A Word from the Executive Director

It is a new class year (Welcome Class XXXIII!) and we have kicked off another Leadership Grand Strand class with our retreat at the Wampee Conference Center. The leadership training by Eileen Soisson was amazing (as always) and her group exercises really worked to bring the class together. The lifelines presented by the class were at times funny and at others very moving. This year we even had the addition of a visualization exercise, and a floral themed presentation to add to the unique presentations we have seen over the years. Of course, the food at Wampee was good ‘ole southern cooking that left us all with the need to diet upon returning! It truly ended up being a great time for the class to learn about each other, themselves and of course to emphasize what LGS is all about.

The LGS Board of Regents did a fantastic job this year putting together a great 9-month program, choosing projects and further fine-tuning the LGS experience. Each year this group strives to take the program to the next level.

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 2012-2013, 25 hours will be spent helping the Youth Leadership Academy, 30 hours will be spent assisting the Boys & Girls Club of Horry County, 10 hours will be spent working on the Ann DeBock Leadership Award project, five hours will be spent on Adopt-A-Highway (with the LGS Alumni Association). For the remaining 30 hours, class members will volunteer for a community organization of their choice.

I want to say a special thank you to our LGS Class 33 sponsors:

Their generosity in these tough economic times is truly appreciated. We could not continue to grow and fund our program without their assistance.

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

Leadership Grand Strand Class XXXIII:
- Blake Arp, Burroughs & Chapin Co
- Lynn Bastian, First Presbyterian Church of Myrtle Beach
- Felicia Beaty, Waccamaw Regional Transit Authority dba Coast RTA
- Rachel Beckerman, Ocean Lakes Family Campground
- Scott Brown, Myrtle Beach Pelicans
- Shannon Castle, Myrtle Beach Police Department
- Hailey Clifton, Myrtle Beach Area Hospitality Association
- Bradley Daniels, Croissants Bistro and Bakery
- Kim DaRoja, Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce
- Rusty Gaskins, KRA
- Jay Hoodenpyl, Nexen Pruet, LLC
- Donald C. Hovis, Jr., Springmaid Beach Resort
- Elizabeth Howland, Miller-Motte Technical College
- Michael Jordan, The Brandon Agency
- Dawn Kinard, Coastal Carolina National Bank
- Candace Klixbull, Indigo Therapy Specialists, LLC
- Bryan Lewis, Santee Cooper
- Melanie McMurrain, Children's Museum of South Carolina
- Billy Nichols, Dunes Realty
- Lauree Richardson Ortiz, Horry County Solicitor's Office
- Jennifer Overholt-Mau, Horry Georgetown Technical College
- Amy Patel, The Conway National Bank
- Jacob Roberts, The Home Depot
- John Rowe, First Federal Bank
- Geoff Ruswinckel, Carolina Home Exteriors
- Todd Setzer, A&I Fire and Water Restoration
- Ryan Smith, American Medical Women's Association
- Robert Stinnet, WonderWorks
- Karl T. Strohminger, Boy Scouts of America
- Michael Thomas, ProTec Plus, Inc.

We still have a graduation ceremony co-sponsorship available for $750 with Horry Telephone Cooperative. If you are interested or know of a potential sponsor, please contact me directly at LGS@VisitMyrtleBeach.com or 916-7222.
We are in the second year for the Adopt a Highway program. Our assigned area is located by Coastal Grande Mall and extends to the Airport Diner on Highway 17 South. After our first year of this program, we completed four clean ups and kept our area clean of debris. The schedule for all four clean ups are as follows for this year:

- **Saturday, September 29**
- **Saturday, December 1**
- **Saturday, February 23**
- **Saturday, April 20**

All clean ups begin at 9am with everyone meeting in the parking lot by Abuelos at Coastal Grande Mall to receive the safety instructions and an orange vest.

This community service project is a great opportunity for the current class, who have this project as part of their community service hours, to meet and get to know Alumni members!

