to manage Guaranty Title Services, a Title Insurance office in Sturgeon Bay. My husband, Craig, owns his own real estate appraisal company, CWK Appraisals, so we are both very vested in the real estate world here in Door County.

I was lucky enough to have the Sturgeon Bay Rotary Club sponsor my participation in Leadership Door County this year. It has been a fantastic experience. I have learned many important things about Door County and have met many wonderful people that I would not know today without having had this experience.



Class of 2005

BETH LOKKEN



Beth Lokken has been in Door County since January of 1999 and has enjoyed every bit of it. She works as the Youth Services Librarian for the Door County Library (and really loves her job). The other loves in her life are her husband Ric and her son Bjorn. She has really enjoyed working with the Leadership Door County group for '04-'05, and has learned a surprisingly large amount during the classes. (What volume! So many speakers!)



Class of 2005

ROBERT SWANK



I am Senior Vice President, Trust Division, Baylake Bank. In this position, I am a member of the senior management team for Baylake Bank. I am fully responsible for the management, development and growth of the Trust Division of the bank. This division manages assets and property for it's clients, investment management, provides estate planning and administration services, and related professional services. My duties include overall management, personnel, risk management, client relationship management, and business and service development.

I am currently serving on the Allocations Panel for the United Way of Door County. I am a member of the Sturgeon Bay Noon Rotary Club. I participated this year in the Door County Economic Development Corp.'s Legislative Days in Madison. I also serve on the board of directors of the Wisconsin Bankers Association Trust Section (for which I am immediate past chair). In my work at Baylake, I directly work with several endowments and foundations that serve multiple and diverse interests in Door County.

My main motivation for participating in LDC was as new member of this business community. I was tremendously unfamiliar with many aspects of Door County, other than those seen by a tourist. This experience allowed me to have a concentrated exposure to many aspects of the area that are best learned by personal experience. I was struck by the diversity of interests and the depth of culture in the county. I also had re-erforced to me what I have seen working with United Way, that being that while many problems in Door Co. are not unique to the county (dwindling and aging population, changing economic climate, the challenges of a rural economy), some problems are not found elsewhere, probably the most unique is in the difference between the "local" population and those that move in from outside, including the strains on infrastructure and culture clash. After experiencing some of this first hand in the past, I have to say I am not sure where I fit in, but it will challenge me to look for ways to contribute.

This spring, my wife and I spent a week in New Orleans with our daughters who attend college and graduate school in Madison and New Mexico. We also spent 5 days in Scottsdale, AZ working and sightseeing. Upcoming, there is a yard and landscaping to bring back to life. Our families have several events scheduled (graduations, weddings & reunions), so we will be traveling to North and South Dakota, Missouri, Minnesota, and Washington DC between now and the middle of October. Work, and re-establishing a mediocre golf game are also on the agenda.



Class of 2005

LORI TUTTLE



Lori is a Teller Supervisor at Associated Bank in Sturgeon Bay. She has worked at Associate Bank for 18 years.

Lori and her husband Russell have 2 grown daughters.



Above: Hiking at the Ridges Sanctuary on May 10, 2005.



Left: Touring Hickey Bros. Fishery boats on May 10, 2005.

Right: Touring Peninsula Art School on April 12, 2005.



Below: Enjoying the waterfront views at The Clearing on November 8, 2004.



Right: Participating in an exercise at the Door County Maritime Museum on October 12, 2004





Class Project Review

LEADERSHIP DOOR COUNTY CLASS XV

In 2003 and 2004, five Door County teens took their own lives, with another twenty-one documented attempts during the same time period. It was with this alarming information in mind that the Leadership Door County Class of 2005 chose **“Preventing Suicide: Keeping Our Community Healthy and Safe”** as their class project.

The class wanted to bring in a national educator/speaker that could offer professional insight and strategies in the prevention of suicide through two programs, one focused for health care professionals - the other to the general public and those whose lives have been touched by suicide.

The goal was to offer an educational opportunity that would launch a ripple of momentum that would continue long after the LDC class of 2005 graduated. The project brought area grass roots organizations together on common ground in hopes of revitalizing the momentum needed to restore the health of the community.

On Monday May 2, 2005, a special meeting geared towards health care professionals was held in the afternoon and the public was invited to attend a special event from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the Third Avenue Playhouse in Sturgeon Bay. This public presentation was designed for parents and other interested adults, and was appropriate for youth that were in middle school or older. It was hoped that through the presentation, teens and their parents would talk to each other about the subject of suicide. Informational packets were distributed to those in attendance in order to give people a plan for keeping the community healthy and safe.

The featured speaker was Dr. David Mays, M.D., Ph.D. from Mendota Mental Health Institute in Madison. Dr. Mays has spoken in many communities throughout the state of Wisconsin on the subjects of suicide, mental illness, and school violence. He helped start the *Community for Hope* in Oshkosh, at a time when the area was experiencing a dramatic rise in teen suicides.



Class Project History

CLASS ONE: 1990-1991

Slide show presentation about Leadership Door County

CLASS TWO: 1991-1992

Feasibility study for a Door County Big Brothers/Big Sisters Program

CLASS THREE: 1992-1993

Volunteer Guide; Initial Work on Volunteer Resource Center

CLASS FOUR: 1993-1994

Door County Vision for the Year 2010

CLASS FIVE: 1994-1995

Festival Recycling Guide for Festival Organizers and Vendors

CLASS SIX: 1995-1996

“Youth Vote” Project (Brochures & booths at all Door County Schools)

CLASS SEVEN: 1996-1997

Cherry Blossom Park Clean-up (with Sunshine House)

CLASS EIGHT: 1997-1998

Guide to Historical Sites in Door County (with Ephraim Foundation)

CLASS NINE: 1998-1999

Feasibility study regarding establishment of Third Avenue Playhouse

CLASS TEN: 1999-2000

Road Rally (funds benefited Door County Volunteer Center)

CLASS ELEVEN: 2000-2001

Nature trail construction (D.C. Land Trust’s Bayshore Blufflands Preserve)

CLASS TWELVE: 2001-2002

Needs analysis regarding psychiatric service provision in Door County

CLASS THIRTEEN: 2002-2003

Historical review of Leadership Door County program & survey of alumni

CLASS FOURTEEN: 2003-2004

“Fun-a-Loop-Sa” - a fundraising event for Crossroads at Big Creek

CLASS FIFTEEN: 2004-2005

Preventing Suicide: Keeping Our Community Healthy and Safe

Thank You Sponsors & Donors!!!

Their generosity gives Leadership Door County the chance to succeed.

In no particular order...

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Door County Memorial Hospital

Sonny's Pizzeria

Amy Kohnle

Ellsworth and Carla Peterson Foundation

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