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Leadership:

"Leadership is the capacity to translate vision into reality."

~Warren Bennis

"A noble leader answers not to the trumpet calls for self promotion but to the hushed whispers of necessity."

~Mollie Marti

"We must be silent before we can listen. We must listen before we can learn. We must learn before we can prepare. We must prepare before we can serve. We must serve before we can lead."

~William Arthur Ward

"What is **LWF Alumni Connection?**" one might ask. As LWF Class of 2014 starts, so starts a new medium from the LWF board of directors to help LWF alumni get—and stay—connected within our community.

The mission of LWF is to "Produce community leaders." Once produced, what are these new leaders to do? Get involved! Stay involved! Make a difference!

LWF's purpose is "To recruit, develop, and prepare individuals for civic leadership whilst providing a foundation and ongoing opportunities for community involvement." The monthly LWF

Alumni Connection newsletter serves as a circular to inform LWF alums of community involvement opportunities.

LWF shares the common belief that the single most important ingredient in building a successful community is an investment in leadership. Since 1979, LWF has been providing a foundation for ongoing community involvement through a spirit of unity, lifelong friendships, and the renewed commitment to make Wichita Falls and the surrounding area a better place for us all.

Youth Leadership is a joint project between LWF and WFISD.

Since 1993, the youth of our community have enthusiastically embraced a journey that empowers each of them to realize the need for positive change and growth within our community as well as promotes their own personal growth.

If you know of a need or an opportunity for LWF alum to serve or otherwise get involved in the community, use this newsletter to help publicize that need or opportunity.

Send your newsletter ideas and inputs to the LWF Alumni Committee via the following email address: lwf.alumni@gmail.com.



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Tom Natalie Award Recipient Recovering

On the morning of January 7, 2014, Dr. Michaelle Kitchen—LWF Class of 1995—lost her home to fire. Dr. Kitchen is a long-time supporter of LWF through her coordination of the Common Ground programs for both adult and youth curricula. She currently serves as a faculty member and department chair in the West College of Education at Midwestern State University. In 2010, LWF presented

Dr. Kitchen its highest honor: the Tom Natale Award.

All in the family are safe and well. Dr. Kitchen would greatly appreciate prayers of gratitude for the safety of her family and prayers for peace and decisions that will be made in the coming future.

A fund has been established at the Midwestern State University Credit Union for those who would like to help defray costs during

this time. Please direct any contributions to the Michaelle Kitchen Fire Recovery Fund. Contributions may be made in person or via mail; cash and check only (no debit/credit cards or telephone transactions). The address for the MSU Credit Union is:

MSU Credit Union
Attn: Michaelle Kitchen Fire Recovery Fund, 3410 Taft Blvd.,
Wichita Falls, TX 76308

Community Opportunities: Boards/Commissions



City of Wichita Falls
Boards & Commissions

Currently, the city of Wichita Falls has vacancies on the following boards and commissions:

Emergency Medical Services Board

Traffic Safety Commission

Veterans Advisory Council

Zoning Board of Adjustment

For more information, contact the City Clerk at 940.761.7409 or visit the following website:

<http://www.wichitafallstx.gov/index.aspx?nid=1058>.



Wichita Falls
Independent School District

The Wichita Falls Independent School District Board of Trustees plans to hold a Board of Trustees Election on May 10, 2014, for the purpose of electing School Trustees in District 1 and two At-Large Trustees.

Beginning January 7, 2014, a packet of information became available in the superintendent's office for interested candidates.

For more information on the duties of board members, visit the following website: <http://www.wfisd.net/Page/11480>.

Community Opportunities: Volunteer

Read 2 Learn. The WFISD Partners in Education is in need of volunteers who are committed to helping students achieve maximum academic achievement through the building of strong reading skills. These volunteers agree to meet and read to an assigned student from 1-3 times a week for approximately 30 minutes each session. To sign up or for more information, contact January Jones at 940.235.1009 or jjones@wfisd.net.

www.wfisd.net/Page/14989

Wichita Falls Area Food Bank. The WFAFB is in need of volunteers to help pack produce bags as part of the Produce Express program serving 12-county area. Date/Time: Anytime Mon - Fri between 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.; groups wanting to volunteer on Saturdays, please call to arrange a time. To sign up or for more information, contact Terry Morton at 940.766.2322 or terrymorton@wfabf.org.

