

Application

Class 15 - 2010-11



Leadership

L A K E W A L E S



“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”

Margaret Mead

What Our Graduates Say ...

Leadership Lake Wales gave me a kaleidoscope view of the community I've called "home" my entire life, and let me see it in a whole new way. I learned about facets of this community I'd never had the opportunity to experience. The program also gives a snapshot of the many opportunities to reach beyond ourselves and contribute to the success and continued improvement of our community. I'm proud to have been part of the program.

— **Maryemma Bachelder, Class 13**

Director of Marketing
Lake Wales Medical Center

I learned so much about my community through Leadership Lake Wales that I never knew - and I was born and raised here! —

— **Mike Morrow, Class 12**

Development & Community Relations Manager
Lake Wales Care Center

I feel that I was so fortunate to be invited to join Leadership Lake Wales. It affirmed to me that I could, or should I say should take on leadership roles in my community. Like everyone I know, I could have spent my life just doing my job and caring for my family. Going through the program made me realize that the community isn't run by the famous "they". It is run by us!

— **Kathy Manry, Class 1**

Resource Development Manager, East Polk County
United Way of Central Florida

Leadership Lake Wales was a very rewarding experience. I not only gained great insight on our community, but, more importantly, I made relationships and bonds that I expect will last a lifetime. I would recommend the program without reservation!

— **Greg Littleton, Class 2**

President and CEO
Citizens Bank & Trust

Leadership Lake Wales was a great experience for me! I found out things about Lake Wales and Polk County that really made me proud to live in such a great community.

— **Paul W. Gerrard, Jr., Class 3**

Senior Vice President
Area Executive For The Ridge
CenterState Bank

Leadership Lake Wales not only gave me the opportunity to get an inside look at businesses and government that I would not otherwise have been able to see, but more importantly, it allowed me to share these visits with fellow Lake Walesans, some who I already knew and enjoyed being with, and others who I hadn't known but got to know and who became longtime friends. I can honestly think of 7 or 8 such people who are now dear friends 9 years later!

— **Howard Kay, Class 4**

Lilly, O'Toole & Brown, LLP

The highlight of my Leadership Lake Wales experience was connecting with my fellow classmates. I still keep in close contact with many of them. Our class developed a team spirit that continued even after the program was over.

— **Erica Falchetti, Class 11**

Program Overview

Leadership Lake Wales is a program of the Lake Wales Area Chamber of Commerce and the Lake Wales Area Foundation that brings together current and emerging leaders from across the greater Lake Wales area to develop a network of resourceful, informed and proactive leaders who will create a more vibrant community.

The nine-month program immerses participants in an inspiring and enlightening curriculum that increases community awareness and examines critical issues that impact Lake Wales, Polk County, and the State of Florida. Leadership Lake Wales exposes participants to many community-minded perspectives and resources through an open forum. Program graduates are also eligible to participate in Leadership Polk County.

Leadership Lake Wales seeks to develop visionary approaches and collaborative behavior in graduates who occupy or will assume leadership roles in organizations within the community. Every year, an Alumni Advisory Council will meet to guide the program's structure and assist in the process of candidate selection.

Program Goals

- To identify existing and emerging leadership from various occupational and economic segments of the Lake Wales area community.
- To familiarize participants with a wide range of issues facing the Lake Wales area.
- To provide a resource pool of community leaders who can make a difference in the Lake Wales area community as they become engaged in elected and/or volunteer service.

Selection Criteria

- Each class will include participants selected from diverse occupations and backgrounds within greater Lake Wales community.
- Individuals who have attained a senior leadership position or demonstrated the potential to assume a leadership position within their business/organization.
- Individuals who have demonstrated a commitment and interest to serve the community.
- Individuals with excellent potential to play a significant role in the community's future.
- Individuals who will commit to one full day a month for seven months, a mandatory three-day trip to Tallahassee, and a mandatory opening retreat, closing retreat, and graduation.

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT: (List your present employer first. You may use additional paper if necessary.)

Employer	Your Title or Responsibility	Dates (from-to)
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Briefly describe your greatest responsibility, skill and/or career achievement:

Do you plan to remain in the greater Lake Wales area for the next five (5) years? _____

Organizations & Activities: (Please list, in order of importance to you, up to five community, civic, professional, business, religious, athletic or other organization that you are or have been a member.)

Organization	Dates of Membership	Official Position(s) Held
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

In the organizations and activities listed above, briefly tell us about your most important accomplishment/
most memorable experience:

List any achievements, special honors, and awards received within the last three (3) years:

Briefly tell us what you hope to gain from your Leadership Lake Wales experience:

Briefly tell us what you feel are the three most pressing problems/opportunities facing the greater Lake Wales area today. Explain why you have chosen these problems or opportunities:

Please let us know if you have any ideas to help resolve the problems or expand the opportunities you named above:

Tell us why you should be selected as a participant in the Leadership Lake Wales Program:

TO BE COMPLETED BY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS ONLY:

Tell us why you should be considered for a partial tuition scholarship, if available.

Tuition Scholarship, Amount Requested: \$_____

References (List the name, title, business name & address, and telephone number of two (2) personal or business references.)

