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### A Word from the Executive Director

What an honor I feel to be entering my fifth year as executive director of the program as LGS celebrates 30 years of leadership, fellowship and community service. We are so fortunate to have an amazing Board of Regents who continues to volunteer countless hours to the development of the many facets of the program. This year we spent a great deal of time updating everything from the Ann DeBock Award requirements to the monthly agendas. We have ended up with an amazing program of work that continues to take the legacy of Leadership Grand Strand and propel it forward.

Over the years, Leadership Grand Strand has tackled real community needs as part of each class's graduation requirements. This year each member is required to volunteer 100 hours toward community projects. For 2009-2010, 75 hours will be spent helping Youth Leadership Academy, Horry County Disabilities and Special Needs and The Salvation Army. For the remaining 25 hours, class members will volunteer for a community organization of their choice.

We have an excellent roster of students this year. They turned in impressive applications, and I am sure they will make us proud as we celebrate this special anniversary year.

#### Leadership Grand Strand Class 30

Johnnie Bellamy, Horry-Georgetown Technical College  
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 Julia "Julie" LeGette Sluss, Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce  
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I want to say a special thank you to our LGS Class 30 sponsors: Ally Management, Beach First, Carolina Improv Company, The Conway National Bank, Creek Ratz Restaurant, FSA – Full Steam Ahead Fire & Water Restoration, Horry County Government, Horry County Schools, Horry-Georgetown Technical College, Huggins Insurance Agency, Myrtle Beach Fire Department, Ocean Breeze Awnings & More, Santee Cooper, Horry County Solid Waste Authority, South Carolina Bank and Trust, Springmaid Beach Resort, Waccamaw Community Hospital. Their generosity in these tough economic times is truly appreciated. We could not continue to grow and fund our program without their assistance.

We still have a lunch sponsorship available for \$750 and a graduation ceremony sponsorship available for \$1,500. If you are interested or know of a potential sponsor, please contact me directly at [LGS@VisitMyrtleBeach.com](mailto:LGS@VisitMyrtleBeach.com) or 916-7222. Again, thank you to the board of regents for all they do for the program and thanks to all of you for supporting LGS.

#### 2009-2010

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## Alumni Association Committee

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## LEADERSHIP GRAND STRAND FALL SOCIAL

**Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**Abuelo's Mexican Restaurant**  
**Coastal Grand Mall**  
**5:30 - 7:30pm**

**Alumni Association Members: FREE**  
**Non-Members/Guests: \$20 per person**

**RSVP by September 25<sup>th</sup> to [lgsalumni@sc.rr.com](mailto:lgsalumni@sc.rr.com)**



## 30TH ANNIVERSARY

### Alumni Community Service Project

**Miracle League**

**October 9, 2009**



The Community Service Project Committee is proud to announce that the Fall project for the LGS Alumni Association will be with The Grand Strand Miracle League.

The event will take place on Friday October 9, 2009 from 5:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at Pepper Geddings ball field in Myrtle Beach.

We will need help with the following tasks during the evening:

- Set Up before the game – Need 6 volunteers to arrive at 5:30 p.m.
- Buddies – Need 20 volunteers to arrive around 6:15 p.m. – This is the number 1 job for the evening! You will be helping the players during the actual ballgame.
- Securing food for the kids – they normally serve pizza on Friday night games but it can be hamburgers and hotdogs or anything else we can get. Of course, we would like to have the food donated. There are 2 grills available for our use. We will also need paper products for the food. Depending upon what we serve, we will also need volunteers (15) to help with the food.
- We will need help cleaning up after the ballgame but we should be fine with the volunteers we will have at the game.

We hope you will join us for this fun-filled event and an opportunity to work with this very worthwhile organization. Please contact Cindy Ott at [cindy.ott@hghba.com](mailto:cindy.ott@hghba.com) or by phone (843) 457-9206 if you would like to volunteer or if you can secure food donations.