Please contact Rebecca Murphy at 843-848-6622 or via email at rmurphy@mbtravelpark.com if you would like to volunteer for the upcoming clean up on September 29.
Ann DeBock Scholarship Fund

The Ann DeBock Scholarship Fund was established to honor our first Executive Director’s memory by providing financial assistance to future participants on a basis of need. Ann would be so happy to know how much this program has grown and the number of scholarships that have been given in her memory.

The past two years, the scholarship fund has been a priority for the LGS Board of Regents members & Ann DeBock Scholarship Committee, which has made strides to develop core levels and make donations tax deductible. The levels for individual donors will increase each year as your gift will be counted cumulatively since 2010.

Leadership Grand Strand is about enhancing leadership skills, self-knowledge and community needs awareness while promoting bonding within each class. Future LGS classes depend on your help to continue on this scholarship fund.

Please consider giving to the scholarship fund—any amount helps towards the ultimate goal of helping build future leaders. Checks should be made payable to the Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce Education Foundation. Write Ann DeBock Scholarship Fund in the memo section. Please mail your checks and fill out pledge card below to:

Leadership Grand Strand
Ann DeBock Scholarship Fund
P.O. Box 2115
Myrtle Beach, SC 29578

Together, we can make this program inclusive of a greater segment of the community, which, in turn, brings more community to all of us. Thank you for your consideration.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Diana D. Greene, Executive Director for Leadership Grand Strand at (843) 916-7222 or at LGS@VisitMyrtleBeach.com.
Gloria Bonali (Class XVII) will be leaving the area as of Saturday, August 25. She will be moving to southern Illinois. It was great knowing all in the LGS and she wishes everyone good fortune. **Juliet Casper (Class XXIII) was elected the state secretary for the General Federal Of Women’s Clubs, South Carolina. **Dr. Debbie Conner (Class XXI) recently took over as Vice President for Student Affairs at Coastal Carolina University on July 1. In this position she will be overseeing all areas of student life outside the classroom. **Lisa Davis (Class XXI) left AVX after nearly 30 years and worked at Coastal Carolina National Bank October 2008 through August 2012 as the VP, Human Resources and Training Manager. Lisa’s granddaughter also turned three in May 2012 and is a joy in our lives.  **Stephanie English (Class XXIX) is now an account executive with DSL Marketing/ New Media Hospitality Solutions in Myrtle Beach. **Carolyn Greaves (Class XXVII) is a proud Grandma to granddaughter Riley Marie Floyd; born on April 25, 2012 to parents Danielle M. Dulaney (daughter) Chet Floyd who are engaged to be married June 8, 2013. **Tammy Johnson (Class XXIV) recently changed positions at First Federal to Mortgage Loan Originator. She covers the Conway and Socastee/Carolina Forest areas. **Barb Krumm (Class XVII) was elected President of the Carolinas Association of RV Parks & Campgrounds (CARVC). The association represents campgrounds in North and South Carolina and is affiliated with the National Association of RV Parks & Campgrounds (ARVC). **Ian McGuire (Class XXI) and his wife, Jennifer welcomed their four child, a girl, Saoirse Elizabeth, on August 13, 2012. **John Sawyer (Class XXVI) and his wife Lauren welcomed baby girl, Taylor Jordan, on June 30, 2012. **Daniel Sine (Class XXIII) married Michelle Ponsler Sine (Class XXVII) on August 11, 2012 in Myrtle Beach. **Wes Standish (Class XXIX) was named president of Coastal Carolina Sertoma in July. **Steven G. Strickland (Class XXIX) recently published a book on Murrells Inlet history as part of the Images of America series by Arcadia publishing. **Robert W. Squatriglia (Class IV) continues to serve as founding volunteer and Director of the CCU Veterans Association, which is an organization comprised of alumni, staff/faculty (active or retired) who have honorably served or are serving in one of our nation's military branches of service. Eligible individuals should contact Robert for details at drbob@coastal.edu. **Rebecca N. Tompkins, Class (XXXI) and her husband, Jonathan, welcomed their second child, Mary Elizabeth, on December 22, 2011. Rebecca continues to enjoy her marketing communications work at SPM Resorts, a timeshare management company.