

Because of Leadership...Because of Leadership...

Jim Barnes-'95 has been promoted to the position of National Service Sales Manager for the Mid-Atlantic Region of SimplexGrinnell.

Richard Doran-'00 has become Executive Director of Baltimore Neighborhoods, Inc. (BNI), a non-profit promoting justice in housing for all people in the state of Maryland.

Diana Thompson-'89 was recently elected president of the Harriett Tubman Underground Railroad Byway Board of Dorchester and Caroline Counties. Visit www.harriettubmanstudy.com.

Barry Williams, LBC '94 graduate and Eagle Scout, was recently honored at the 2008 Baltimore County Good Scout Awards breakfast.

Congratulations to Stephanie Dunn-Hunt-'03 on her appointment to the St. Agnes Foundation Board of Directors. Also, Stephanie's business, Dunn & Associates Public Relations, was recently named one of the BBJ's 2008 Top Women-Owned businesses. Congrats Steph!

Barry Luciani-'04 currently serves on the Leadership Baltimore County Board and recently joined the board of NeighborSpace with Amy Menzer-'08 and Kathy Martin-'08.

Steve Vassor-'08 has been named Chief of Recreation for the Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks.

Ossie Tate-'99 vice president of BGE Property Management & Wide Area Network has announced his retirement on January 1, 2009. Tate joined the company in 1976 as a programmer and quickly moved through a succession of positions with increased responsibilities. Best wishes.

Carol Dombrowski-'07, Lynn Berberich-'93, Sarah Mallonga-'08 and LBC staffer Annie Mondell visited Villa Maria, a residential housing facility for children of abuse, and held a pizza party with a craft project. The group works monthly with the girls on various art projects.

Alice Smith-'02 has been named President of the Hampden Family Center Board of Directors. LBC staffer and '98 LBC graduate Lyn Phelps is also a member of the Family Center board.



Dates to Remember

**Leadership Baltimore County
Information/Orientation Breakfast
Thursday, January 15, 2009
Kelly & Associates Insurance Group
301 International Circle
Hunt Valley, MD 21030**

LBC recruitment is at the forefront of our minds as we enter into the new year. Please help us spread the word about our upcoming information breakfast to those in your organization that you feel possess the qualities of a leadership candidate. Also consider colleagues, friends, suppliers, vendors, etc. This breakfast provides an opportunity for potential LBC candidates to learn about the program first-hand from graduates and staff. There is no cost to attend.

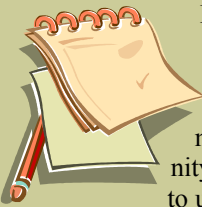
**LBC Alumni Event
Understanding The Financial Turmoil & What It Means To Maryland
Wednesday, January 28, 2009
Baltimore Branch of Federal Reserve
502 Sharp Street
Baltimore, MD 21201**

Confused by the events in the financial system over the past year? Are credit default swaps and collateralized debt obligations "Greek" to you? Come hear a layman's explanation of the recent financial system events and some expert opinions on their impact on the economy. Fed Economists Dr. R. Andrew Bauer and Dr. Robert Carpenter will explain the housing and financial market problems and what they mean to Maryland's businesses and communities.

**No Charge to Dues Paying Members
\$35 for Non-members**

This is a terrific opportunity to network with graduates from Leadership Baltimore County and GBC.

Notes From Elayne



Every year I say the same thing --
- I love the holiday party and this year was no exception. We had close to 100 people and just as many fantastic toys for Community Assistance Network to distribute to underserved children in Baltimore County. I noticed that everyone was very generous this year. There were a lot of large trucks, dolls, stuffed animals, games and of course as usual, John Hayden brought a girls bike and a boys bike! He claims he can never make up his mind so he buys both! All in all we gave 4 bikes and over 100 games and toys. Thank you all for your generosity.

Now that is one thing I love about the party, all the presents we give to children that otherwise would not get a gift. The second is of course seeing everyone. It is just so much fun catching up with everyone. I always feel like I am at a family reunion where you are so happy to see the family, but there is never enough time to talk to everyone. To those I did not have a chance to talk to, I am so sorry I missed you. Give me a call and maybe we can get together for breakfast or lunch.

The class of 2009 has planned some great seminar days. Believe it or not, even I am learning new things about Baltimore County! If anyone would like to attend a seminar day, just give a call and we will try to make the arrangements for you to attend.

I have always said that I have the best job in the world and I mean it. You have been my friends, my advisors, and my mentors. You have enriched my life just knowing you and being able to call and talk to you. Not many people can say they have 750 friends. I truly believe I do. So thank you for being my friends and thank you for supporting Leadership-Baltimore County for another year.

Best wishes for an especially good year.

Elayne

Sustainability Points for The County

County Executive Jim Smith recently announced a goal to cut the County's greenhouse gas emissions by 10 percent in the next 4 years. County Sustainability Director David Carroll emphasized the need to be proactive in reducing the County's impact on the environment, particularly relating to climate change resulting from greenhouse gas emissions.

