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Hope is the ability to listen to the music of the future. Faith is the courage to dance to it in the present. Peter Kuzmic

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Leadership Spokane Graduation: Community Leadership Day

Over 300 graduates, alumni, colleagues, friends and family celebrated Leadership Spokane Graduation of the Classes of 2008 on June 13th at Mukogawa Fort Wright Institute. Prior to the ceremony, guests enjoyed refreshments and the collection of graduating class photos, dating from the first class in 1983. They toured the community leadership fair which showcased the missions and available service opportunities of over twenty local and non profit organizations.

The ceremony commenced at 4:00 PM with a welcome from Emcee Ed Clark of The Clark Company, Class of 1984. Ed introduced keynote speaker Mohan Nair, author, educator, software entrepreneur, and now Executive Vice President and Chief Marketing Executive at the Regence Group. Nair's address was

"The Leadership Mind."

Andrea Zacher of Pearson Packaging Systems was the Leadership Spokane Class of 2008 speaker. Forty-six individuals graduated this year. Twenty-three students graduated from YLS Class of 2008. Logan Amstadter was the class speaker. She is a Lewis & Clark High School student.

For details on the awards presented at Graduation, see the inset on page two.



**Keynote speaker
Mohan Nair**

A Message from the Chair *Allen Battle, Class of 2006*

Hello Everyone, I am a proud graduate of the Leadership Spokane Class of 2006 (the greatest class ever)!

Personally, being involved with Leadership Spokane has been one of the highlights of my experiences in this great community of ours. I'm honored to serve this year as Chair for the Alumni Association. I am very excited about the agenda that our

organization has put together, after this past year of strategic planning.

The Alumni Association has assembled some of the top leaders that Spokane has to offer and with their input and guidance, we plan a very aggressive agenda to help all of the alums find and execute their roles as true leaders and doers for this great community.

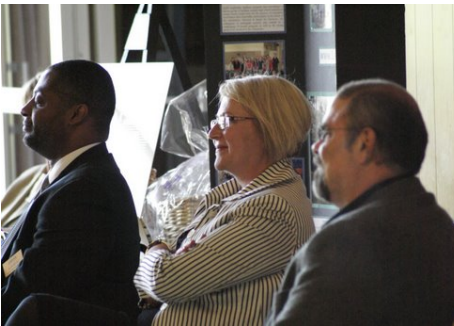
The Alumni Association, along with the Leadership Spokane board, will be publicizing our agenda for the coming year. Please watch for a survey in the next few weeks, via e-mail. We truly welcome your input and idease. Remember, the Alumni Association is your association, and we are here to help you in your role as a leader.

Please feel free to contact me with any comments or requests at allen@TheNextLevel-LLC.com or 879.3024.





Members of Boy Scout Troop #325 presented the colors at graduation. (above)



Allen Battle (2006), Joyce Cameron (1986), and Ira Amstadter (2000). (above)

Class of 2008 graduates Cheryl-Anne Millsap, left, and Kristine Ruggles, right, chat with an entering member of the Class of 2009. (below)



A special congratulations to the recipients of the 2008 Community Leadership Awards:

- **Award:** Distinguished Leadership Award
- **By:** Community Leadership Association
- **Recipient:** Ben Cabildo, Class of 1997, founder and executive director of AHANA Business and Professional Association
- **Service:** assist AHANA (African-American, Hispanic, Asian, and Native American) businesses and professionals to succeed, and provide members with assistance when needed
- **Award:** Community Trustee Leadership Award
- **By:** Youth Leadership Spokane Class of 2008
- **Recipient:** Bill McMillan, Habitat for Humanity
- **Service:** an ecumenical nonprofit Christian ministry bringing the community together to build decent, affordable homes
- **Award:** Community Trustee Leadership Award
- **By:** Leadership Spokane Class of 2008
- **Recipient:** Spokane Regional Health District
- **Service:** work with the elderly, children, and the poor, prevention and treatment of substance abuse, infectious diseases, HIV/AIDS, and tobacco use
- **Award:** Business Trustee Leadership Award
- **By:** Leadership Spokane Class of 2008
- **Recipient:** Spokane Skills Center
- **Service:** to prepare students with career entry skills and knowledge by creating a quality learning environment, which simulates the professional-technical world of work
- **Award:** Non Profit Trustee Leadership Award
- **By:** Leadership Spokane Class of 2008
- **Recipient:** Spokane Neighborhood Action Program (SNAP)—Larry Stuckart, Executive Director, Class of 1995
- **Service:** help families and individuals transition from crisis to self-sufficiency to a new and healthy future
- **Award:** Small Business Trustee Leadership Award
- **By:** Leadership Spokane Alumni Association
- **Recipient:** Scott Jones, Class of 1983, and Fidelity Associates
- **Service:** Scott has been involved with Spokane School District #81, serving as co-chair for six different school levies. He chaired the Children's Miracle Network for seven years and served on the KSPS Friends of Seven Board for five years. Currently, he serves on the Board of Trustees for Greater Spokane, Incorporated. Fidelity contributes to a host of non-profits including Leadership Spokane, Inland Northwest Blood Center, Shriner's Hospital, Deaconess Valley Healthcare Foundation, local youth sports programs, Hoopfest, Rotary Club, and Washington State University.

