

LWF Alumni Connection

It's January. That means it's time for another LWF class to begin. And, begin it did. On January 10th, 34 of 36 members of the Class of 2015 ("Best Class Ever!") started their 5-month journey of community discovery.

The 36 class members represent 29 businesses. Find out which business on page 2—see *Class of 2015 "Roll Call."*

The first day was a full day. It was filled with ice-breaker/team-building activities. Given balloons, teams had to build a free-standing object that would tower as high as possible.

Another activity was 2 Truths and a Lie. The game is really

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quite simple. One person makes two true statements about him-/herself and one false one without letting others know which is which. Everyone else's job is to guess which statements are true and which statement is false.

Another activity: Purses and Pockets. Given a list of common items, teams earned points by producing the objects if found in their purses, pockets, or on their persons.

In the afternoon, Dr. Michaelle Kitchen (Class of 1995)—a class favorite every year—discussed Diversity in the Work-

place and administered the short version on the Myers-Briggs personality test. Results to be disclosed at a later date.

For the Road Rally, nine teams hit the streets of Wichita Falls:

- #1—The Avengers
- #2—Gnarly Navigators
- #3—Puzzles
- #4—Texoma's Most Wanted
- #5—Electric Fritters
- #6—BCE (Best Class Ever)
- #7—Fast & Classy
- #8—The Terrific Turtles Driven by "Tortellini" Tessa
- #9—Misguided

Team #4 took 1st place, team #5 came in 2nd, and team #1 finished last. Walking away with the Paul Walker Award (for fastest driver—*Fast & Furious*) was "Steak" Steve Beggs, and carrying off the Morgan Freeman Award (for the slowest driver—*Driving Miss Daisy*) was "Fruity Fidel Mitchell.

Orientation and Road Rally was sponsored by All-American Car Wash.

www.allamericansupercarwash.com

To see who makes up the members of the latest Best Class Ever, Class of 2015, see *Class of 2015 "Roll Call"* on page 2.

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Webster's defines "leadership" as "the power or ability to lead other people."

On January 13th, Mark Lukert road into town to teach the Class of 2015 that leadership is about relationships and team building.

No death by PowerPoint during this session but rather a bit of information provided, followed by an activity...and repeat.

Mr. Lukert exposed the class members to principles of leadership using puzzles, balloons, strings, rubber bands, and hula

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hoops. No, to some it may not sound like the makings of a good leadership lesson, but those who would think so would be wrong.

Working in teams, class members assembled puzzles, but some puzzles had extra pieces and/or missing pieces. The exercise demonstrated that not all problems are easy or straight forward in their resolution. But, when working as a team, solutions are achievable—using the individual skills

of each team member collectively to solve the problem.

The balloons were used to demonstrate the effects of positive and negative human characteristics upon the efforts of teams when trying to accomplish a task.

To learn more about the team-building activities Mr. Lukert employs, visit his website at www.marklukert.com.

Leadership I was sponsored by Lone Star Highway Products. www.lonestarhighwayproducts.com



Class of 2015 "Roll Call"

"Apricot" Analisa Allison
Advantage Real Estate

"Klondike" Mike Harbuck
American Classifieds

"Gumbo" Greg Pritt
Sheppard AFB

"Licorice" Luke Beaulieu
Sheppard AFB

"Mike & Ike" Mike Hopper
Vernon College

"Mushroom" Mario Ramirez
Midwestern State University

"Steak" Steve Beggs
United Regional Health Care System

"Kiwi" Kim Jetton
New Life Home Healthcare Services

"Jalapeno" Jon Reese
City of Wichita Falls—Fire Department

"Jack Cheese" Jesse Brown
Midwestern State University

"Candy Kiss" Kyle Johnson
Jerry's Sporting Goods

"Enchilada" Eric Rodriguez
State Comptroller / Zavala

"Mimosa" Mayra Delgadillo
Wells Fargo Bank

"V8" Vonda Keel
IntegraCare Home Health & Hospice

"Asparagus" Allison St John
Arts Council of WF, Inc. (The Forum)

"Java" Justin Dickey
First Christian Church

"Gherkin" Gary Keeney
Keeno's Beef Jerky

Christie "Cream" Taylor
Sheppard AFB

"Gourmet" Gordon Drake
Oncor

"Eggplant" Emily Kincaid
First Step, Inc.

