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The Leadership Link

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Class of 2016 Project Update:

To date the class has raised \$16,590.23. The class is in full swing in putting together the final details for their project.

So far the class has replaced the toilets and the new hot water heaters have been installed. Demolition of Phase 1 has been completed. The next step is to perform the actual remodel. After that the class will reevaluate their funds and continue to spruce up what they can. The class is very excited to be a part of the GSMYC lives and cannot wait until we see the

EST 1986 Creater San Marcos Youth Council Interactive Forder

final product. Thank you to everyone who donated

and supported this project and "keeping hope alive" for these kids in our community, we could not have done it with out you.



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First Class Session Coming up!

The first session for the new Class will be held on September 15th. Be on the look out in the September issue to see how well it went!



Serving the community since 1985



"Our growth depends not on how many experiences we devour, but on how many we digest." -Ralph W. Sockman The class of 2015 Graduated April 28, 2015. We all gathered at the Price center for a fun filled night of "An Italian Feast."

In attendance for Graduation:

Elizabeth Castaneda Teresa Lauderdale

Pam Gravis

Jeff Clark

Don Moore

Thomas Akkerman

Sheldon Halliburton

Steve Frayser

Jim Swisher

Jake Walden

Justin Pavne

Congratulations to the graduating class for completing the Leadership program!

Meet the Board for 2016!



President Molly Ann Garcia

President Elect Jeff Caldwell

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Secretary Lisa Tanksley

<u>Treasurer</u> Dorothy Evans Event Coordinator Elizabeth Castaneda

> Technology Carlos Garcia

Internal Communications Teresa Lauderdale

Alumni Development Justin Payne

Class Selection 2016 Bonnie Hughson Coz

Class Selection 2018 Rodney Van Oudekerke

Facilitator Co-Chair Glen Cook

Facilitator Co-Chair Chelsea Clark The new board is excited to tell you that we will be making a few changes this year! Please make sure to keep reading your newsletters to find out all the exciting new things coming for Leadership San Marcos!

Community Involvement:



Mission Statement:

The mission of **Leadership San Marcos** is to identify, inform, educate, and motivate individuals to participate in programs and activities that will improve the San Marcos community. We accomplish this by:

- Providing a continuing education program for our members in order to foster an awareness of current issues facing the community, and to inspire personal growth and ongoing training in leadership skills;
- Providing a means of networking to exchange ideas and introduce opportunities for community involvement for our members; and
- Establishing and maintaining our identity as a willing and capable pool of leadership talent, interested and ready to serve the community.

Discover the leader in you!

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Chelsea Clark Class of 2016

Meet the Co-Facilitators:

Chelsea was born and raised in SM. She received her real estate License a little over a year ago and now is a third generation agent at Coldwell Banker First National. She has worked there with her grandma, Diane Sanders and her mother, Mary Evans. We are only the only family to have thee generations in LSM.

When we asked Chelsea why she wanted to join LSM she said, "I wanted to join LSM for networking opportunities, to meet other professionals, to better myself and to give back to my community."

I have learned so much from LSM and the people involved. I have learned leadership skills, how to work with different personalities and how to be an effective communicator. I have met and had the honor to get to know many people I now aspire to be like. I have learned so much about the city I was born and raised in. I have learned the history of San Marcos, I have learned about prominent businesses and how the involve their teams to be leaders as well. Chelsea looks forward to being on the board and getting to know the alumni. She is excited to meet the new class and guide them through this awesome experience. She is looking forward to learning more about how to be an effective leader and getting more involved. Of course she says she couldn't do this job with out her cofacilitator, Glen and her class. They are awesome and we can't wait to share this experience with the new class.



Glen Cook Class of 2016

Meet the Co-Facilitators:

Glen was raised in the deep south, but has lived in Texas for 37 years and in New Braunfels for 19 years. He currently work in Operations at Grande Communications.

Glen Graduated from Texas A&M and has 2 children. His son is a camp Counselor and youth minister and his daughter is currently in college. When asked why I wanted to join LSM I tell people that I had multiple friends that had gone through the program and was very interested in seeing what it was all about for myself.

So far through my first year I have a better understanding and appreciation of the people and community in San Marcos. I look forward to everything I still have to learn. I look forward to working with new friends I have made with my current class- meeting the new class and making more friends hopefully- learning more about San Marcos-Working with Chelsea, one of the most impressive people I have ever met-she is resilient, Positive, smart, and great company- a selfless friend.

Alumni Membership Information

Leadership San Marcos provides face-to-face contact with peers from various organizations and industries in the community. Networking advantages through Leadership San Marcos include expanding your resources, keeping abreast of new developments, learning about other businesses and industries and making new business contacts.

If you are not already an alumni member, please plan to send your dues in today! Membership only costs \$50 per year and we will gladly provide a receipt. Not only will your dues go towards promoting and enhancing the Leadership San Marcos program, your membership is a great way to stay involved in community events and be a part of great networking opportunities!

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Molly Ann Garcia President 2015 Leadership San Marco



Greg Wurzbach Executive Director 2015 Leadership San Marcos

You don't lead by pointing and telling people some place to go. You lead by going to that place and making a case. —Ken Kesey

Presidents letter:

As we begin a new year your Board of Directors has already been hard at work to plan the 2015-2016 year. Bonnie Hughson and her committee are busy recruiting and soon will be setting up interviews to select our new class. In celebration of our 30th Anniversary, we have lots of new and exciting things planned and hoped that you are enjoying the first edition of *Leadership Link*, our new monthly publication. We will be adding new stories, articles and features to bring everyone up to date and with a new look and feel. In addition we have acquired a new domain for our website, leadershipsanmarcos.org. New content will be uploaded as we work to create a more modern and functional website for our organization.

Remember, you are a part of LSM and your feedback is important to me. Have an idea for a mixer, lunch n learn or just feel something needs to be done differently?? Do you have experience with websites or marketing/branding?? I'd love to hear from you. Please send me an email <u>mollyann.garcia@gmail.com</u>.

Invoices are being sent out and dues are being collected. Thank you for all you do! Molly Ann Rosas-Garcia

Leadership San Marcos President Class of 2010

Executive Directors Letter:

This is going to be an exciting new year as we are going to be celebrating 30 years since Leadership San Marcos began. As your new Executive Director I am excited to help guide the board and class through this ground breaking year of celebration.

Greg Wurzbach Leadership San Marcos Executive Director Class of 2006

Feedback Welcome:

The Board of Directors welcomes your ideas and feedback so that we can continue to provide an invaluable experience for all members of Leadership San Marcos. We take your input very seriously and will strive to meet your needs as we develop class programs, enrichment lunches, and other activities that will not only capture your interest as alumni or class members, but also continue to spark the interest of future leaders in joining our distinguished group.

You may contact our Board President, Molly Ann Garcia, via email at <u>alumni@leadershipsanmarcos.org</u>, or any member of the Board of Directors, to offer your ideas, comments, or concerns. You are also always welcomed to send your thoughts and comments to the Board at P.O. Box 1144, San Marcos, TX 78667-1144.

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