The first step in developing the County's sustainability strategy was to commission an inventory of the greenhouse gas emissions generated by County government operations and the residential and commercial sectors. Jim Smith released this inventory that estimates 2006 greenhouse gas emissions from County government at 142,700 metric tons, and the total community emissions at 11.5 million metric tons.

This past April, the County Executive created the Baltimore County Sustainability Network to give advice and guidance on the County's efforts. LBC Alumni Lori Rogers and Kathy Martin, both graduates of the Class of 2008 are members of the network, comprised of representatives of the business sector, county government, conservation organizations and experts in various technical fields. At the network's initial meeting, they recommended the 10 percent greenhouse gas reduction by 2012 based on baseline data from 2006. The group also established committees that will focus on the natural environment, the "built" or developed environment, and public education and outreach. Smith has requested that the network begin their work by focusing on County government operations, and that they develop a series of recommendations within six months.

"As a parent, I am keenly aware of the importance of preserving our planet for our children and grandchildren," said Baltimore County Council Chairman Kevin Kamenetz. "The council has been very supportive of environmental initiatives, and it is very important that county government lead the way in the effort to reduce our carbon footprint."

Leadership Matters

We are constantly searching for great candidates for Leadership Baltimore County. It's never too late to suggest the program to a colleague. Refer them to our website for more in-depth information and a closer look:

www.leadershipbaltimorecounty.net

Sowing The "Seeds" of Love

Anna Williams, LBC Class of 2007, has an extended family like no other. Anna is the Director of Student Life at the SEED School in Baltimore, and as Anna describes it, "I'm like the overnight principal!" And although it's a new addition to the Baltimore education scene, (the school opened its doors to its first class in August of 2008) the SEED School of Washington, DC has been in operation for 10 years.

The SEED School is a statewide public, college preparatory boarding school educating students (boys and girls) in grades six through twelve. The school's goal is to take at-risk, disadvantaged students who are underperforming and put them into a highly supportive residential program away from the environmental factors that can block their success in school. Similar to public schools, the SEED School is tuition free and may not choose their students. The program admits students through a lottery system to determine enrollment, which Anna sees sometimes as bittersweet. "The lottery process is a happy, but also sad day depending on if you are selected or not. So many parents want this opportunity for their kids, knowing what this would mean for their child's future," stated Anna. "Over 90 of the graduating students have gone on to college."

SEED's model is unique not only in that it is a boarding school for public school students, but also in that it is located within the students' local community. Proximity to the local community nurtures positive contact with family and community leaders. It also provides students the opportunity to serve as role models and improve their own communities through service. Part of its mission is to provide an exemplary education and living experience which equips students with the academic, critical thinking and social skills necessary for college and beyond. They teach character education and practice values daily...respect for oneself and others, responsibility, compassion, empathy, perseverance, integrity, self-discipline and self determination.

As mentioned earlier, Anna is the Director of Student Life where she lives on the school's Southwest Baltimore 52-acre campus. Students are there from Sunday evening until Friday afternoon. They actually go home every weekend. "It is a great joy to see how much our students have grown in such a short period of time. They have matured and are really working hard throughout the 24 hour day. Seeing them everyday, they have truly become part of my extended family."

If anyone would like to visit or to learn more about the SEED School, please contact Partnership Coordinator amy@seedschoolmd.org.



Anna Williams caring for two of this year's students on campus at Seed School.

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Accolades and Acknowledgements



At a recent donor reception, trustees and staff of the Maryland Historical Society presented Board Chairman **Henry Stansbury** and his wife Judy with a painting by Jane Hartley of their favorite swan decoy in the MdHS collection in recognition of their exceptional generosity to MdHS. Henry is also an active board member of Leadership Baltimore County.



LBC graduate Chip Lewis, CEO of PSA Insurance and Financial Services, was recently featured in a BBJ article promoting business professionals that are making lemonade out of lemons so to speak! Lewis' take on it, "we don't have to sit back and get washed out by the financial tsunami." **Bring It Home** is a crusade launched by Lewis to combat the recession. It's a buy local attitude that came about when the financial giants of the world nearly imploded. Lewis began weeding out the national companies and started looking more closely at local companies that could provide the same services. Now more than ever, it's important to buy local. "Every single person has the opportunity to do something," stated Chip Lewis. Spread the word to colleagues, friends and customers.



Kudos to the LBC alumni for filling a few tables full of toys during our annual holiday party. The toys are donated to the Community Assistance Network for those less fortunate kids.

Holiday Party 2008



Don Hoyt, Nicole Bliss, Sheridan Smith, Mike Carey



John Hayden with his multiple bikes for C.A.N.



Back row: Keith Scott, Eric Washington Front row:
Ben Phillips, Elayne Hettleman and Captain Al Jones.



Vicki Davies, Bill Zittle, Sandy Scitti



Howard Feldman, Roy Craig, Chris Padgett, Theresa Leatherbury, Chris Lonegro



Paul Brickman, Don Hoyt, Nicole Bliss, Christy Tasker, Harry Walker