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Attention Alumni!!

If you would like to sponsor a break or lunch for our current class sessions please let us know.

You can contact any of the board member or Chelsea Clark @ chelseaclark05@gmail.com

LSM MIXER from October was a huge success! We will be planning another one in the future however be on the lookout for our Holiday mixer in December!
More information coming soon!



HUGE Thank you so Dr. Donnelly, Owner of Chances R Bar that paid for the first round of drinks to all our Paid alumni!!!



Class of 2017 History & Heritage Session

This years class went on a tour around town to learn the History of our great city. This included a tour of the Merriman Cabin, old County Jail, Dr. Bakers house where they had a fabulous lunch, the cemetery, Centro Cultural Hispano de San Marcos and the Court House.

The class and Facilitators would like to give a huge Thanks to Rodney VanOudekerke for spending the day with them and sharing his knowledge of San Marcos.

Know of this would have been possible if it weren't for the San Marcos Academy letting LSM use their bus for transportation! Thanks SMA!!



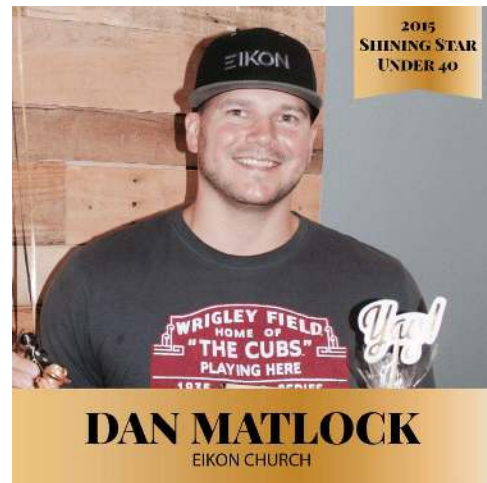
2016 Class Project Update:

Phase 1 – the Boys bathroom is 95% complete. The LSM and GSMYC team is working with the new contractor on dates and costs. We have about \$10K left in the fund and GSMYC may put in some of their money as well. We hope to begin Phase 2 (complete the boys bathroom and update the girls bathroom) in the next few weeks if not sooner.

Shining Star under 40 Award Winners:

LSM had 2 recipients of the prestigious award for the shining stars under 40 award this year.

Please congratulate Chelsea Clark and Dan Matlock for all their Participation in our wonderful Community.



We have all been here!



Community Involvement:



November:

- Veterans Day Parade Nov7
- Rattlers Tackling Hunger 5K Nov7
- Wine & Wassail Walk Nov 13
- Annual Thankful Turkey 5K Nov 21

Don't forget to visit....

- www.san-marcos.tx.us
- www.sanmarcostexas.com
- www.toursanmarcos.com

For more exciting events coming up in our Community!!

Before you are a leader, success is all about growing yourself. When you become a leader, success is all about growing others. –

2015-2016 Paid Alumni

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| Thomas Akkerman | Randolph Goodman | Lee Porterfield |
| Diana Baker | Pam Gravitz | Molly Ann Garcia |
| Rick Bell | Scott Gregson | Diane Sanders |
| Mitzie Benton | Daniel Guerrero | Karen Gorden Sosby |
| Brian Bondy | Ron Hart | Lisa Tanksley |
| Jeff Caldwell | Jane Hughson | Denise Trauth |
| Kristy Caldwell | Bonnie Hughson | Rodney Van Oudekerke |
| Liz Castaneda | Judy Johnson | Tammy Walden |
| Katie Contreras | Olivia Juarez | Jake Walden |
| Andrew Cox | Rick Koch | Dick Wehman |
| Brenda Damron | Karl Kuhlman | Sharon Wigley |
| Gary Davis | Marty Nelson | Tim Wigley |
| Dorothy E. Evans | Kyle W. Maysel | Robbie Wiley |
| Lee Festervan | Don Moore | Kristin Wingard |
| Susan Fisher | Daniel Musick | Greg Wurzbach |
| Carlos Garcia | Justin Payne | Karen Wyatt |
| | Linda Porterfield | |

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!

Featured Alumni:



Bonnie Hughson Cox & Andrew Cox

Andrew Cox and Bonnie Hughson don't know what it means to sit still. Between Sur-Powr Battery, H Heart Guest House, raising goats, and their volunteer work, Andrew and Bonnie's days are spent giving back to their community.

Sur-Powr Battery was started in 1985, by Bonnie's Father. She took over the business in 2009, after his unexpected passing. Andrew joined the venture in 2011, and brought a variety of new ideas, many of which have been implemented with great success! Sur-Powr celebrates 30 years this year, and is excited to announce that they now carry NorthStar, which is leading technology in the automotive battery world. Sur-Powr continues to offer better quality, better prices, and better service than the competition. They also now stock chargers, flashlights, maintainers, and other battery related items.

