

# Leadership Connection

A sense of humor is part of the art of leadership, of getting along with people, of getting things done. ~Dwight D. Eisenhower

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## LEADERSHIP CALENDAR

**Conscious Discipline-Session 3**  
May 25, 6:15-8:15 p.m.  
MCPC Parent Resource Center

**Homecoming Weekend**  
May 27-31, Beloit

**2nd Annual Talking Tombstones**  
May 28-29  
Elmwood Cemetery, Beloit

**Relay for Life**  
June 3  
Chautauqua Park, Beloit

**Enduro Racing**  
June 5, 2 pm, 12 and under free  
Beloit Raceway

**Kansas 8-Man All Star Football Game**  
June 11  
Beloit High School football field

**Conscious Discipline-Session 4**  
June 22, 6:15-8:15 p.m.  
MCPC Parent Resource Center

## SAVE THE DATE

**Monday, September 19, 2011**

Social: 6:30 P.M. ~ Dinner 7:00 P.M.

**At Down Under, Beloit**

**Featuring Speaker:**



**Ed O'Malley,**  
CEO Kansas Leadership Center

## LMC Class XI "This Old House" a Huge Success!



Approximately 75 people attended 'This Old House' dinner, dance and auction fundraiser sponsored by this year's LMC Class XI. A class project, designed in some way to benefit Mitchell County, was incorporated into the LMC curriculum last year. This year's class chose to raise money to benefit the Mitchell County

Regional Medical Foundation. The funds will be donated to the foundation to be used for the continued restoration of the Perdue House. A room in the house will be named after Leadership Mitchell County.

Those in attendance were treated to a delicious meal of pulled pork, side dishes and

dessert. With their stomachs full, guests settled in for good-natured, competitive bidding in the charity auction. Eighty-nine individuals and businesses from Beloit, Tipton, Jewell, Downs, Randall, Glen Elder, Lincoln and Simpson generously donated for the evening's festivities. Several items had friends in bidding wars pushing their prices well above retail value, all in the name of charity.

Following the auction, the crowd was entertained by musician Mark Nebel, who got them dancing to a mix of country and rock favorites.

Class XI's hard work paid off and the project was a tremendous success as it raised \$10,200 for the restoration. Fantastic work class!

## Troy Unruh Is New LMC Consultant



Troy Unruh, a native of Garden City, has been appointed Leadership Mitchell County consultant by the Kansas Leadership Center (KLC). Unruh is a graduate of Kansas Community Leadership Initiative and has served on the Advisory Board to the KLC. Unruh has facilitated Leadership Garden City for over eight years and has worked with various community leadership programs as an

Advanced Leadership Facilitator including Garden City, Dodge City, Scott City, Leoti, Ulysses, Liberal and Wichita.

His role as a consultant means having a close liaison between LMC's leadership program and KLC. He will connect LMC to opportunities and practices to strengthen the program. He also will offer facilitation services in various group settings for the board, alumni and the current leadership class.

Unruh came to Mitchell County on Tuesday, April 12 to meet with the Leadership Mitchell County Board and the alumni committee. His first reaction to the group was the strong foundation the board has created for LMC.

Updating the curriculum is an important next step for the board to freshen up the leadership classes. Unruh believes resources from KLC, having board

members attend facilitator training and having more members attend the KLC leadership summit will be a huge help in developing an improved curriculum for leadership class participants.

Alumni are an important group to leadership programs. Unruh gives the advice to alumni to stay curious. Ask questions, get in contact with people and make yourself available. "You'll get as much out of a leadership program as you want out of it," states Unruh.

Unruh will be LMC's consultant for at least one year. Funding of KLC and their services come from a 30 million dollar grant that the State of Kansas received for leadership development.

Unruh can be contacted at 620-521-8566 or [tunruh@kansasleadershipcenter.org](mailto:tunruh@kansasleadershipcenter.org).

## LEADERS FOR CLASS XII WANTED

Do you know of someone who would benefit from Leadership Mitchell County? The LMC Board is now taking applications until June 10, 2011 for LMC Class XII.

Nominate an employee, co-worker or friend so they can share in the experience to grow and develop their leadership potential! An application is attached or available by contacting the office of:

**Frasier & Johnson, LLC,  
116 N. Hersey Ave., Beloit,  
785-738-5723.**

## LMC Class XI Graduates



On April 17, 2011, 16 Mitchell and Jewell County professionals graduated from Leadership Mitchell County's Class XI. They met Sunday evening at the Hunter Café where they were served roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, creamed corn and a layered dessert. Board members, LMC Class X and spouses were invited to this important evening.

