

# The Servant Leader

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*The first responsibility of a leader is to define reality. The last is to say thank you. In between, the leader is a servant. Max DePree*

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## Time to Step Up: Leadership Spokane Class of 2008

Do you know someone who is seeking to create lasting networks, to understand regional issues, to polish leadership skills, and to work with decision makers, industry professionals, and civic leaders? If so, please encourage him or her to apply for a place in the Leadership Spokane Class of 2008.

Leadership Spokane's goal is to ensure that the community's pool of talented leaders is continually renewed. Annually, 45 to 50 individuals are accepted into the program and emerge as vigorous, well-informed and responsible leaders. The course begins with orientation in August, a two-day overnight retreat in September and

then meets the first Friday of the month through June. Students explore the history and infrastructure of our community. Professionals directly working in the day's topic present information and assist the students in exploration and study.

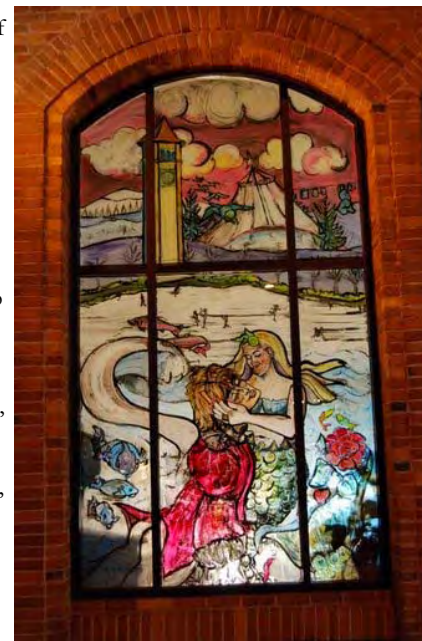
Participants refine leadership skills in collaboration, servant leadership, intercultural communication, ethics and project management. Today, Leadership Spokane graduates are effective leaders in business, the neighborhoods, the arts, politics, education and human services.

**Download application: [www.LeadershipSpokane.org](http://www.LeadershipSpokane.org) or call 459.4116.**

**Optional briefings (SRBC, 801 W Riverside)**

- 20 February at 7:30 AM
- 7 March at 12 noon or
- 20 March at 5:15 PM

**Application due date: 31 March**



Spokane artist Jennifer Zurlini designed and painted the arched windows at Express Personnel, Leadership Spokane's entry in the US Figure Skating Championship window display. Zurlini's Hans Christian Andersen theme received the "Most Creative" award.

### A Message from the President

My 10 year old son Zeke has had a fascination with Anthony Hopkins as Zorro for several years. Consequently, I have seen the movie many times (it's terrific, by the way). At one point the nasty Governor apologizes to Zorro for not being able to protect Zorro's wife. Zorro's response was that she was never his to protect. At the Martin Luther King, Jr. rally, Roberta Green spoke eloquently about the fallacy of one group "giving" rights to another—when the rights were never theirs to give. Freedom is an inalienable right—part and parcel of the "humanhood" that we all share.

The spirit of servant leadership that we aspire to is all about rights—the

### Ira Amstadter, Class of 2000

right to rise to leadership, to be judged on the content and spirit of our character rather than upon the group we belong to, and what we "are," rather than what we talk about. Action is what separates our beliefs from our opinions, and we are called upon to be real live "action figures" for the benefit of our children. AND I would say that we are called upon to create and inspire healthy magic and mystery for our children.

What I fervently hope is that we can put our collective energy into this brand spanking new year, fomenting in any small ways that we can a higher quotient of civility and peace in our world. I challenge you to be a miracle in someone's life this week—



and to be the person your dog thinks you are.

*Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not. Dr. Seuss*

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## Rock out with Alumni and the Stones at KSPS Public TV



Leadership Spokane Alumni Association members will be volunteering at the upcoming KSPS pledge drive on the evening of 15 March.

Alumni Association Board member Greg Johnson (2000), Paine, Hamblen, Coffin, Brooke & Miller, has scheduled the Alumni crew during the broadcasts of *My Music: Movie Songs* and the *Rolling Stones: Rock & Roll Circus*.

For details or to volunteer, contact lfinney@chamber.spokane.net. It's easy (orientation provided) and a great way to support KSPS public television's stimulating educational and cultural programming.

