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He that would govern others, first should be master of himself. Philip Massinger

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Arts, Culture, and Leadership Idols *Chris Martin, Class of 2007*

What a journey it was! The Arts & Culture Scan group recently completed a research assignment on the Spokane arts community. Team members Patricia McRae (KHQ), Cynthia MacGeagh (AmericanWest Bank), Alethea McCann (Spherion), Jinny Piskel (Gonzaga), Theresa Mouser (Washington Trust Bank), Deborah Sidor Tanner (SFCC), Stefan Humphries (INHS), and Chris Martin (First Night) asked the question: what role do the arts play within our community and what effect do they have on our overall quality of life? Over the course of the past few months, they experienced first-hand the varied array of arts opportunities that are available to all of us. They participated in First Friday, enjoyed live performances at Center Stage, visited Hannah's Garden Inn, Latah Bistro and other favorite watering holes, attended an Arts Council meeting and concluded it all with henna tattoos for everyone in the group.

On Arts Day on May 4th, the Scan

team presented their results to their classmates, complete with a female impersonator, a singing "Survey Monkey," video highlights of their research, and the highly-anticipated debut of "Leadership Idol," an interactive musical contest engaging the entire Leadership Spokane class. Each Scan team was charged with composing and singing a song highlighting their experiences in Leadership Spokane this past year—a great effort, but do not quit your day job!

Most significantly, the Scan team wanted to raise awareness of the challenges local artists face. The group coined the phrase "Spokane Underground Arts" and set their sights on doing something to help less publicized artists get the word out. In the true spirit of "Servant Leadership," they forged a relationship with KHQ-TV which resulted in the creation of a weekly "Arts Underground" news feature. News anchors Dana Haynes and Bill McGinty will highlight a lesser-known artist or venue in an upscale media format. "Arts Un-

derground" is now a regular segment that airs Thursday nights on FOX News First at Ten in Spokane, Yakima and Tri-Cities, and on KHQ's Saturday morning news in Spokane and the surrounding area. Be sure to tune in! Our special thanks to KHQ for their commitment and support.



Leadership Spokane's own Survey Monkey, Meghan Sias (daughter of Cynthia MacGeagh).

A Message from the President *Ira Amstadter, Class of 2000*

It may strike some as naïve to cling to hopefulness. Isn't it the way of the world that things fall apart, that decay and entropy are the natural order? Aren't we human beings fated to go out with a bang—or is a whimper?

No one knows the answer to that

question, but I see no purpose in dwelling on it. Rather, I'd prefer to dwell on thoughts of a coming time of peace, a day of rest and a world of harmony. To do so serves both a practical and noble purpose.

Practical, in that people simply function better when they feel optimistic.

Noble, in that we are born to believe in better days ahead.

Leaders, as pathological optimists, keep hope as their default setting.

Come to graduation and refresh your reservoir of optimism and vision for Spokane's bright future.

Smiling faces of adult and youth grads may be just the



spring tonic you need to refresh your vows!! Please come on out and show them what a community of alumni they are joining.
PS. Elliot's a big sister!!

**See you at Graduation!
 Community Leadership Day,
 8 June, 2:30 to 5 PM,
 CenterPlace at Mirabeau Park
 Free if you RSVP to leadership@LeadershipSpokane.org by 5 PM on Weds., 6 June.
 \$10 at door.**



Legislative Youth Advisory Council Seeks New Applicants Ages 14 to 18

Lt. Gov. Brad Owen is encouraging Washington youth who may be interested in advising the state Legislature on legislation and policy matters of importance to them to apply for a seat on the Legislative Youth Advisory Council (LYAC).

"This council of 14 to 18-year-olds was established to give the Legislature advice on critical issues related to education, health and fitness, test reform, school safety and other topics related to youth," Owen said.

"Members of LYAC have an important voice in speaking for Washington youth and at the same time get a great

education on civic involvement." LYAC consists of twenty-two members who serve two-year terms and if eligible, may be reappointed for subsequent two-year terms. They can meet up to six times a year.