Name/Title: _____

Business Name _____

Business Address: _____

Phone: _____

Name/Title: _____

Business Name _____

Business Address: _____

Phone: _____

I fully understand attendance is mandatory for the opening and closing retreats, the Tallahassee trip, and the graduation ceremony. Attendance at each monthly day trip is also required and no more than two (2) personal emergencies will be excused.

(Applicant's Signature)

(Date)

I fully support our employee's participation in Leadership Lake Wales and understand their attendance is mandatory for the opening and closing retreats, the Tallahassee trip, and the graduation ceremony. Attendance at each monthly day trip is also required and no more than two (2) personal emergencies will be excused.

(Employer Signature)

(Date)

Return application no later than Friday, August 27, 2010, to:

Leadership Lake Wales Selection Committee
Lake Wales Area Chamber of Commerce • P. O. Box 191 • Lake Wales, FL 33859-0191
Or Fax to: 863-676-3446

Attendance & Participation

- Leadership Lake Wales requires a serious commitment of time and energy. Day-long sessions are usually held the second Wednesday of the month.
- Attendance is mandatory at the opening retreat in September, the three-day trip to Tallahassee, the end-of-the-year retreat in May, and at the evening graduation dinner in June.
- All dates are published in advance for planning purposes (see the calendar for dates). No more than two of the seven day-long sessions will be excused for personal emergencies.
- If you work for a company or organization, their support is essential. If you are self-employed you will need to evaluate the requirements of the program as compared to your available time.

Program Cost

The tuition for Leadership Lake Wales is \$1,200. The tuition is due prior to the September Opening Retreat. Requests for partial tuition scholarships through the Lake Wales Area Foundation will be considered based on the availability of funds. No refund of tuition is granted once the program begins.

Tuition Covers

- Opening reception and retreat activities and meals
- Seven day-long excursions, transportation, luncheons and refreshments
- All expenses for three-day, two-night visit to the State Capitol in Tallahassee, including transportation, accommodations, meals, and refreshments
- Closing retreat activities and meals
- Graduation dinner for participant and guest

Application Process

Please complete the application form on the previous pages. It is designed as a "pull-out" so that you may keep the program information contained on the cover pages and submit the application separately to the Lake Wales Area Chamber of Commerce.

Applications MUST be received by August 27, 2010. Completion of this application does not guarantee acceptance into the program.

Please note: Class members will be considered from all occupations and communities within the greater Lake Wales area.

**For More
Information
Please Contact:**

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Executive Director
**Lake Wales Area
Chamber of Commerce**
(863) 676-3445

What Our Graduates Say...

If you are interested in making a difference in the Lake Wales community, there is no better way to learn how than to fully participate in the chamber's Leadership Lake Wales program. It will benefit you from a business and personal perspective and provide insight into what makes the community tick.

— **Jerry Miller, Class 2**
Community Relations Manager
Progress Energy

Leadership Lake Wales helped me learn how to better CARE for our community . . . as community leaders it is our responsibility to make sure we use our talents and expertise to make the community function as well as possible . . . the leadership program brings an awareness of what all the facets of a community are and how they all work together . . . this knowledge is a tremendous asset in helping us fulfill our role as community leaders.

— **Rob Quam, Class 3**
Executive Director
Lake Wales Care Center

My participation in the Leadership Lake Wales Program has been and continues to be a rewarding endeavor. Not only have I enjoyed the opportunity to intimately learn more about our local business community and our community in general, but I have been able to interact with the business and community leaders that assist my practice on a daily basis. This luxury has been most invaluable.

— **Jason Penrod, Class 10**
Weaver, McClendon & Penrod, LLP

Leadership Lake Wales brought me together with a great group of people and gave me an outstanding overview of the community. The alumni list reads like a who's who of the greater Lake Wales area, and I'm proud to tell people I'm a Leadership Lake Wales graduate. It's a great way to explore everything the community has to offer so you can be even more effective in your job and community service.

— **Chevon Baccus, Class 8**

The very first project on soccer in our community came from our Leadership Lake Wales class. Being able to meet and network with other members of our community is a big benefit to this program. It works for your business or for your other passions in the community.

— **Robbie Shields, Class 6**
Manager, Inventory Accounting
Florida's Natural Growers

Leadership Lake Wales Class 15 2010-2011 Course Calendar

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Wednesday, October 13, 2010

Wednesday, November 10, 2010

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

Wednesday, January 12, 2011

Wednesday, February 9, 2011

Wednesday, March 9, 2011

Wednesday - Friday, April 13-15, 2011
(Dates to be confirmed)

Thursday, May 12, 2011

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Friday, June 10, 2011

Please Note: Class Days 1 – 7 begin at 7:30 a.m. and generally end at 5 p.m.

Opening Reception & Retreat (Mandatory)

Class Day 1

Class Day 2

Class Day 3

Class Day 4

Class Day 5

Class Day 6

Tallahassee Trip (Mandatory)

Class Day 7

Closing Retreat (Mandatory)

Graduation Dinner (Mandatory)



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