<http://wfabf.org/>

58th Annual Kiwanis Pancake Festival. Volunteers needed to work 3-4 hour shifts cooking or serving sausages, pouring drinks, directing customers, clearing tables and other similar tasks necessary to serve the 14,000 people expected to attend the event. Saturday, Jan 25. Shift times from 6 a.m. - 6 p.m. Bridwell Ag Barn by the MPEC in Wichita Falls. Free pancake meal for volunteers. Contact Phil Brooks at 940.228.0420 or pbrooks817@aol.com.



“Servant leadership is a philosophy and set of practices that enriches the lives of individuals, builds better organizations and ultimately creates a more just and caring world.”

~Robert K. Greenleaf

Other agencies with continual needs for volunteer support:

Big Brothers, Big Sisters 940.767.2447 or wfinfo@bbbstx.org

Boys and Girls Club of Wichita Falls and Burkburnett 940.322.2012 or <http://www.bgcwf.org/> or <http://www.burkburnettbgc.org/>

Children's Aid Society 940.322.3141 or <http://www.caswf.com/>

Christmas in Action 940.696.9393 or <http://www.christmasinactionwftx.org/>

Faith Mission 940.723.5663
Or <http://faithmissionwf.org/>

Faith Refuge 940.322.4673 or <http://www.faithrefugewf.org/>

First Step 940.723.1646 or <http://firststep.org/>

Patsy's House 940.723.1646

NAMI Wichita Falls 940.244. NAMI (6264) or namiwichitafalls-info@gmail.com

Salvation Army 940.687.2051

The Kitchen 940.322.6232 or www.thekitchenwf.org/

Wichita County Teen Court <http://wcteencourt.org/> Or 940.716.8575

Wichita Falls Adult Literacy Council 940.766.1954 or <http://www.wfwalc.org/>

To be added to the list, contact us via lwf.alumni@gmail.com.

Class of 2011 Fundraiser: THOR!

Texoma's Hellacious Obstacle Run (THOR) returns April 12, 2014, with the first group run starting at 9 a.m.

THOR is a non-profit, 5(ish)K race benefitting Communities in Schools and other needy North Texas organizations.

The off-road adventure starts near the Bridwell Ag Center and winds along the Wichita River, past the Falls, through Camp Fillers, through Lucy Park and back to Bridwell. Fierce obstacles and mud-riddled trails

stand between participants and victHORY.

Volunteers are needed to set up, work, clean up, and tear down obstacles.

Volunteers are needed throughout the day. Lunch will be provided. Volunteers are expected to dress appropriately for the weather and type of work. For set up and tear down of obstacles: work clothes such as work boots, gloves, and long pants are expected for safety reasons. For the event-day

volunteers: sports workout attire would be appropriate. Do not wear anything you don't want to get dirty!

Each volunteer will receive a THOR t-shirt the day of volunteering...and memories that will last a lifetime!

Parking will be at the Bridwell Ag Center. Water and lunch will be provided.

THOR! Volunteer Coordinator is Lori Wilson. To volunteer, sign up online at www.wfthor.com.



Women Build: Fall 2014

Women Build: Girls build doll houses, women build homes.

Get started! This year's Habitat for Humanity of Wichita Falls' Women Build is meant to be a time of empowerment, encouragement, stepping out in faith, learning new skills, making new friends, and having fun. And, oh yeah, a house will be built for a family in need!

The first step is to develop teams in your church, workplace, or just with friends and family. Once teams are estab-

lished, plans will begin as will the money raising. It takes \$45,000 to build a Habitat for Humanity house.

As a bonus for this year's event, organizers are teaming up with Proverbs 31 Ministries and Transformations for Women for a Women's Conference before the build officially begins.

Contact Chris at the Habitat for Humanity office for more details and to get signed up:

940.716.9300

vol-habitat@wf.net

www.habitatwf.com

The conference:

Saturday, September 13, 2014
at Grace Church

Doors open at 8 a.m., worship begins at 9 a.m., groundbreaking ceremony at noon.

Speakers are Suzie Eller (Proverbs 31 Ministries) and Kathie Best (Transformations for Women).

Habitat does many amazing things in our community, but they can do it only via amazing volunteers.

Without you, Habitat wouldn't be celebrating over 20 years in Wichita Falls. AND, volunteering for Habitat isn't always about hammers and nails, we have a little something for everyone to do. You can volunteer in the office, in the store, or on the job site. You can even serve on committees and Boards! Call Chris to find out more.



Community Event Calendars

How do find out what's going on in our community? If you're on a board, how do you get word to the community of your upcoming events and fundraisers?

Did you know there are a number of calendars available online from which you can learn of /announce needs and events?

