

# Leadership Connection

You really can change the world if you care enough. ~ Marion Wright Edelman

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## LEADERSHIP CALENDAR

**Beloit Rotary Chili Soup Day**  
January 12,  
11 a.m. - 1 p.m. & 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.  
Municipal Building

**Beloit Area Chamber of Commerce  
Annual Meeting & Banquet**  
February 23, 6 pm  
Down Under Ballroom

**Bowl for Kids' Sake**  
March 9, 11 am-11 pm  
Thunder Strikez, Concordia

**Methodist Church Friendship  
Meals, Every Monday, 5:30-7,**  
Beloit United Methodist Church

**Beloit USD #283,**  
Spring Break, March 20-24

**Waconda USD #272,**  
Spring Break, March 27-31

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**1ST QUARTER 2013**  
**LMC ALUMNI**  
**BREAKFAST**

**Friday, March 15th**

**7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m**

**New AgMark Location**

**Corner of Bell & Main,  
Beloit, Kansas**

*Please join us and  
feel free to bring a friend.*

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**Check Out The  
NEW Web Site!**

[www.leadershipmitchellcounty.org](http://www.leadershipmitchellcounty.org)

## 4th Quarter Alumni Luncheon



On October 31, 2012, the LMC Alumni held a Halloween luncheon at Plum Creek at noon. While alum ate lunch, a small meeting was held. It was decided a quarterly meeting format would continue for LMC alum. The first quarter will be a breakfast with speaker. Barb Grove, Brandy Goddard and Sarah Dickman, all Class XII, volunteered to host this event.

The second quarter will be an After Hours event. If your class would like to sponsor this, please contact board member Mary Jane Chapman at [scott\\_mary\\_jane@yahoo.com](mailto:scott_mary_jane@yahoo.com).

Third quarter will be the LEAP event and fourth quarter will be the luncheon. Please contact Chapman if you would like to volunteer for any of these committees.

Other items on the agenda were getting the alumni more involved in the April graduation ceremony in Hunter. Please contact board member Jeff Zimmer at [fcjz@nckcn.com](mailto:fcjz@nckcn.com) if you have ideas or want to help with this event.

The lunch ended with Chapman and board member Mark Palen giving a small presentation on nonverbal communication. Over a dozen LMC alums gathered for this event to network and learn. The next quarterly alumni meeting will be Friday, March 15, 7-8 a.m. at the new AgMark location on the corner of Bell and Main Streets in Beloit. ☛

## October and November LMC Sessions



After a two day session in Tipton in September, Class XIII of Leadership Mitchell County continued their leadership journey to Lincoln and Ellsworth on October 10th.

Pastor Kaye Metzler started the day with a presentation on Leadership in Faith. Carol Cordel, Class X, and board members Phyllis Shurts and Mary Jane Chapman, covered the following four Kansas Leadership Center Competencies: Diagnose Situation, Manage Self, Intervene Skillfully and Energize Others.

The highlight of the day was

the tour of the Ellsworth Correctional Facility hosted by Todd Britton. The tour began with the history of the E.C.F. and Class XIII having lunch with the inmates. The main tour followed and included viewing the facilities, the pods where the inmates spend most of their time, offender work programs, and how private industries play a critical role in developing skills and abilities that will serve offenders on their release. The tour concluded with an inmate sharing his personal story about life in prison and how the E.C.F. has changed his life for the better.

LMC Class XIII then met on Wednesday, Nov. 7 at Carrico Implement and Agco for their agriculture/agribusiness and ag technology session.

Speakers for the morning session were Jeff Bechard from AgMark; Scott Chapman from the extension agency; local farmers Brent McCullough, Darrin Gronewoller and Eric Eilert; Joe Ortner from Carrico Implement and Andrea Harms from Farmway Co-op.

The afternoon session took place at Agco and started with a short tour of the new research and development facility. After the tour Jeff Zimmer, LMC board member and Farmway Credit Union employee, gave the class a presentation on financing farmers and ranchers and the benefits versus risks involved.

LMC will hold their next session about healthcare and education on Tuesday, Jan., 8, 2013 at the Mitchell County Hospital and North Central Kansas Technical College Campus.

## WELLNESS CORNER: from Lori May - Class X

It's that time of year! It's time to start focusing on your health. This time of the year, it's easy to snuggle up on the couch or stay at your desk a little longer. Scheduling a workout, whether

it's on your treadmill at home, sledding on the hill, or in a cycle class with a motivating instructor, is essential for improving your mood during the winter as well as keeping you healthy and fit. Here are some apps that could help! For iPhone

users, search for FREE apps including Calorie Counter & Diet Tracker, Lose It!- Fit Now, My Net Diary, Daily Ab Workout, RunKeeper Free,

Body Fitness Exercise Journal, or Pedometer! If you have a Droid, try one of these apps: Calorie Counter, DroidFit, Instant Heart Rate, Epicurious, Endomondo Sports Tracker, Cardio Trainer, and Move Your Bot. A great free Web site for motivation and so much more is [www.sparkpeople.com](http://www.sparkpeople.com). SparkPeople also has free apps available for multiple types of phones.

These apps will help you reach your 2013 health goals!

## LEADERSHIP MITCHELL COUNTY, KS



# New Leadership Mitchell County Web Site



As we enter 2013, LMC will be continuing to grow with the launch of a new web site. Harry McGrath, owner of Waconda Trader, has offered to sponsor the new web site along with the monthly maintenance. Danielle Jeardoe, LMC board member, has been working on the new design and adding content for a new and improved informative tool for LMC

alumni and present class members.