The April graduation is the celebration of nine months of

leadership training. Class XI was the biggest class since starting LMC in 2000. It was also the first year the class was opened up to Jewell County residents, who asked to be a part of the leadership classes.

Two Class XI class members were voted on by their classmates to give a speech about the year at graduation. Ryan Elgin and Michelle Ellenz were the speakers who wrapped up the year on a high

## Amanda Lomax ~ Class XI

Class XI member, Amanda Lomax, was promoted December 21, 2010, to the position of City Clerk for the City of Beloit. "Mandy" is a graduate of Beloit Jr./Sr. High School. She earned an Associates of Arts degree from Cloud County Community College, and a B.B.A in accounting from Fort Hays State University. She has worked for the City for three years. Mandy is married to Joel and has a stepdaughter Alyssa, and two sons Kaden and John. When asked about LMC, Mandy said "it's a good program to go through and I have enjoyed all the sessions." Congratulations, Mandy!

## Terri Kelly ~ Class X

Class X member, Terri Kelly, was promoted April 4, 2011, to a position in the C.D. Department with the Guaranty State Bank in Beloit. Terri is a graduate of Beloit Jr./Sr. High School. She continued her education at Kansas State University where she earned her Bachelor of Science degree in radio/T.V & public relations. Terri began working at the bank on a part-time basis, until her kids were in school and then moved to a full-time position as head teller. Terri is married to Darrell and they have two sons, Dane and Matt, and a daughter Erin. When asked to comment on LMC, Terri said her two favorite parts were "getting to know the dynamics of the diverse group and the friendships that we

## WELLNESS CORNER: Culture of Wellness

You are a leader. What can you do to help establish a culture of wellness in your community? It can be a big project such as promoting a walking trail, pool or rollerbladeable sidewalks or something as small as making sure filtered/bottled water is

available to your staff or taking five minute mid-morning walking breaks.

Changing our environment to be more "well" is YOUR responsibility. We can't expect any one else to do it. We have to be the ones that make it happen. Every small step leads to a culture of wellness...fewer absentees, focused employees, greater productivity. Consider starting a "Wellness Committee" in your organization. If you need help getting started, please contact Lori May at 785-738-3995 with questions. 

note by giving an overview of the past nine months of sessions and classes. New board members elected from Class XI are Deb Beam and Ryan Elgin.

Graduating members received the book *The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership* by John C. Maxwell to carry on their leadership abilities to make Mitchell County a better place for us all.

A highlight of the year was a fundraiser hosted by Class XI titled "This Old House." This was an evening of fun including a pork meal, a band and live auction to benefit the Perdue House owned by Mitchell County Regional Medical Foundation. Over \$10,000 was raised by this event! The proceeds will name a room in the Perdue House for Leadership Mitchell County.

### LEADERSHIP VOLUNTEERISM

#### Beloit Jr./Sr. High School

- Tutoring
  - Substitute teachers
  - Paraprofessionals
- Paid positions, contact USD 273 office at 738-3261.

City of Beloit needs volunteers to fill boards and commissions  
Go to [beloitks.org](http://beloitks.org) for more information.

The Early Learning Center needs volunteers in various capacities.  
Contact Karen at MCPC Office at 738-3055 ext. 1

#### Meals on Wheels

- Delivery drivers willing to deliver in bad weather.
- Contact the MCHHS at 738-2266.

#### Mitchell County Hospital

- Health Systems
  - Auxiliary volunteers needed
  - Pink Lady chairperson needed
- Contact Vickie Mears at 738-5066.

#### Bloodmobile (5 events per year)

- Assistant to chairperson
  - Help set up
  - Food preparers
- Contact Vickie Mears at 738-5066.

#### Mitchell County Historical Society Museum

- Board members
  - Manual labor
- Contact Kyle Peterson at 738-5355.

#### Road to Recovery

- Drive cancer patients to appointments. Contact Pat Cashatt at 738-3828, [picashatt@nckcn.com](mailto:picashatt@nckcn.com).

#### Post Rock Humane Society

- Adoptive parents or foster parents to animals waiting to be adopted
- 738-3553 or 738-7419. 

formed, and also our project." Class X was the first to develop a class project and they chose the "Empty Bowls" project, which was a fundraiser to benefit the Mitchell County Food Bank and the Post Rock Humane Society. Terri continues to participate in that worthy cause, which has now been renamed "Bowls of Hope." Thank you for your work with this project and congratulations on your promotion, Terri!

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