It will not be as much work (or as wet) as the Dragon Boat Races—but a good time with fellow Leadership Spokane alumni is guaranteed.

### Child Poverty Costs \$500 Billion Annually

The Center for American Progress reports in *The Economic Costs of Poverty in the United States* that child poverty reduces the productivity and economic output by about 1.3 percent of the GDP; raises the costs of crime by 1.3 percent of the GDP; and raises health expenditures and reduces the value of health by 1.2 percent of GDP. The authors, a group of researchers led by Harry Holzer of Georgetown University, noted that "these estimates almost certainly understate the true costs of poverty to the U.S. economy." The analysis concludes with clear options for reducing child poverty. [http://www.americanprogress.org/issues/2007/01/poverty\\_report.html](http://www.americanprogress.org/issues/2007/01/poverty_report.html)



### Alumni Association Membership

Renew or join at the "alumni" page, [www.LeadershipSpokane.org](http://www.LeadershipSpokane.org). It's easy and secure. Membership is only \$36. Questions? Call 509.459.4116.

## YLS Service Project: Habitat for Humanity

Hannah Murphy, Mead High School, Class of 2007

I was given the opportunity to volunteer with Habitat for Humanity through Youth Leadership Spokane. My shift was four hours in the morning at a project located on the lower South Hill/Freya area. I was looking forward to it, and as I could tell from the ecstatic group around me when I arrived, others were, too.

One theme of the day was kindness. My peers and other volunteers were not only giving to the people for whom they were building the duplex, but also gave to me personally. I immediately felt most welcomed. People displayed their kindness to me by giving me a coat when I was silly enough to not be wearing warmer clothes. Another example of kindness was when I made mistakes in measuring and I wasn't humiliated. Instead I was supported, taught and assisted. This kindness showed me what a truly successful functioning, organized and supportive team looked like. More than anything, through volunteering with

Habitat for Humanity, I learned the power of observation. As time passed by throughout that morning, unskilled laborers began to outnumber the skilled laborers, and all the work that I could do was done. About then I began to observe my surroundings in further detail and took note of a girl isolated from the crowd at the coffee stand. I wanted to make her feel like she was included in the group's activities so I went and introduced myself. Near the end of the shift,

she said to me, "I am so glad I met you, as I felt that no one had taken notice of me, you were the highlight of my day!" It felt really good to know that I had made someone feel valued. That's what being a leader is all about: having a positive influence on others. I would love to participate in another Habitat for Humanity event! The only thing I would change would be wearing warmer clothes during the cold months!



Education Day photos, courtesy of Jinny Piskel, Class of 2007, Assistant Director of the Graduate School, Gonzaga.



Apply for the Youth Leadership Spokane Class of 2008!

Applications are available on the website at [www.LeadershipSpokane.org](http://www.LeadershipSpokane.org) or by calling 459.4116.

## Class Notes

### Career Moves

**Donna Y. Cayer** (2006) is Regional Administration at the Washington Department of Corrections in Tumwater. **Joyce M. Cameron** (1986) is the new Executive Director of the Sacred Heart Foundation. **Rick Steltenpohl** (1997) is Festival Director for the Dragon Boat Races in 2007. **Thomas McLaughlin** (2001) is Vice President and real estate loan officer for Washington Trust Bank. **Anthony L. Hinen** (2005) is Wing Commander at Travis Air Force Base in California. **Lorna Walsh** (2005) is Chief Development Director at the MAC. **Laurel Kelly** (2006) is Director of Youth Services at Volunteers of America. **Patrick DeVries** (1987) has expanded his business, DeVries Information Management, to include on site paper shredding. **Jan Roseleip** (2003) is a realtor with Tomlinson Back Valley Inc. **Amy Friemel** (2007), Sterling Savings Bank, has been promoted to Vice President.