The home page will offer a streaming Facebook feed to LMC's page for quick access and a special section for upcoming events. There will also be an archive section for past LMC *Connection* newsletters.

Photos will be available of the class tours and LMC alumni events

as they take place. Local businesses who sponsor Leadership Mitchell County will have the option of displaying a courtesy banner ad to help promote their own business. You can find LMC's new web site at [www.leadershipmitchellcounty.org](http://www.leadershipmitchellcounty.org). Give us your feedback of the new site on LMC's Facebook wall! ♦

## New Board Members: Chancellor and Flinn

Jason Chancellor, Class I, and Susan Flinn, Class XI, joined the LMC Board of Directors for 2012 through 2015.

Chancellor graduated from Belleville High School in 1993 and continued his education at Cloud County Community College and Kansas State University, graduating with a Business Administration-Finance Bachelor of Science degree in 1998.

In July of 1998, he accepted a position with Farm Bureau Financial Services in Beloit. Since then, he has become a licensed registered representative, earned his Life Underwriter Training Council Fellow designation from The American College and National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors (NAIFA). In his position, he assists people with insurance and investment needs.

Chancellor has a wife, Stephanie, and three children, Brayden (19),

Bryce (17) and Caylen (9).

He is the community director of the Beloit Buccaneers Youth Football Program, a member of the Salvation Army Football Board of Directors, a member of the BHS Booster Club Board of Directors and a member of both NAIFA and GAMA International.

Chancellor accepted the position on the LMC board to help develop new leaders within the community, assist the board with class sessions and serve the community in a new capacity. He finds integration of surrounding county communities an important next step to the LMC program.

"I'm looking forward to sharing ideas of how we can keep making the program a success in the future," said Chancellor.

Flinn graduated from Jewell High School in 1976 and took college classes from Cloud County Community College. She currently

is the Assistant Vice President and Branch Manager at The Guaranty State Bank and Trust Company in Jewell. Her responsibilities include financial operations of the bank, lending transactions and manager of employees who provide customer service.

Flinn is highly involved in her community and passionate about strengthening her leadership skills. She was president of the Bank Administration Association of Central Kansas in 2007-2008, the current treasurer for the Jewell Chamber of Commerce and board member for the Jewell County Economic Development.

"Being a part of LMC will allow me the opportunity to mentor others and assist them in their journey," said Flinn. A goal of hers is to see neighboring communities assist each other to create a ripple effect of success. ♦

## LEADERSHIP VOLUNTEERISM

**Children and "Bigs"** to volunteer and mentor for Big Brothers, Big Sisters. Call 785-243-1620 for more information.

### Two board members for Mitchell County Convention and Tourism Board

Meet monthly, promote Mitchell County and award grants. Board members must reside in Mitchell County. Contact Virginia Montgomery at [bluehill@wtciweb.com](mailto:bluehill@wtciweb.com)

### Beloit Elementary School

-Help in the school library  
Contact Roberta Meier at 739-3581 or [rmeier@usd273.org](mailto:rmeier@usd273.org)

### Beloit Jr./Sr. High School

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

### Mitchell County Historical Society Museum

-Manual labor, file and office work  
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  
-Volunteers to pick up animals  
-Dog and cat food needed  
Contact Trudy Collins at 738-2951.

### CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates)

-Volunteers will receive training to be advocates for abused and neglected children in the court system. Contact Carol Miller at 243-8200 or 877-576-2272, [nckcasa@cloudcountyks.org](mailto:nckcasa@cloudcountyks.org)

### Meals on Wheels

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

Minutes 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter LMC Alumni Meeting  
October 31, 2012

1. 2012 Alumni activity was reviewed and the decision to repeat this format next year was made by those present.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> quarter will again be a breakfast with speaker. Barb Grove, Brandy Goddard, and Sarah Dickman all Class XII will be hosting this. Watch for details in the 1st Quarter LMC Connection.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter meeting will be an After Hours. If your class would like to sponsor this, please let MJ Chapman ([scott\\_mary\\_jane@yahoo.com](mailto:scott_mary_jane@yahoo.com)) know. Class X sponsored this last year by arranging the place and bringing some snacks.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter will be the LEAP event. We are looking for team members for finance, marketing, and food/decoration. Please contact MJ Chapman if you would like to serve on a team. The Chairman and team chairs are in place, so it would be a great nonstressful way to connect with civic purpose!
  - 4<sup>th</sup> quarter will be a luncheon and if you would like to take the lead or help with this, let MJ Chapman know.
2. The role of Class Coordinators was discussed and it was decided to have a meeting of Coordinators to discuss roles and possible changes. Mary Jane will set this meeting up.
3. Mandy Fincham reported an on going search for someone to write a couple articles a quarter for the LMC Connection. Please contact her at the [lmconnection@gmail.com](mailto:lmconnection@gmail.com) for more details. Also please report any alumni happenings or kudos to her to include in the newsletter.
4. There was discussion of alumni participation in graduation and we hope to have more involvement in the graduation celebration either as attendees or session planning members. If you would like to be involved in the planning this year, please let Jeff Zimmer know.( [fcjz@nckcn.com](mailto:fcjz@nckcn.com))
5. Danielle Jeardoe reported on the upcoming launch of the new LMC website sponsored by McGrath Publishing after the first of the year.
6. Reports from Curriculum Committee, Recruitment Committee and Fundraising Committee followed.
7. There was discussion of possible avenues to include those who would not be able to take a full LMC class in leadership curriculum. Phyllis Shurts will look into a Leadership Edge program in NCK.