Leadership Spokane Annual Campaign Needs You!

Since 1982, over 800 of you have gone through the Leadership Spokane program. You're leaders, out there in your businesses doing great work and in your communities, making them a better place for everyone to live.

Another way you can get involved is by underwriting Leadership Spokane. Would you consider an investment of \$50, \$100 or even more?

Your tax-deductible gift, in whatever

amount, will help Leadership Spokane continue its current programs, give us a hand with projects we're currently developing (especially our website), or help us purchase needed office gadgets.

You can donate via PayPal through our website at: <http://www.leadershispokane.org/AlumniAssociation.aspx> or by dropping a check in the mail. If your employer will match your gift, that's even better. Thanks for considering Leadership Spokane!

CLASS NOTES

Career Moves

Phyllis Best (2007) is the CFO for The Factory Company International, Inc. **Anthony Bonanzino** (1992) stepped down from his position as CEO of HollisterStier Laboratories. He plans to spend time with his son in his document management and storage business. **Angela Brown** (2004) is the Director of Employment Services with Spokane Public Schools. **Patrick Clarry** (2007) has been named Vice President for HR for all of Providence Health Care, which includes 10 organizations within eastern Washington. **Jeff Hart** (2005) is the new Assistant Dean of Students at Gonzaga University. **Beth Hellwig** (2003) is Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs and Dean of Students at the University of Wisconsin Eau Claire. **Kassi Kain** (1999) is the Dean of Students/Judicial Affairs at Gonzaga University. Cowles Company has promoted **Patricia McRae** (2007) to be President of KHQ, Inc. **Mollie Mangerich** (2008) is Executive Director for the Sonoma County Solid Waste Management Agency in Santa Rosa, CA. **Shelbie Rabe** (2005) was promoted to Vice President and regional deposit relationship manager at Wheatland Bank. **Joanna Schmitz** (1991) is employed at Joseph L. Schmitz, a professional service firm. **Shelly Smith** (2006) recently opened Liberty Lake Wine Cellars with her husband, Doug. **Sima Thorpe** (2004) is the Assistant Dean of Students and the Director of CCASL at Gonzaga University. **Brendan Genter** (2008), has just

moved to Bremerton to assume his new position as General Manager of the Comfort Inn and Suites.

Servant Leaders

Josh Armstrong (2008), Gonzaga University, is on the fundraising committee for Habitat for Humanity. **Tom Blue** (2005), Wells Fargo Insurance Services, is on the ITA Board. **Laurie Hassel** (2008), Northwest Association for Biomedical Research, serves on the board for the Hogan Entrepreneurial Leadership Program at Gonzaga University and the strategic planning board for the North Idaho Centennial Trail Foundation. **Tami Kennedy** (2008), Bargreen Ellison, works with the Feed Spokane Food Rescue Coalition and the Washington Restaurant Association. **Shawn King** (2008), Eastern Washington University, serves on the comprehensive planning committee for the City of Cheney. **Pam Lake** (2008), Group Health Cooperative, is on the fundraising committee for the Group Health

Community Foundation. **Tim Mair** (2008), Avista, is a member of the Washington Utility Coordinating Council. **Rodney McAuley** (2005), Spokane Public Schools, and **Robbie Paul** (1996), Washington State University at Spokane, are new board members for St. Luke's Rehabilitation Institute Community Advisory Board. **Nancy McLaughlin** (2008), City of Spokane, is on the board of directors for Life Services and the steering committee for Spokane Growth Management. She is also a member of the Spokane Regional Transportation Council and Spokane Transit Authority. **Chris Patterson** (2008), Breakthrough Inc., serves on the fundraising board for Olive Crest. **Lisa Poplawski** (2008), Eastern Washington University, serves on the fundraising board for the Parent Teacher Student Association. **Carol Rawlings** (2008), North Hill Christian Church, is part of the Commission of the Ministry and the *Fig Tree*. **Mike Reilly** (1989), Providence Health Care, was appointed to the Inland Northwest Health Services board of directors. **Kristine Ruggles** (2008), Vanessa Behan Crisis Nursery, serves on the DOVIA board and the advisory board for the Salvation Army. **Julie Shepard** (2007), an independent insurance agent, was appointed to the board of directors for Camp Fire USA Inland Northwest Council. **Amber Waldref** (2008), The Lands Council, serves on the board for the Faith and Environment Network. **Ken Watts** (2008), Comcast Corp., is a part of the

local redevelopment authority advisory committee for the City of Spokane and is a board member for Communities in Schools. **David Werme** (2008), Moloney & O'Neill, serves on the Children's Ministry Outreach board for his church. **Joel White** (1995), Joel C. White Co., is president of the Spokane chapter of the Society of Financial Service Professionals. **Andrea Zacher** (2008), Pearson Packaging, serves on the fundraising committee for the Spokane AIDS Network and the YMCA. **Christopher Zilar** (2006), Spokane Regional Health District, traveled to Rwanda with his wife and daughter to provide medical care and training to health professionals. His blog detailing their travels is available at: www.passion-palace.spaces.live.com/blog, see photo.

