

The Beacon

The quarterly newsletter of Leadership Cattaraugus

Graduation Dinner Scheduled Dec. 16

The graduation dinner for the Class of 2008 is scheduled for December 16 at the Old Library Restaurant.

The event starts at 5 p.m. with cocktails, and dinner at 6 p.m. As in past years, the graduates will receive their award, and the Alumnus of the Year Award will be presented.

All alumni and their guest are invited. Please plan on attending to meet and congratulate the Class of 2008.

The More Things Change?

Each year during the retreat, class members are asked to identify critical issues facing Cattaraugus County. Has this changed since 2004? Are the Classes of 2005, 2006, 2007, and 2008 identifying the same factors? Interestingly, the issues cited by each class have much in common.

Most consistent on the list are the following:

1. the loss of jobs
2. high taxes
3. the loss of young people from the region

Each class has cited issues they feel the region is lacking, including: adequate health care, retail, racial diversity, public transportation, and day care.

Interestingly, classes have commented on the lack of a shared vision. This makes itself manifest in statements such as, "lack of awareness of the positives," "lack of promoting our culture," "lack of optimism," and

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Class of '08 Completes Several Sessions

The Class of 2008 participated in three program days since the last issue of the *Beacon*. Each program day has been arranged by a four-member team from the class.

Leadership Training Day was held at St. Bonaventure University. Dr. Kim Young gave a presentation on leadership and used a case exercise to highlight her discussion. This was followed by a discussion on situational leadership by Master Sgt. Frank Morales. The class participated in a team building activity with St. Bonaventure's "Ropes Course," led by Sgt. Morales. Board members Dan Antonioli (2006) and John Stevens (2004), along with curriculum committee member Jodi Fuller (2006) led the group in a simulated exercise, "The City of Redael."

Government Services Day took the class to Little Valley for a tour and presentation by county administrator Jack Searles. He reviewed the county government's committee structure, budgets, and discussed his role within county government. In contrast to county government, a presentation was given on the Seneca Nation's government. Differences and similarities were pointed out, with the class asking numerous questions on the structure of the Seneca government, culture, and history. The day concluded with a tour of the Cattaraugus County sheriff's office, where current technologies and approaches to crime prevention were reviewed.

Medical and Health Services Day was diversified. Starting at Olean General Hospital, Mr. Tim Finan, chief executive officer, gave a presentation on the direction the hospital is taking with collaborations with other agencies, and discussed some of the issues impacting health care. He gave a tour of the wound treatment center, emergency room, and radiology labs. Dr. Arun Patel discussed eastern medicine and acupuncture, which was contrasted with western medicine. The day concluded with a presentation by the Cattaraugus County health department emergency medical services staff and their approach to disaster prevention and emergency preparedness.

It's not too early to think about
Leadership Cattaraugus 2009!

Call 376-7572 or e-mail leadershipcatt@mail.sunycc.edu for more info.



The Class of 2008

Daniel Bailey

Cooper Power Systems

Carrie Childs

Childs Blueberries and Raspberries

Michelle Federowicz

Catt. County Dept. of Social Services

Steve L. Foster

Five Star Bank

Allen Frank

The ReHABILitation Center

Daniel Gayton

The ReHABILitation Center

Tom Greek

Alcas Corporation

Nichole Gonzales

St. Bonaventure University

Dee Higley

St. Bonaventure University

Jeanne Johnston

Jamestown Community College

Cathy Mackay

Cattaraugus County Dept. of Aging

Amy Maitland

Cattaraugus Community Action

Pam McGarry

Employee Services

Nan Painter

Cattaraugus County Bank

Jim Salmonson

Dresser Rand

Amy Snyder

Hospice and Home Care

Gretchen Spencer

Dresser Rand

Tim Whitcomb

Cattaraugus County Sheriff Office

Leadership Cattaraugus Starts Recruitment for 2009

Through the leadership of board member Dan Antonioli (2006), Leadership Cattaraugus will begin recruiting for the Class of 2009.

Dan developed a method to organize the recruitment effort which will assist in reaching all sectors of the community. "We are asking all alumni to nominate an employee from their company to participate in the Class of 2009," he said.

The Leadership Cattaraugus board of directors will be active in the recruitment process, as well. The board hopes to reach a broad economic sector of companies and to expand its membership to the central and northern parts of Cattaraugus County. For more information and to become involved in recruitment, please contact Jesse Gugino, at 716-376-7572, or email: jessegugino@mail.sunyjcc.edu.

LC News Notes

☞ Nichole Gonzalez (2008) has been appointed to the Cattaraugus County Council on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse board of directors.

☞ Michele Federowicz (2008) accepted an adjunct faculty teaching assignment at Jamestown Community College where she will teach medical terminology during the Spring 2009 semester.

☞ Pam Witter accepted a position as director of constituent relations and stewardship at Houghton College in the office of advancement. In this position Pam will organize and facilitate activities to cultivate prospects and donors as well as strategic design and implementation of donor acknowledgement, recognition and stewardship efforts.