New member applications are now being accepted through July 2, 2007. The application includes a section for teacher recommendations. The application form can be downloaded from the "Youth and Communities" section of lieutenant governor's Web site at [<http://www.ltgov.wa.gov/>]

Leadership Spokane Alumni Association members raised \$14,000 for KSPS at the March pledge drive. Join the Alumni Association!

Visit the "alumni" page, www.LeadershipSpokane.org.

It's easy and secure. Membership is only \$36.

Questions? Call 509.459.4116.

Reflections on a Leadership Year *Phyllis Best, Buck Knives, Class of 2007*

As I look back over the past year in Leadership Spokane, there are some things that definitely stand out!

First, I had the opportunity to work with some awesome people in my Education Scan Team. Our task was huge, but it was so worth it. We examined the alignment of workforce training with business needs. We found that the region already has a lot of business and education collaboration but there are still many business needs not being filled by the current workforce. Because we feel strongly that our research is of value, we are planning to present our findings to the K-12 Roundtable and the Manufacturer's Roundtable. How exciting to be a part of changes that benefit our kids and our businesses!

Secondly, I will never forget Human Needs Day, especially our visit to

the House of Charity. Like everyone, I knew there were homeless people in our town, but had never shared a meal with them, looked into their eyes, or held their hand in prayer at their request.

Third, the pre-work for Governance Day is a big standout for me. I participated in a police ride along, and it turned out to be the day officer Daniel Torok was forced to shoot a person. I came away impressed with a sense of teamwork and also with the professionalism exhibited by those officers that I met that morning. I had a chance to talk to them about their chosen profession and its impact on their families, on a daily basis. They took pride in doing their jobs and making Spokane a great place to live and raise a family.

There may be elements of truth in

some of those negative stories we read from time to time, but my impression is that Spokane's police force is staffed with decent people who care about their jobs and their community—people who can keep putting their lives on the line day after day, make complex decisions, and keep a professional demeanor.

Thanks, Leadership Spokane, for helping me grow in ways I did not realize I needed to, for helping me understand the concept of Servant Leadership, and inspiring me to step out into the community with more confidence and more ability to make a contribution.



Arts Day walking tour of the Davenport District.

Class Notes

Career Moves

Vince Lemus (2000) is Assistant Director for Equal Opportunity at Western Washington University in Bellingham. **Kimberly Thielman** (1996) is Senior Account Executive for Asuris Northwest Health. **Kirstin Votava** (1998) has just accepted a position in Corporate Communications at ICM Asset management. **Kim Bunkers** (YLS 1999) is a mechanical engineer at Trident Systems, Inc. She is newly married and just returned from honeymooning in Peru. **Leslie McCauley** (2005) is District Manager of the Social Security office in Coeur d'Alene. **Christopher Zilar** (2006) is program manager for the Breast and Cervical Health program and the Tobacco Prevention program at the SRHD. **Rachel Matthews** (YLS 2006) is completing her first year at WSU and will work this summer at the YMCA Summer Day Camp. **John Pilcher** (2005) has been promoted to Chief Operating Officer for the City of Spokane. He will also be the keynote speaker at Graduation! **David Flowers** (1997) has been promoted to Senior Manager of Business Development at Hollister-Stier Laboratories LLC. **Blair Hamacher** (YLS 2006) is preparing for veterinary studies at either WSU or Colorado State. **Eric Sprink** (2004) is the President and Chief Operating Officer of Coastal Community Bank and Coastal Financial Corporation in Everett, WA. **Mary Lemon** (2007) has been promoted to Chief Operating

Paine Hamblen's "longevity is not something we take for granted. We plan how best to meet the needs of clients and what their needs are going to be in the future." **Scott Simpson** (Class of 1984), as quoted in the *Journal of Business*.