### Servant Leaders

**Beth Hellwig-Olson** (2003) Gonzaga, is taking a semester leave of absence to serve as the Director of Student Life for the Institute for Shipboard Education's Semester at Sea. She'll be traveling around the world and "will have the privilege of sailing with Archbishop Desmond Tutu for the whole 100 day voyage. We start in the Bahamas, work our way to Puerto Rico, Brazil, South Africa, India, Mauritius, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Vietnam, China, Japan, Hawaii and end in San Diego on May 14<sup>th</sup>. So wish me well, and keep me in your prayers. I love Leadership Spokane!" **Nichole Alberg** (YLS 2002) is the historian for the PRSSA chapter at WSU. **Lisa A. Malpass** (2004), DSHS-HCS Adult Protective Services, serves on the Board of Directors at the Corbin Senior Activity Center and on the Editorial Advisory Board of the monthly *Bar News* publication. **Romany Redman** (YLS 2006), Lewis and Clarke High School, plays violin in the Spokane Youth Orchestra. **Barb Richardson** (2004) serves on the Leadership Team for the Early Learning Coalition in Spokane County and is the new state Director of the Department of Early Learning. **Brendan Wiechert** (2004), U.S. Bank, serves on the Board of Directors of the Second Harvest Food Bank and is Senior Warden at St. David's Episcopal Church. **Steve Faust** (1994), Faust Law Firm, is a board member of the Inland Northwest Business Alliance. **Wes Sanders** (2007), Sanders Enterprises, serves on the Mayor's Human Rights Commission, City of Spokane. **Keith Trefry** (1985), Paine, Hamblen Law Firm, is on the board of Connect Northwest. **Ivan Bush** (1990), Spokane Public Schools, served on the organizing team for Martin Luther King Jr. Day events for the Spokane community. **Shelly Smith** (2006), Premera Blue Cross, serves on the Board of the

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American Heart Association. **Todd Woodard** (1997), Spokane International Airport, serves on the Board of the Aerospace Futures Alliance of Washington.

**Nancy Fike** (1990), Gonzaga. and **Conni Stamper** (1992), Stamper, Rubens, Stocker & Smith, serve on the governing board of the Parents with Families and Children: Spokane.

### Awards, Etc.

Congratulations to **Ron Hardin** (1893) and **Robin Waller** (2006), on the leadership team at Spokane Neighborhood Action Program—SNAP was named "Non Profit of the Year" by the Greater Spokane Valley Chamber of Commerce at the January Awards Gala. **Monica Simeon** (2004) and her sister Marina Turning Robe received the 2006 Business Women's Network Entrepreneurial Star Award for their company *Sister Sky* at the Diversity and Leadership Summit and Gala held in Washington D.C. The award is presented by Business Women's Network and Diversity Best Practices. Award recipients have "broken barriers, served as role models for others and demonstrated a sustained commitment to the positive economic impact of their community." **Brian Seppi** (2006), Physician's Clinic of Spokane, received Premera's Leadership & Quality Care Award. **Kim Plese**

(1995), owner of PIP Printing & Document Services was named "Best Businesswoman" by *Spokane Business Catalyst Magazine*.

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**Spokane Mayor Dennis Hession** (1986) and **City of Spokane Valley Mayor Diana Wilhite** (1984) proclaimed November as **Youth Leadership Month**, in recognition of Youth Leadership Spokane's community service. They also honored all the region's youth for their "idealism, energy, creativity, and commitment" to their communities.



*Leadership Spokane women alumni—from left, Monica Simeon (2004) and Pia Hanson (2006)—met for conversation with a group of Russian women leaders from the Open World Program. The Russians are active in politics, journalism, women's organizations, and small business and were eager to compare notes with their Leadership Spokane counterparts. Not pictured are Barb Richardson (1992), Myrna O'Leary (1996) and Arlene Fisher (2005)*



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*Leadership Spokane Alumni Association builds and fosters a legacy of leadership in the Spokane area and the Inland Northwest to effectively strengthen our communities. The Association supports the Leadership Programs and provides a forum for continuing alumni advocacy.*

*Leadership Spokane prepares and encourages a diverse group of community members to assume trustee leader roles for the purpose of building effective communities throughout the greater Spokane area.*

*Youth Leadership Spokane (YLS) prepares and encourages a diverse group of Spokane County high school sophomores, juniors and seniors to assume trustee leader roles for the purpose of committed involvement and responsible participation in the future of our community.*

*Leadership Spokane is an affiliate of the Spokane Regional Chamber of Commerce, a Gold Member of the Community Leadership Association, and a partner in Spokane's Promise: The Alliance for Youth.*