*Cindy Ott, LGS XXIV*

## LGS Educational Series

The LGS Alumni Association is pleased to offer an LGS Educational Series during the 2009/2010 class year. In our commitment to continuous leadership development, we will be presenting classes that will teach and refine the skills necessary for business, leadership and life. During this 4-Part series, local and regional speakers will teach skills in the following areas: Business, Leadership, Motivation, Sales & Marketing, Team Building, Communications and Balancing your Life. These diverse and dynamic speakers bring an interesting approach to teaching. These classes will be educational, inspirational and most of all fun! Please make plans to attend all 4. You won't be disappointed! Registration is required as seating is limited. Watch your emails for more details and please register quickly to secure your space.

**Mark your Calendar!! The first of our four part Educational Series is:**

### **“Improv Your Business”**

Presented by Gina Trimarco, President of Carolina Improv Company

**Wed, November 11, 2009**

**9am-11am**

**38<sup>th</sup> Ave. Fire Station**

**Sign up online at: [www.ChamberAcademy.com](http://www.ChamberAcademy.com)**

**\$10 Alumni Association Members**

**\$20 Chamber Members**

**\$45 Non-Members**

It's not a typo. We meant to say “Improv” instead of “Improve”. If you're tired of the same old, traditional training programs, consider an improv (improvisation) training program that enhances your innate abilities to improvise in a way that will improve your business (and personal) skills. Based on improv comedy, this type of training is becoming more popular amongst companies to help employees in several areas, including teambuilding, communication, listening, flexibility to change, innovation, problem-solving, quick thinking, and overall productivity.



Gina is the founder of Carolina Improv Company and oversees all aspects of the company, including teaching all individual adult classes, facilitating corporate training programs and directing/producing improv shows.

Information on the following series will be sent out prior to the date along with sign up information.

### **“Personal Accountability- Making it MY Priority”**

Presented by Eileen Soisson, President of The Meeting Institute

Thurs, January 14, 2010

9am-11am

Chamber Board Room

### **“Creating Lasting Change – How to initiate and sustain cycles of success in any area of life”**

Presented by Scott Jackson, *Success in Life – the Power of Personal Vision*

Wed, March 10, 2010

11am-1pm

Chamber Board Room

### **“Traditional vs. High Performance Paradigm”**

*(includes a very interactive exercise called “The Box Factory”)*

Presented by Tom Raub, Founder and President of The Raub Group, LLC

Tues, May 18, 2010

9am-11am

38<sup>th</sup> Ave. Fire Station

# LGS ALUMNI MILESTONES

**Blakely Jenkins (Class XXIX)** was named the 2009 Myrtle Beach recipient of the *Smith, Sapp, Bookhout, Crumpler & Calliham Award* for Young Professionals \*\* **Ann Kilgore (Class XX)** is working for Wachovia Bank and has relocated to Greenville, SC after 24 great years in Myrtle Beach \*\* **John Rueben Long, II (Class XXIX)** will be opening "The Law Office of J. Reuben Long, II" located at 1208 Third Avenue, Conway in October \*\* **Kimberly Miles (Class XXIX)** recently joined the Board of Directors for the Atlantic Stage Company, the Myrtle Beach area's first and only professional theatre company \*\* **Karen Miller (Class XXIX)** has become the General Manager at the Fairfield Inn by Marriott at Broadway at the Beach \*\* **Ralph Pandura (Class XXIV)** accepted a position with First Federal in their Wealth Management Division/ Premier Relationship Group as a Senior Relationship Manager covering the Grand Strand area \*\* **Dr. David W. Powers (Class XXV)** has officially kicked off his Presidential campaign for 2028 \*\* **W. David Rhodes, IV (Class XXIII)** was promoted to Vice President at Carolina First Bank. He is a Commercial Relationship Manager responsible for the Grand Strand or Horry and Georgetown Counties \*\* **Gael Sansbury (Class XIII)** is the Cinema Advertising Sales Representative with Screen Vision Direct \*\* **Jennifer Wattenbarger (Class XI)** was inducted into NMB Sand Flea Living Legends in 2008 and in October of 2009 will be inducted into the Shag Hall of Fame.

*Blakely Jenkins, LGS XXIX*