Officer at Fidelity Associates Inc. **Patricia Sampson** (2001) is a Partner at RenCorp LLC. **Connie Stamper** (1992) is a partner at Stamper Rubens PS (formerly Stamper Rubens Stocker & Smith PS). **Mary Joan Hahn** (1990) is vice president at Hill & Knowlton. **Karen Mobley** (2001), City of Spokane, just closed an exhibit of drawings, collages and oil paintings of birds at Mobius. Her work can also be seen at Art at Work and GoodWorks Gallery. **Stephanie Richards** (2005) is an account manager at Group Health. **Robbie Paul** (1996), ICN, has received her Ph.D. in Leadership from Gonzaga, and **Sonja Carlson**, Leadership Spokane Program Assistant, has received her Master's in International Management degree from Whitworth. **Craig Davis** (2006) has sold his Allstate Agency and is now Mortgage Loan Specialist with Republic Mortgage Home Loans. **Jennifer Stapleton** (1999) has been promoted to Director of Grants & Marketing at Inland Northwest Community

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Foundation. **Barb Richardson** (1992) has been accepted into the first class of the new Nursing Ph.D. Program at WSU.

Servant Leaders

Arlene Fisher (2005), City of Liberty Lake, is Chair of Finance & Administration for United Way. **Ellie Adolphson** (1989) is President and **Laurie Bigej** (2004), URM, is Co-Treasurer of the Women Helping Women Fund. **Marlene Feist** (2006), City of Spokane; **Linda Finney**, (Leadership Spokane Executive Director); **Anne McKeon** (1996) Holy Family; **Sima Thorpe** (2004), Gonzaga; and **Kristin Votava** (1998), ICM serve on the board. **Nancy Blossom**, (Vice-Chair, Leadership Spokane Board of Director) is in China with a group of WSU students, researching sustainable housing designs. **Steve Matsko** (1983), Washington Trust Bank, has been appointed to the AAA Washington Board. **Katy Bruya** (2005), Washington Trust Bank, is President of Campfire. **Dean Lynch** (1996), DBL Property Maintenance, is a member of the Spokane Transit Authority Citizens Advisory Council and Browne's Addition Steering Committee. **Carol Haugen** (2005), attorney, is co-chair along with **Drew MacAfee** (former Leadership Spokane Board), PHCO, for the Vanessa Behan Crisis Nursery. **Dean Sonnenberg** (1988), URM, is chair-elect. **Dawn Sidell** (2007), NW Autism Center, participated on a panel discussion on Autism Spectrum Disorders for Spokane Public Radio's Health Forum. **Terrie Ashby-Scott** (1993), Spokane MESA Center, and **Khalil Islam-Zwart** (2000), EWU, serve on the Odyssey Board of Directors. **Ben Cabildo** (1997), AHANA, is a member of the Economic Development Council of the Puget Sound Regional Council. **Terry Goetz** (2000), Washington Trust Bank, chairs the Human Rights Commission. **Scott McGann** (1997), Payne Financial Group, is Secretary of the Inland NW Chapter of Construction Financial Management Assn.; **Jeri Self-Merrit** (2001), Langenhorst, Norwood & Hoskins, CPAs, has been named to the Board of Directors.

Awards, Etc.

Anthony (Tony) Bonanzino (1992), Hollister-Stier and **MaryLou Thomas** (2001), Triumph, were featured in

the April issue of *Forbes Magazine*, "Paradise, Slightly Dry." Tony was also featured along with **Pete Stanton** (1984), Washington Trust

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Bank; **Stacey Cowles** (1991) and **Betsy Cowles** (1993), Cowles Publishing Company; and **Ron Wells** (former Leadership Spokane Board member) in the March issue of *Spokane Business Catalyst*, "Spokane's Power 25." **Todd Reuter** (2001), K&L Gates, writes a column "Smart Business" in the *Catalyst*.

Errata

Ron Hardin graduated from the Class of 1983 (not the Class of 1893 as originally reported—what a long, strange trip it's been). **Brendan Wiechert** (2004) is VP/Commercial Banking Team Leader at AmericanWest Bank. He is also a trustee for the Episcopal Diocese of Spokane.