"Krispy Kreme" Kim Taylor
Wichita County Medical Society

"Avocado" Alex Eaton
Union Square Federal Credit Union

"California Roll" Cody Magana
Albert Moving & Storage

"Meatball" Monty Toliver
Wichita Appraisal District

"Ziti" Zach Farquhar
Hirschi Realtors

"Fruity" Fidel Mitchell
WF Convention & Visitors Bureau

DeJuan "Worcestershire" Wallace
Sheppard AFB

"Kettle Corn" Kathryn Ferguson
Ferguson-Veresh

"M&M" Morgan Mori
Fidelity Bank

"Apple Pie" Amanda Walton
Midwestern State University

"Artichoke" Andrea Grassi
Aramark

"Tiramisu" Tracy Norr
City of Wichita Falls

"Lentil" Lynn Wiesen
United Regional Health Care System

"Daiquiri" Danette Hall
Specialty Nurses Home Health Care

"Caviar" Candace Pichoff
United Regional Physician Group

"Tortellini" Tessa Yates
The Women's Clinic



Help! LWF Needs Your Assistance

Since its inception, Leadership Wichita Falls has produced over 1,100 alums. As you might imagine, keeping up with that many people is quite a task. Even as technology makes the task easier, it can still be rather daunting.

The LWF board currently has email addresses for only 437 alumni members. And of those, when the board reaches out to them, the contact percentages vary between 22-48 percent. We've reached as few as 97 and as many as 177 with each of our 42 (to date) Mail-Chimp.com mailings.

For each month in 2015, a list of names of alums for whom

we do not have an email address will be posted in this newsletter. Also included in the posted list will be people for whom we do have an email address, but for whatever reason, the alums are not opening our mailings. True, it is possible they are reading the mailings but for some reason Mail-Chimp is not recording them.

You can help us by contacting those alum you know and asking them to contact us with a "good" email address (one they'll use to read our mailings) with which we can keep in touch. Direct all correspondence to our alumni email address lwf.alumni@gmail.com.

Class of 2014:

Lori Ramsey

Michael Smith

Class of 2013:

Tony DiSanto

Class of 2012:

Tina Bounds-Childer

Jennifer Tansey Briley

Mark Bullock

Ben Crabb

Bill Dixon

Bob Elmore

Julie Gilmore

Brenda Ginnings

Michael Hicks

Jennifer Horton

Colby Huffman

Jason Jentsch

Blake Jurecek

Donnie Kirk

Katie Lovelace

Carlos Ruiz

Suzanne Stone

Samuel Sutton

New Briefs



Great downtowns don't just happen. Who wants to support downtown development?

This is your chance to help shape the future of downtown. WF Downtown Proud's 2015 Membership Drive is on. Be Downtown Proud and show your support by becoming a member of Downtown Wichita Falls Development. Memberships start for as low as \$50! Check out their website for more details.

www.downtownproud.com



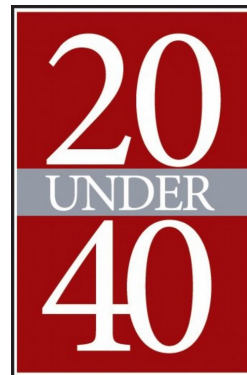
Lake Wichita Chapter of Friends of Reservoirs is a tax-deductible non-profit foundation dedicated to restoring fisheries habitat in Lake Wichita.

Learn more by visiting www.facebook.com/ourlakeourlife and www.waterhabitatlife.org



Save the date! Friday, February 6, 6:00 p.m. at the Wichita Falls Country Club.

Dancing for the Stars Wichita Falls is an exciting event for Big Brothers Big Sisters and the Midwestern State University Small Business Development Center. This fundraising event will showcase local celebrity dancers paired with local dance instructors, all raising funds by gaining votes! Then the dancers come together to compete in a one night gala dance competition. Two LWF alums are dancing this year: Cash Back Jack (Brenden Bell, Class of 2014) and Anthony Patterson (Class of 2008). See more at www.bbbstx.org/faf/home/default.asp?ie-vent=1127584#sthash.wlcHHV6S.dpuf



Celebrate emerging leaders on January 27th.