The following links are surely but a few available for our area:

Main city (Wichita Falls):
<http://www.wichitafallstx.gov/calendar.aspx>

Texomashomepage.com:
<http://www.texomashomepage.biz/events.asp>

Choose Wichita Falls:
<http://choosewichitafalls.com/>

Wichita Falls Convention & Visitor's Center:
<http://wichitafalls.org/events/>

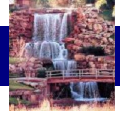
Wichita Falls Downtown Proud:
<http://downtownproud.com/events/>

Town Planner:
<http://www.townplanner.com/Wichita-Falls/TX/Events>

Nonprofit Center of Wichita Falls:
<http://nonprofitcenterwf.org/calendar/>



If you know of other community event calendars, please share those sites with us at lwf.alumni@gmail.com



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The 36th Leadership Wichita Falls (LWF) class—The Best Class Ever!—started January 11, 2014. A total of 40 adults from more than 30 private and public sectors came together to start their involvement in a 17-week, 17-session program that covers a broad spectrum of goals set by the LWF organization. See the complete schedule, below.

During Orientation, the tradition of “food” name assignments started with “Candy Crystal” and ended with “Kamikaze Carl.” Between, classmates assigned themselves names such as “Amaretto Amber,” “Angus Amir,” “White Bread Brendan,” “Nutter Butter Nina,” “Cinnamon Cindy,” “Cauliflower Colley,” “Jam Jeff,” “Hot Tamale Hannah,” “Sugar Shane” [complete with hip shimmy] “Sweet Tart Sandy,” “Jambalaya Jessie,” “Champagne Shae,” “Juniper Berry Johnny,” “M&M Michelle,” the name nobody will forget: “Dum Dum David,” and about a dozen more.

For the 3rd year, Class of 2011 alum, Jim Angell, rendered his services as portraiture for each class member, and Class of 2003 alum, Stephen Santellana offered his 8th—“or is it [my] 9th”—year to lead a team-building Road Rally.

In addition to the Adult Program, the 2014 Youth Leadership Program, for 30 local teens, starts January 27, 2014. Students from Hirschi, Rider, and Wichita Falls high schools make up the Youth Leadership class. Program leaders will introduce the teens to several leadership-building programs from February to May. Complete schedule is below.

We’re on the Web!

www.leadershipwff.org

[www.facebook.com/
groups/123983764313053/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/123983764313053/)

2014 Adult & Youth Leadership Program Schedules

Adult Programs

January 11* Orientation & Road Rally
January 14.....Health
January 21..... Leadership I
January 28* Education
February 4..... Leadership II
February 11..... What’s Happening in WF
February 22*Community Awareness
February 25*Government
March 4.....Public Safety I
March 11..... Alumni/Sponsors
March 25*SAFB/Nonprofits
March 29..... Ropes
April 1.....Common Ground
April 8* Special Needs
April 22..... Public Safety II
May 2-3*Retreat
May 6..... Graduation

*Denotes day program. Schedule subject to change.

Youth Programs

January 27* Focus Meeting
February 1..... Orientation
February 5..... Special Needs
February 11..... Education
February 18..... City Gov’t & Public Safety
February 22..... Service Project #1
February 25..... Sheppard Air Force Base
March 4..... In the News
March 11* Teen Court
March 25* Etiquette Dinner
March 29..... Ropes
April 12..... Service Project #2
April 16..... Common Ground
April 24* Health
April 26..... Service Project #3
May 5* Graduation

*Denotes evening program.

Schedule subject to change.

Board of Directors (Class of)

Marla Malone (2010) Chair
Matthew Park (2004) Chair Elect
Michelle Wood (2008) Immediate Past
Chair/ Alumni
LeAnn Scharbrough (2010) Secretary
Tina Taylor (2009) Treasurer
Stewart Harvey (2012) Governance
Michael Mills (2005) M&FD*
Ricardo Sandoval (2013) M&FD*
Clayton Hein (2011) M&FD*
Chris Aday (2013) M&FD*
Shelly Agee (2012) M&FD*
Julie Ayres (2013) Adult Programs
Cynthia Laney (2009) Adult Programs
Donna Vaughn (2001) Adult Programs
Missy Seay (2008) Adult Programs
Vicki Donahue (2013) Youth Programs
Carla Rogers (2012) Youth Programs
Jan Vela (2012) Youth Programs
Jessica Bennett (2013) Youth Programs
Gene Strouth (2003) Alumni
Stephanie Gorham (2012) Alumni
*Marketing and Fund Development