Don't be left on shore when the Leadership Spokane Alumni Association Dragon Boat sets sail in the 2007 Paddle for Parks Dragon Boat Festival on 21 July. Join the crew at www.LeadershipSpokane.org.



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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

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 your own blog.

http://www.nlc.org/iyef/networks_assistance/7164.cfm

Leadership Opportunities

Leadership Spokane and Youth Leadership Spokane Program Committees are seeking members to help design and produce curriculum for both programs. For the LS Program Committee, contact Chair Kim Krogh (2003), Fidelity Associates, at 747.3121. For the YLS Program Committee, contact Craig Wiley (2005), YLS Facilitator, at 559-4529

Theatre Arts for Children is seeking Board members. Other non-board positions are: Artistic Director, Audition Coordinator and Website Design. Contact Ken Boles at jollyrogger@comcast.net.

Washington State Board & Commissions has many opportunities on its over 200 boards and commissions. Visit <http://governor.wa.gov>. Click "Get Involved."

Spokane Area Children's Chorus is recruiting members for its Board of Trustees. SACC serves boys and girls from diverse cultural and economic backgrounds with a comprehensive music education and performance program. Contact Sarah Hopkins at 624.7992.

The 2nd Annual Live it up! 16 & 17 June.

Downtown's self-guided tour of lofts, lifestyles and urban living features the interiors of some of Spokane's swankiest and funky loft-style homes. Volunteers help direct visitors and protect the homes. Plus, each volunteer receives a complimentary Live it up! button that gets you into every paid portion of the tour AND to the first ever Live it up! hip, urban party on Saturday night in the Barrister Winery Alley! Contact Jami Cary at 456.0580 x102 or JCary@Downtown.Spokane.net.

Community Frameworks needs volunteers for community project at various times from May 29th – June 9th to renovate a housing facility. Contact Ann Price (1998), Resource Developer, at 484-6733, ext. 121 or ann@communityframeworks.org.

Spokane Housing Ventures is seeking board members. This non profit community housing development organization preserves existing housing and develops new housing for those with limited incomes or disabilities. Contact Jane Auld, 232-0170, ext.204.

Children and Family Services: help our children succeed! Abused and neglected children need transportation to therapy, visits and medical appointments. If you are interested in helping children develop into healthy young adults, have a licensed vehicle and insurance and are willing to complete a criminal background check, contact Lonnie Lloyd or Justin James at 363.3342.

City of Spokane Plan Commission Position
For application, visit www.spokanecity.org.

Events by Date

2 June, Northwest Autism Center's bowling tournament will take place at Big Daddy's in Lincoln Heights. The Annual Golf Challenge is coming up on 8 August, at Meadowwood in Liberty Lake. Contact Dawn Sidell (2007) at 328.1582.

2 June: Society of Professional Journalists' annual awards banquet at the Spokane Club, 6 PM. Ever wonder what the local press does when it's not calling you? Well, here's your chance to get together with local media types over dinner and drinks and find out. The program features Mark Mains and Shaun Cross discussing the Roman Catholic Diocese bankruptcy and sex abuse case. \$35/person. RSVP to spjokane@yahoo.com or contact Pia Hansen (2006) at 459. 5427.

8 June: AHANA Business & Networking Monthly Luncheon, Museum of Arts and Culture, 2316 W. 1st Ave. 12 noon. "Increase Your Business Exposure through Effective Networking: Let your network help you grow your business." Presenter: Ben Cabildo, Executive Director of AHANA. Cost: \$13.00; RSVP at 838.1881.

21 – 28 July: National Junior Disability Championships. To volunteer, contact Public Relations, Shriners Hospital for Children at 623.0424.

18 August, Unity in the Community, "Many Cultures: One Community!" Riverfront Park. To volunteer, contact Ben Cabildo (1997), AHANA, at 838.1881.