☞ Jessica Golley (2007) earned a master's degree in strategic communication and leadership at Seton Hall University.

☞ Pam McGarry (2008) was named clinic director at Employee Services in Wellsville.

☞ Gretchen Spencer (2008) is an administrative assistant at Dresser-Rand in Olean.

☞ Jeanne Johnston (2008) was named interim dean at Jamestown Community College's Cattaraugus County Campus in Olean.

Alumni News

We want to celebrate your accomplishments! If you would like to share your news or information with your Leadership Cattaraugus colleagues in *The Beacon*, please e-mail LeadershipCatt@mail.sunyjcc.edu.

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"negative impressions of the county."

Perhaps this is where the mission of Leadership Cattaraugus can have its greatest impact, "to grow a network of informed, active leaders who work collaboratively to build a better community."

While the issues remain constant, Leadership Cattaraugus has positioned itself to make a difference by bringing together people with a common vision for a better Cattaraugus County.

For a complete list of critical issues by each class, visit www.leadershipcattaraugus.org.



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Meet the Board

Each issue of the *Beacon* will introduce some of the new members of the Leadership Cattaraugus board.

Leadership Cattaraugus Board of Directors

Dan Antonioli

business unit manager, Cutco Cutlery Corp.

Pete Dandrea

manager of information technology, Horschel Brothers Precision, LLC.

Rob DeFazio

director of recreation & intramurals, St. Bonaventure University

Dave DiTana

partner, Buffamante Whipple and Buttafaro, CPA

Jesse Gugino, program administrator

director of continuing education, Jamestown Community College

Margie Litterer

admissions & recruitment specialist, Jamestown Community College

Mike MacWilliams

vice president, residential services, The ReHabilitation Center

Bill O'Dell, secretary

senior process engineer, Cooper Industries, Inc.

John Sayegh, treasurer

chief operating officer, Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce

John Stevens, president

president, JB Stevens Organizational Solutions, Inc.

Peter Sunderland

vice president & senior commercial banker, Five Star Bank

Tina Zerbian, vice president

CEO, Cattaraugus Community Action

Our Mission

The mission of Leadership Cattaraugus is to grow a network of informed, active leaders who work corroboratively to build a better community.

Our Vision

Our vision is that Leadership Cattaraugus will be recognized as the resource for agencies and organizations to access emerging leaders and as a developmental resource for future leaders.

Pete Dandrea

I remember reading about the first class of Leadership Cattaraugus in the Olean Times Herald and thought that would be pretty neat thing to participate in. So when the opportunity came to apply, I jumped at the chance to sign up for the second class of LC (Class of 2005). To my surprise, participating in Leadership Cattaraugus was much more than expected. I learned a tremendous amount about the various programs and organizations in the county. Meeting new people and quickly becoming friends with them was another added bonus of participating in LC.

It was because of this experience that I accepted a seat on the board. I wanted to be part of this organization and to help others experience this opportunity that is available to them.

I am a lifelong resident of the area. I am the information technology manager at Horschel Brothers Precision in Springville. I live in Olean with my wife, Paula, and our son, Derek, 10.



David DiTanna, CPA, CGFM, CIA

I am a St. Bonaventure University graduate and Buffamante Whipple Buttafaro, P.C. shareholder. I am also a certified government financial manager and internal auditor.

A 2004 LC alumnus, I am a LC board member and chair of the finance committee.

I am a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants, and Institute of Internal Auditing, as well as the New York and Pennsylvania Associations of School Business Officials.

I was named Volunteer of the Year by the Mental Health Association and to Buffalo Business First's 40 Under 40, which honors 40 Western New Yorkers under the age of 40 for their records of professional success and community involvement.

I live in Portville with my wife, Karen, and I have a son, Fred, and granddaughter, Amaya.



John Stevens

I am president of the Leadership Cattaraugus board and one of the co-founders. I am also an alumnus, having attended the first year of the program in 2004. I helped create Leadership Cattaraugus, working with Jesse Gugino and Kathy Welch at JCC, and John Sayegh at the Chamber of Commerce. The goal was to provide a learning opportunity for current and future leaders in Cattaraugus County.

I am a graduate of St. Bonaventure University where I earned a bachelor's degree in journalism, and SUNY Empire State College where I earned a master's degree in business and policy studies. I own an organizational training and consulting business, JB Stevens Organizational Solutions and am also a full time instructor in management science at the St. Bonaventure University School of Business.

I am a member of the Cattaraugus/Allegany Workforce Investment board, and a past president of the Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce. I am a member of the Society for Human Resource Management and the International Society for Performance Improvement.

For the past 30 years, I have been a statistician at home games for the St. Bonaventure men's basketball team. My wife, Deborah, is a nurse manager at Olean General Hospital's dialysis center. I have two children, Bradley and Brittany.

