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# The Leadership Link

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DECEMBER 2015

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS

December 16th  
@ the Fish  
Hatchery  
6:30-8:30PM

White elephant gift  
exchange!  
Bring a wrapped gift  
between \$10-\$15

The Polar Express is making a stop at the old Fish Hatchery this year... Just in time for the LSM Annual Holiday Party and meeting! Please Join us for a night of Holiday Cheer with Old and new Friends.

This even is open to all LSM Alumni, Class members, and guests!

Don't forget to go to the LSM Facebook page for the details!!

[Leadership San Marcos Facebook](#)

<p><b>DEPARTURE DATE</b> Wednesday, December 16th</p> <p><b>BOARDING</b> 6:30pm-8:30pm</p> <p><b>DESTINATION</b> San Marcos Plaza Park @ the Fish Hatchery 206 N. CAllen PKY</p>	 <p><i>Leadership San Marcos Holiday Party</i></p> <p><b>PARTY PASS</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>SECTION</td> <td>ROW</td> <td>SEAT</td> </tr> <tr> <td>VIP</td> <td>2</td> <td>1</td> </tr> </table> 	SECTION	ROW	SEAT	VIP	2	1	<p><b>ITINERARY</b></p> <p>6:30 Mix and Mingle</p> <p>Hot Chocolate, Sweet Treats and yummy snacks</p> <p>7:30 Gift Exchange &amp; Games</p> <p>Bring a wrapped Unisex gift (\$15.00 limit)</p> <p>8:30 End</p>
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## Class of 2017



Session 4 was ALL about Education!

The LSM class had the privilege to visit some of San Marcos's finest education facilities. This includes place such as; SMHS, Texas State University and the San Marcos Academy. The class was able to ask questions to our guest speakers which included; Mark Soto, Michael Doyle, Trista De La Cruz, Mark Eads, Dana Washington, Matt Flores, Dr. Michelle Hamilton, Shelly Henry, Mark Terry and Joe Lunz.

## 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](mailto:chelseaclark05@gmail.com)

# 2016 Class Project Update:

The Class is coming along with their project and hope to have more updates soon for you!



## **Volunteer!!!**

**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](http://www.schoolfuelsanmarcos.org) to sign up.

**Blue Santa**– All wrapping will be held in the Old Beall’s location in the Springtown Mall.  
Wrapping dates:  
Tuesday, December 15th 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

## **Cottage Kitchen**

Your opportunity is here to volunteer to serve or help cook for the Cottage Kitchen.  
If you are interested in being apart of this wonderful opportunity please contact Molly Ann at...  
[mollyann.garcia@gmail.com](mailto:mollyann.garcia@gmail.com)

# Community Involvement:



### December:

- Courthouse lighting & Santa 1st
- Sights & Sounds 2nd-5th
- TXST Jazz Presents, The Nutcracker 3rd
- Strutter Christmas Spectacular 4th
- SMTXmas 5th
- Wrap up the Holidays downtown 19th

**Don't forget to visit....**

- [www.san-marcos.tx.us](http://www.san-marcos.tx.us)
- [www.sanmarcostexas.com](http://www.sanmarcostexas.com)
- [www.toursanmarcos.com](http://www.toursanmarcos.com)

**For more exciting events coming up in our Community!!**

"Average leaders raise the bar on themselves; good leaders raise the bar for others; great leaders inspire others to raise their own bar." -- *Orrin Woodward*

## 2015-2016 Alumni Association Members

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

Nearly twenty years have flown by since graduating from the 1987 Leadership San Marcos class and I was asked what I have been doing since graduation and you can bet I have not been standing still! I served as Director of the Chamber of Commerce 1993 to 1995 and received the volunteer of the year award in 2000. I enjoyed eight years on the CASA Board of Directors and five years on the United Way Board. I also was President of San Marcos Board of REALTORS for a second time in 1996, REALTOR of the year a second time in 2000 and a top producer consistently throughout the years. President of the San Marcos Rotary Club, Charter member of Bluebonnet Lions and Graduate of Citizens Police Academy.



In addition to managing Coldwell Banker First National, REALTORS I have a large family including twelve grandchildren and six great grandchildren. My daughter, Mary Evens and granddaughter, Chelsea Clark are terrific agents and Chelsea was just recognized as “Rookie of the Year”. I am a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church and serve as Lector and Eucharistic Minister and serve on a Mission to Mexico team whereby we travel bi-monthly to a colony in Nuevo Laredo to deliver groceries, school supplies, and much love and hope to our brother and sisters who have so little.

I was recognized in 2013 as Distinguished Alumni of Incarnate Word Academy of Corpus Christi, Texas where I graduated in 1960. Also, in 2013 I received the President’s award from then President, Barrie Breed, at the San Marcos Board of REALTORS annual banquet.

I love to travel, fish, dance and enjoy time with my family, friends and the special man in my life, Warner Davis.

## 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](mailto: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](http://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."





**Molly Ann Garcia**  
President 2015  
Leadership San Marcos

## Presidents letter:

Greetings Alumni,

The holidays are upon us and only weeks left for 2015. As you hurry to try to get those last minute gifts, let us not forget to help those that are not as blessed as we are. There are many ways for you to spread some holiday cheer. We've listed a few of those in this newsletter for you.

I hope you all enjoy your holidays and cherish your moments with your family this season. I'm looking forward to seeing you all at our Polar Express Christmas Mixer on Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>.

In addition, I would like to Congratulate Diane Sanders for being this months highlighted Alumni!  
Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

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

***"Leadership is  
unlocking  
people's  
potential to  
become better." -  
-Bill Bradley***

## 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](mailto: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.