In 2013, Andrew and Bonnie opened H Heart Guest House. Conveniently located next door to their own home, they now have the opportunity to provide out of town guests with the perfect place to stay. Reviews have been outstanding since its open, and they are seeing lots of repeat guests. To help support and raise money for LSM class projects, they have graciously offered a weekend stay as part of auctions over the last two years.

On top of Bonnie being an LSM Board Member for the last few years, Andrew and Bonnie are passionate about their volunteer work with Pink Heals Hays County. Pink Heals is 100% volunteer based, that helps raise money for CTMC's Emergency Cancer Fund, thus directly helping members of Hays County. You might have seen Andrew in pink bunker gear or driving the pink fire truck. Pink Heals believes in "keeping it local," and aims to provide love, hope, and awareness.

Beyond that, Andrew and Bonnie are also graduates of the Kyle Citizen's Police Academy. Bonnie is a graduate of SM Citizen's Fire Academy. They help when needed at SM Chamber of Commerce events, Hays-Caldwell Women's Center, Heritage Association of SM, and other local groups.

The light of their lives is Natalie. She is such an incredible kid, who at age 8, has already helped with several LSM class projects, sat in a board meetings, and is often seen helping with Pink Heals events. Natalie is their constant reminder of why it's important to give back and be involved.

Andrew and Bonnie are thrilled to be chosen as "spotlight LSM members" this month, and truly see it as an honor.

Alumni News:

Wondering what your fellow

Class mates & Alumni members have been up to?

Nominate someone the Leadership Link can reach out to and feature an update on in the next newsletter.

Email: alumni@leadershipsanmarcos.org with your nominee

Don't forget to pay your dues so you can be featured!!

Alumni Membership Information

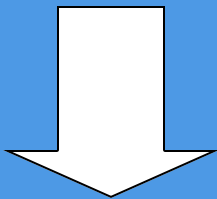
Leadership San Marcos provides face-to-face contact with peers from various organizations and industries in the community. Networking advantages through Leadership San Marcos include expanding your resources, keeping abreast of new developments, learning about other businesses and industries and making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

NOTE: LSM has implemented a PayPal account for renewals and donations! On the LSM homepage at www.leadershipsanmarcos.com, you will find a large yellow "Donate" button for convenient online payment of dues, project donations, or any contributions (as seen below). The PayPal interface provides a comment field so you can specify the purpose for your payment.

In addition, you can also contact any of the 2015-2016 LSM Board of Directors to pay your dues or send them to P.O. Box 1144, San Marcos, TX 78667-1144. If you mail in your dues, please include the invoice or indicate in the memo line of the check that you are submitting your "alumni dues."

VOLUNTEER



Sights & Sounds– Wed. December 2nd—Sat. December 5th. Various Volunteer Opportunities available. Send email to mollyann.garcia@gmail.com to sign up.

School Fuel– Every First Thursday of the Month @ 9AM & 6:30Pm. "Packing the Snacks". Portable building #11 is in the "Packing Place"; located to the right of the San Marcos School District Office, 501 S.LBJ Drive. Visit www.schoolfuelsanmarcos.org to sign up.



Molly Ann Garcia
President 2015
Leadership San Marcos

Presidents letter:

Greetings Alumni,

It was great seeing many of you at our Alumni Happy Hour Mixer at Chances R Bar! We had a great attendance from many classes beginning from class of 1988 to our recent class of 2015! We had such a great response from many of you that we will make sure to have another happy hour soon.

As we approach the holidays and our calendars began to fill up with events and parties. I want to remind all of you how important it is to give back to our community. Many are not as blessed as we are and may not have a Thanksgiving or Christmas. There are lots of volunteer opportunities this season and plenty of ways to help others. Please be sure to help out in one way or another. We have included some of those opportunities in this newsletter for you.

Hope to see you all at our Christmas mixer in December and as a reminder if you haven't paid your dues...tsk tsk!

Congrats to Bonnie Hughson Cox & Andrew Cox for being this month's Alumni of the month. Remember if you would like to nominate a member of our Alumni Association you can send those in to board@leadershipsanmarcos.org. Onward and upward!

Molly Ann Rosas-Garcia
Leadership San Marcos
President 2015-2016

*You gain strength,
courage and
confidence by every
experience in which
you really stop to look
fear in the face. You
must do the thing you
think you cannot do. —
Eleanor Roosevelt*

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 alumni@leadershipsanmarcos.org, 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.