Awards, Etc.

Gerard Fischer (2007), Sacred Heart Medical Center, was recognized by the Heart Association for his efforts in team development and fundraising. **Gregory Johnson** (2000), Paine & Hamblen, was rated the number-one attorney in the State of Washington in the fields of Energy/Utilities and Intellectual Property.

In Memoriam

Terry Flynn (2000), EWU, passed away on 14 June. A memorial service and reception were held 19 June.

Running for office

Linda Tompkins (1991), Spokane County Superior Court, is running for reelection as Spokane County Superior Court Judge. **Diana Wilhite** (1983), Safeguard Business Systems, is running for 4th District State of Washington Representative. **Don Barlow** (1993), Institute for Extended Learning, is running for reelection as a Washington State Legislature—District Six, State House Position One.



Christopher Zilar (2006) pictured here with his wife (left) and daughter (far right) in Rwanda.

Photo courtesy of the Zilar family.

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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 Greater Spokane, Incorporated, 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

Real-time flight info www.spokaneairports.net.

Leadership Opportunities

Martin Luther King, Jr. Outreach Center Back to School Supply Drive, welcomes your donations of school supplies. Contact Ashley Mondrick at fes@mlkspokane.org.

Olive Crest's Back to School Gift Drive is accepting donations. New backpacks, paper, pencils, binders, calculators, etc. are all needed. Please deliver donations by 30 September. Contact Tamara Koch at 714.543.5437 ext. 1144 or tamara-koch@olivecrest.org.

Camp Fire USA is in search of leaders and mentors for Camp Fire clubs. Clubs meet once a week, depending on leader's availability. Contact Melinda "Bob" Maureen (2009), 747.6191 ext. 15 or bmaureen@campfireinc.org.

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"The Year of the Potato" will have a booth at ValleyFest in Spokane Valley 19, 20, 21 September. The Year of the Potato serves to fight world poverty and hunger. Volunteers are needed at the booth and to act as mascots dressed up as potatoes. Contact Shirene Young (2008), Empire Paper Company, at shireneyoung@iepc.com.

Multiple Sclerosis Society Chapter is looking

for new board members. It is a three year term. Contact Darin Pike at 924.9211 or darin@denenny.com.

Multiple Sclerosis Society Chapter is recruiting year-long volunteers to help with MSBike in September and the MSWalks in April. Contact Stacy Rasmussen at 428.2022 or jmallery@campfireinc.org.

World Affairs Council of Spokane is looking for board members. They serve to cultivate an informed international worldview in the Inland Northwest. They meet the first Thursday of each month at 5:30 PM. Contact Daniel Distelhorst at dandistelhorst@comcast.net or 465.5971.

Events, by date

9 August: Camp Fire Alumni Association kick-off at Camp Sweyolaken 1:00 – 6:00 PM. This event is for any adult whose life has been touched by Camp Fire, Camp Sweyolaken or Camp Dart-Lo. Celebration activities are free; cruise on Lake Coeur d'Alene \$5/person. Contact Julie Shepard at 509-747-6191, ext. 7 or shepardja@msn.com

11 August: Children's Campaign Fund reception to honor children's champions Senator Lisa Brown and Senator Chris Marr. 5:30 – 7 PM, Community Building Lobby, 35 W Main, Spokane. Contact childrenscampaignfund@comcast.net or www.childrenscampaignfund.org.

7 September: Cobra Roofing Polo Classic, benefiting the Ronald

McDonald House of Charities Spokane. Gates open at noon at the Spokane Polo Fields, Airway Heights. Contact Dena Mulkin, 509.624.0500 or denam@rhmspokane.org.
12 September: MAC Golf Classic to benefit the Center for Plateau Cultural Studies at the MAC. 12:30 shotgun start at Circling Raven Golf Club. \$500/team or \$125/individual. Sponsors are also needed. Contact 456.3931 or themac@northwestmuseum.org.

24 September: "Share Our Dream" fundraiser hosted by Camp Fire USA, at the Davenport Hotel 5:00 – 7:00 PM. Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served. To host a table, contact Ann at 747.6191 ext. 32 or amcalister@campfireinc.org.



Firefighter Marty Shier (YLS 2007) rests as flames dwindle from the Dishman fire in southeast Spokane on 10 July.
Photo courtesy of the Spokesman-Review.