## Opportunities for Education, Volunteering & Having Fun

### **Educational Resources**

**Leadership Connection: "What Just Happened?"** Col. Joe Moore, 27 February. **"Strive Safely: Immunity to Stress,"** Dr. Bob Maurer (morning workshop, a follow up to his fall presentation); **"Merging Organizations: Getting to Yes with Greater Spokane Incorporated,"** Heidi Stanley & Tom Fritz, 17 April. Sessions begin at 7 AM at CenterStage. Sponsored by Leadership Spokane, Gonzaga & Whitworth. Details & registration at [www.gonzaga.edu/leadershipconnection.com](http://www.gonzaga.edu/leadershipconnection.com). **Attention, Youth: The National League of Cities has a web page for youth involved in their local governments.** Read about what youth are doing in other parts of the country, or send in a blog about your own involvement. Enter the contest to rename the *Youth as City Leaders* website. Finalists may receive up to \$500 for Washington, DC conference. [http://www.nlc.org/iyef/networks\\_assistance/7164.cfm](http://www.nlc.org/iyef/networks_assistance/7164.cfm). Joanne Benham, Director, Spokane Regional Youth Dept., (1993).

### **Leadership Opportunities**

**City of Spokane seeks volunteers for Boards and Commissions:** Arts Commission; Historic Landmarks Commission, Human Services Advisory Board, Human Rights Commission; Cable Advisory Board, Construction Review Board, Bicycle Advisory Board, Design Review Board, Landmarks Commission, Community

Development Board and City Plan Commission. Positions are open until filled. Not all positions require that you be a resident of the City of Spokane. Applications are available in the Mayor's Office or City Council Office, at 808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd., or see [www.spokanecity.org/boards](http://www.spokanecity.org/boards). County applications are available in the County Commissioner's Office in the Courthouse at 116 W. Broadway Avenue or call 509-477-2265.

**Spokane County Community Services Substance Abuse Advisory Board** seeks a volunteer member. The Board assists County staff and the Board of County Commissioners in planning for substance abuse prevention and treatment. Contact Dan Finn at 477.4507 or visit <http://www.spokanecounty.org/CommunitySvc/sat.asp>.

**Panel Members needed for Senior Portfolio Presentations at Mead HS.** Each panel will need at least three adults from the community. Contact Ken Russell at 509.465.7013 or at [krussel@mead.k12.wa.us](mailto:krussel@mead.k12.wa.us).

**Openings for Board of Directors at Spokane Coeur d'Alene Opera.** Contact Executive Director Bill Graham (2005) at 533.1150 or 939.2709 or [bgraham@spokaneopera.com](mailto:bgraham@spokaneopera.com).

**Maintenance Volunteer Needed:** Cross walk, a shelter for homeless and at-risk teens, needs a volunteer who can dedicate one day a week to various repair projects. Must be 21 or older, and able to pass a background check. Contact Kerry McCrudden at 509.838.6596 ext. 111 or

[kmccrudden@voaspokane.org](mailto:kmccrudden@voaspokane.org).

**Actors Repertory Theatre** is recruiting Board members. Contact Grant Smith at 863.4343 or [gsmith@actorsreptheatre.com](mailto:gsmith@actorsreptheatre.com).

**Second Harvest Inland Northwest** is seeking volunteers for "Take A Bite Out of Hunger" Auction committee. The Bite will be held 15 May. Committee members will solicit auction items. Contact Julie Moyer-Nesbitt at [jnesbitt@secondharvest.org](mailto:jnesbitt@secondharvest.org) or 252.6242.

**The Girl Scout Inland Empire Council** is seeking board members who embrace the mission of Girl Scouting and can provide strategic leadership and vision for the new realigned council that will merge GSIEC with the Mid Columbia Girl Scout Council. Contact Lindy Cater, 509-747-8091, ext. 207.

### **Events, by date**

**Save the Date: 1 March. The World Affairs Council of Spokane welcomes His Excellency Said T. Jawad,** Afghanistan's Ambassador to the US. Under his leadership, the Embassy of Afghanistan is emerging as one of the most successful missions in Washington DC. Contact [kathleen@wacspokane.org](mailto:kathleen@wacspokane.org).