

The Beacon

The quarterly newsletter of Leadership Cattaraugus

Leadership Cattaraugus Holds Graduation for Class of 2008



Pictured in front, from left, are Carrie Childs, Allan Frank, Dan Gayton, Michelle Federowicz. Middle row, Amy Maitland, Nan Painter, Pam McGarry, Jeanne Johnston. In back, Tim Whitcomb, Dee Higley, Jim Salmonson, Steve Foster, Cathy Mackay, Nichole Gonzalez, Gretchen Spencer, Dan Bailey, and Tom Greek.

Leadership Cattaraugus graduated its most recent class during a ceremony at the Old Library December 16.

The 2008 graduates were Daniel Bailey, Cooper Power Systems; Carrie Childs, Childs Blueberries and Raspberries; Michelle Federowicz, Cattaraugus County Department of Social Services; Steve Foster, Five Star Bank; Allen Frank, The ReHAbilitation Center; Daniel Gayton, The ReHAbilitation Center; Tom Greek, Alcas Corp.; Nichole Gonzales, St. Bonaventure University; Dee Higley, St. Bonaventure University; Jeanne Johnston, Jamestown Community College; Cathy Mackay, Cattaraugus County Department 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; and Tim Whitcomb, Cattaraugus County Sheriff Office.

Leadership Cattaraugus, a program that helps to "grow" future civic and community leaders, is accepting applications for its 2009 class. Applications for the 2009 program, which begins in March, will be screened by a selection committee and those selected will be notified in February. The selection criteria includes leadership potential, commitment to service, and a clear desire to contribute to the county's well-being. For more details and an application form, visit the Leadership Cattaraugus website at www.leadershipcattaraugus.org or call Jesse Gugino, administrator of Leadership Cattaraugus, at 716-376-7572.

Leadership Cattaraugus was established in November 2003 as a joint effort of Jamestown Community College's Cattaraugus County Campus, The ReHAbilitation Center, Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce, and St. Bonaventure University. The founding partners include: Alcas Corporation, Cattaraugus Empire Zone Corp., Cooper Power Systems, Cytec Industries, Dresser-Rand, Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce, The Iroquois Group, Jamestown Community College, Olean Advanced Products/AVX, Olean General Hospital, The ReHAbilitation Center, and St. Bonaventure University.

Zerbian Named Alumnus of the Year

Tina Zerbian was recently named the 2008 Leadership Cattaraugus Alumnus of the Year.



The annual award is presented to an alumnus who best represents the mission and vision of the LC program. Zerbian, chief executive officer, Cattaraugus Community Action, was selected because she is a leader and helps to make Cattaraugus County a better place to live, according to LC administrator Jesse Gugino.

Zerbian is past president of the New York State Community Action Association. She was also named Woman of the Year by the Enchanted Mountain Business and Professional Women's Club. She serves on numerous state and area boards.

"She brings an air of integrity to everything she touches," said LC alumna Sharon Mathe. Past recipients include Wendy Bourgeois, Cattaraugus County Department of Social Services, and Len Riker, formerly of Cytec Corp.

**It's not too late!
Nominate a colleague for
Leadership
Cattaraugus 2009!**

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The Class of 2008

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Class of '08 Completes Sessions

The Class of 2008 completed its last two program days since the last issue of the *Beacon*.

Leadership Cattaraugus Holds Education Day

The Leadership Cattaraugus Class of 2008 participated in Education Day on November 18.

The daylong session included visits and tours to educational institutions, increasing the class' knowledge of issues facing education today.

The day began at the Cattaraugus Allegany BOCES with assistant superintendent Linda Quick outlining the institution and the many services it provides. Paul Carmichael, director of career and technical services, spoke on the programs offered at the center. Steve Dieteman gave a tour that showed students involved in their classroom activities.

Mark Ward, superintendent at Ellicottville School District, spoke on the issues facing New York schools. He commented on 21st century learning, the NYS standards, state budget issues, and the skills needed to compete in a global economy.

The class then had tours of St. Bonaventure University and a discussion of their programs including the Walsh Science Center, by Nick Ersing, the Rare Book Collection by Paul Spaeth, and a discussion of the Journey Project, by Mike Williams. The day concluded with a presentation of programs at Jamestown Community College by Margie Litteer.

Leadership Cattaraugus Holds Board Development Day

Leadership Cattaraugus Class of 2008 participated in Board Development Day on December 16.

The daylong session outlined the dynamics of serving on a non-profit board of directors. Professional consultant Kristina Young of Williamsville discussed Roberts Rules of Order and the duties and responsibilities of a board member. A panel featuring Len Liguori of Directions in Independent Living; Tina Zerbian, Cattaraugus Community Action; John Sayegh, Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce; and Bob Fairbanks, United Way; provided the class with perspectives on participating on a board. Olean General Hospital chief executive officer Tim Finan discussed hospital boards and his work with OGH's board of directors.

"This program day is especially important in helping the class of 2008 become better prepared to serve on area boards," said Jesse Gugino, Leadership Cattaraugus administrator. "An essential goal of Leadership Cattaraugus is to see its alumni actively involved in serving to make Cattaraugus County a better place to live and to work."

LC News Notes

☞ Scott Brechbuehl '06 was named to the board of directors of the Cattaraugus County Business Development Corporation.

☞ Jeanne Finch '06 was promoted to senior business office assistant at the Cattaraugus County Campus of Jamestown Community College.

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.sunyjc.edu.



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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 collaboratively 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.

Peter Sunderland

I grew up in Warsaw and have lived in Western New York all my life. I reside in Great Valley with my wife, Brenda, and her two teenage boys. Having nearly 26 years in my banking career, my roles have encompassed everything from senior loan administrator to relationship manager primarily in the commercial or business lending and management. Currently, I am a vice president and senior business banker at Five Star Bank and have been with them for six years. I graduated from SUNY Fredonia in 1983 with a dual major in business administration and economics. Additionally, over the years, I have attended many management and lending programs to further my education. My community involvement includes being a board member for Community Action Enterprises, Inc and Leadership Cattaraugus. I am a member of the Olean and Ellicottville Chambers of Commerce and Elkdale Country Club.



Board Members, Officers Named

Leadership Cattaraugus recently announced its officers and board members for 2009.

John Stevens, JB Organizational Solutions, will serve as president. Other officers include Tina Zerbian, Cattaraugus Community Action, vice president; John Sayegh, Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce, treasurer; and Bill O'Dell, Cooper Power Systems, secretary.

Additional members of the board are Dave DiTana, Buffamante, Whipple, Buttafaro; Mike MacWilliams, The ReHabilitation Center; Margie Litterer, Jamestown Community College; Rob DeFazio, St. Bonaventure University; Pete Dandrea, Horshell Brothers; Dan Antonioli, Alcas Corp.; and Pete Sunderland, Five Star Bank.

LC 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.