

Because of Leadership...Because of Leaders

Anne Gold, LBC Class of 2002, was recently honored as a National Distinguished Principal, one of 63 from across the nation and abroad. Anne is the principal of Vincent Farm Elementary School in White Marsh. The two-day event honoring the recipients in Washington, DC included a reception at the U.S. State Department, a White House tour, opportunities to discuss issues facing education today, and a black-tie awards dinner. We are thrilled for Anne and honored to have her as an Alumnae of Leadership Baltimore County.

Ellen Torres, Class of 2008, has been promoted to Director of Development for Catholic Charities Child & Family Services. In addition to St. Vincent's Villa, Ellen is responsible for raising funds for all of the other 20+ programs of the division.

Mike Hermann, Class of 2008, has accepted a position at Seattle University as Associate Athletics Director, External Relations.

Congratulations to **Lisa Gobrecht**, member of the current LBC Class of 2011, for being named president of Daft-McCune-Walker.

Our condolences to LBC board member **Scott Phillips** for the passing of his mother. A memorial scholarship fund has been named in her honor. Edna and Norman Phillips Memorial Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 16, Randallstown, MD 21133.



DATES TO REMEMBER

November 15th
LBC Class of 2011 Health Seminar

November 29th
LBC Alumni Committee Meeting
8:00 a.m.-LBC Offices



December 6th
LBC Alumni Holiday Party
Schilling Green Building
230 Schilling Circle
Hunt Valley, MD 21031
5:00-7:00 p.m.

Schilling Green is the first LEED-CS Platinum building in the Baltimore Metro area. A representative from Merritt Properties will be on hand to showcase the features of the building.

*Please remember to bring an unwrapped gift for a needy child. CAN will distribute the gifts at holiday time. Thank you.

Alumni Events Policy

Events are free of charge to all dues-paying alumni. It is our policy that if you register for an event and do not cancel or do not attend, we will charge you \$25 to cover our costs. Thank you for your cooperation and consideration.

Op Ed

CAMPAIGN SEASON

By Raymond Daniel Burke, LBC Class of 1985

As the general election season begins to swing into full gear, what passes these days for political debate and analysis is hardly inspiring. We can expect to spend the early fall constantly bombarded with platitudinous sound bites and spin intended to invoke some guttural reaction in a target group. It is mostly attention grabbing drivel that does very little to promote a meaningful discussion about policies and governance. Much of it is now carried on in self-publishing blogs and social networking sites, where it has both unlimited access to the public forum, and freedom from the scrutiny that used to be the function of a truly independent press. Long on pious preaching and short on substance, these diatribes most frequently champion an us versus them mentality that is often nothing more than demagoguery aimed to stir up fear and prejudice, and, in doing so, create a sycophantic following. Indeed, the political process has become almost entirely about what divides us rather than what we have in common.

In fact, it is the common interests who should be at the forefront of our political conversation. It is, after all, our common interests that are the basis of why, as Jefferson put it, governments are instituted among men. It is the vehicle through which we secure our common interests in the unalienable rights of man that belong to us all. But the things that bind us together as a people get short shrift in the hysteria that is modern campaigning.

The influence of money in both our national discourse and our policy has been evident for some time, with staggering amounts being spent in even local campaigns. And it is a fact of political life that much political money is used, not in conveying a candidate's message, but in promoting or countering so-called advocacy ads that are the product of ever increasing organizational spending. This process is geared to diminish the prospects for honestly addressing the interests that we share in favor of an endless stream of media-driven partisan rancor.

Nevertheless, it is relatively simple to identify our common humanity and the role it should play in considering how we govern ourselves. This came home to me a few months ago when I attended my son's graduation of Hereford High School. The list of accomplishments – the number of students on honor roll, in advanced placement courses, and those with notable athletic achievements -- was a testament to a dedicated faculty and staff, and an engaged and supportive group of parents that we wish could exist in schools everywhere. But what stood out most was the fact that, no matter how different the families might be, in background, occupation, politics, they all had the very same desire. They all wanted to see their children grow up safe, healthy, and with the opportunity to live a fulfilling life. It is a simple sentiment, yet it is deeply rooted in all that we are as a nation and a people.

Surely there can be differing views about what policies are best suited to obtain those possibilities for ourselves and our posterity. In fact, political debate is meant to help us sort through the options. But as much as the current political climate might pay lip service to such fundamental goals of government, the system is set up in a way to ultimately be destructive of those ends. As long as it is beholden to the special interests that are its financial lifeline, it is those interests that will remain paramount.

Doin' Good In The Neighborhood

- Décor Galore: November 12th and November 13th

Junior League of Baltimore hosts a Décor Galore Sale located at the old SCAN Furniture Store in Timonium. Rock bottom prices for great, quality merchandise. Proceeds to benefit a multitude of programs sponsored by the Junior League. *An additional note: Junior League has space available for rent to groups, not for profit and for profit organizations in their new headquarters on York Road. Ideal for conferences, training sessions, group meetings and more. A Board Room and Multi-purpose room are available, with the Board Room seating 18 and Multipurpose Room accommodating 135. For more information, please contact Kate Sullivan, Class of 2011, at 410-713-0843.

- 16th Annual Towson Y Turkey Trot: November 25th

Lace up your sneakers on Thanksgiving Day and join us as we kick-off the Y Turkey Trot 5K races! Runners, walkers and families are invited to this fun-filled event. All proceeds benefit the Y's Safe Place for Kids Campaign which provides Y programs and services to children and families in need across Central Maryland and in your own backyard. Bring a friend and do something fun and active while helping others in your community! All ages are welcome and no previous experience is necessary. There's a Y Turkey Trot race happening near you! Call 410-823-8870 for more info.



Leadership Baltimore County Searching For Director of Alumni Relations

LBC Board Of Directors is searching for a candidate to fill the part-time staff position of Director of Alumni Relations. Candidate will report directly to the Executive Director and work closely with the LBC Alumni Board. Fundraising, grant-writing, computer skills (Microsoft Access), public relations and event planning a must. Part-time hours are flexible (20 hours per week), however, candidate must report to office each day.

Interested parties, please send resumes to:
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