The Times Record News, Midwestern State University, and First Bank will award the 2014 Class of 20 Under 40 up-and-coming community leaders for their accomplishments and positive impact they are making on our community.

Tuesday, January 27th

Wellington Banquet & Conference Center

Tickets: \$20 each, Table of 10 for \$150. Purchase at Times Record News or by calling 940.767.8341.



It's that time of year again and the Nonprofit Center is taking applications NOW for the FREE upcoming On Board Class!

Are you currently serving or wanting to serve on a board?

Do you know what to expect when serving on a board?

Do you have questions about board service?

If you answered YES to any of these questions then this is the class for you!

Visit the Nonprofit Center's website for more information: www.nonprofitcenterwf.org.

Please share this information if you may know someone who could benefit from this program.

All applications are accepted until they reach full capacity: 24 participants.

Tuition is waived.



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The THOR Steering Committee is forming—and there's a place for YOU!

The committee can use you as the Sponsorship Coordinator, or to help with marketing, or to volunteer in many other ways.

The Sponsorship Coordinator(s) work closely with the committee chair and the other committees to identify, recruit, and recognize event sponsors.

The Marketing Coordinators are responsible for the coordination and oversight of marketing

and promotional efforts related to THOR—and they could use assistance.

Neither of these quite your cup of tea? How about helping any of these other coordinators: Registration, THOR Village, Volunteers, or the On-site coordinator.

Volunteers are also needed to help with the trail and obstacles before during and after the event.

Not sure what THOR is? One might ask, "Where have you

been the past 3 years?" To learn more about Texoma's Hellacious Obstacle Run and the good it's doing for our community, visit www.wfthor.com.

If you are interested in being a coordinator, assisting a coordinator, or volunteering in any other capacity, shoot us an email to lwfalumni@gmail.com today.



www.leadershipwff.org

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2015 Schedules

Adult Programs

January 10* Orientation & Road Rally
January 13..... Leadership I
January 20..... Health
January 27..... Education
February 3..... Leadership II
February 10..... What's Happening in WF
February 17* Government
February 28* Community Awareness
March 3..... Public Safety I
March 10..... Alumni/Sponsors
March 24* SAFB/Nonprofits
March 28* Ropes
March 31..... Common Ground
April 7* Special Needs
April 21..... Public Safety II
May 1-2* Retreat
May 5..... Graduation

*Denotes day program.
Schedule subject to change.

Youth Programs

January 26* Focus Meeting
January 31..... Orientation
February 3..... Special Needs
February 10..... Education
February 17* Etiquette Dinner
February 24* Teen Court
February 28..... Service Project #1
March 3..... City Gov't & Public Safety
March 24..... Sheppard AFB
March 28..... Ropes
March 31..... In the News
April 2..... Common Ground
April 11..... Service Project #2
April 14* Health
April 25..... Service Project #3
April 28..... Youth in Action
May 4* Graduation

*Denotes evening program.
Schedule subject to change.

Board of Directors (Class of)

Executive Committee:

Matthew Park (2004) Chair
M&FD, Finance, Governance
LeAnn Scharbrough (2010) Chair Elect
M&FD, Governance chair
Michael Mills (2005) Secretary
M&FD
Marla Malone (2010) Treasurer
Chair Immediate Past Chair, M&FD, Finance

Board Members:

Cammie Dean (2010) Youth Programs
Carla Rogers (2012) Youth Programs, Governance
Chris Aday (2013) Adult Programs, Alumni
Clayton Hein (2011) M&FD
Donna Vaughn (2001) Adult Programs
Gene Strouth (2003) Alumni chair, Governance
Jackie Hamm (2012) Adult Programs, Alumni, Finance
Jan Driver (2012) Youth Programs
Julie Ayres (2013) Adult Programs co-chair
Michael Boyle (1996) M&FD co-chair, Finance
Missy Seay (2008) Adult Programs co-chair
Shelly Mills (2012) Alumni, M&FD
Stephen Santellana (2003) M&FD co-chair
Steve Sims (2012) Youth Programs
Tina Taylor (2009) Alumni, Finance
Vicki Donahue (2013) Youth Programs chair

M&FD = Marketing & Fund Development