

LEADERSHIP SAN MARCOS

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President's Corner

Lisa Tanksley

"I'm excited to be able to kick off the first newsletter of this season as your Leadership San Marcos Board of Directors President. For those who don't know me, I'd like to start off by introducing some highlights about me. I'm the mother of

three grown children and the Abuela to three of the most precious, awesome grandsons. I've been a court-appointed special advocates for CASA of Central Texas for about eight years now, and I'm a big fan of the Leadership San Marcos program. I'm a graduate of the Class of 2012. We were the first class that started the two-year program, and I can honestly say it was a great experience for me. Our entire class still celebrates and supports each other, does business together, and just genuinely likes each other and I am so grateful for that experience. I would like the LSM program to continue to encourage volunteerism: getting plugged in to the needs of our community, building relationships, and offering networking opportunities. It's important to me that our Board of Directors not only support and keep the current and incoming class organized and on task, but to also engage our alumni to come to events and meet new classes as they come in. It's important to me that I get to address any and all concerns to do this, too, so if you ever hear a rumor or somebody say 'I heard' when it pertains to LSM, please do not hesitate to offer my email or my phone number to them.

I will always be available to answer any questions.

We are having our board retreat on Friday, May 18th, where we're going to put our heads together and make plans for upcoming events, development class requirements and work towards selecting a new class... I can't wait to tell you all the details. Let's have a fantastic year and keep our family growing."

Thank you,
Lisa

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Outgoing Board 2017



Pictured l-r, Josh Paselk, Karen Wyatt, Justin Payne, Greg Wurzbach, Pam Gravis, Kayli Head, Teresa Lauderdale, Chelsea Roberts, Lisa Tanksley (Not pictured, Derek Head and Kate Shaw)



Incoming Board 2018



Pictured l-r, Elizabeth Ehlers, Karen Wyatt, Josh Paselk, Amanda Hinojosa, Greg Wurzbach, Chelsea Roberts, Pam Gravis, Lisa Tanksley, Judy Johnson. (Not pictured - Kristin Pennington Wingard)

Graduation 2018



Featured Alumni, Katie Contreras



“I think this is a great program, and I’m happy to report EMS will have people applying for this fall’s class.”

Katie was a member of the Class of 2013 and then became the facilitator of the Class of 2014. She is an Admin Training Lieutenant (Paramedic), City of San Marcos Park Ranger, Austin Community College EMS Professions Faculty and ALERRT Center at TSU Adjunct Faculty. She has a very full life!

Along with the many hats she wears in her profession, she has received many awards including the 100 Club of Central Texas “Outstanding EMT of the year” (May 05, 2018), the SM Chamber Shining Star Under 40, a SMHC EMS Community Service Award and various internal EMS awards.

Katie says she joined LSM to learn more about the city of San Marcos. She lived here for 18 years, but had realized she really didn’t know much about the area beyond her work involvement. She enjoyed the classes, especially the Historic Tour and Social Services class day (Youth Shelter, HCWC, CASA, etc).

Katie considers customer service as the most challenging and the most rewarding part of her job.

“Really, customer service hits both the high and low points of my various jobs. Customer service is a challenge in that you’re having to figure out what people need vs. what they think they want. I enjoy making people happy, but meeting ‘wants’ is a temporary happy, if you can meet someone’s ‘needs’, especially the ones they may not yet recognize, they’ll be happier and more likely to trust and seek you out again. Beyond customer service, I love teaching, so seeing a student ‘get’ a challenging concept, or watching them teach a classmate something you’ve shown them is pretty awesome,” she said.

When asked, “What’s the worst thing you’ve ever seen?” she replied, “First Responders of all varieties

get asked this question frequently. People are curious and don’t understand what that question actually means, but you’re asking us to relive and tell you about the calls that give us nightmares. I generally deflect the question, I won’t talk about specific bad calls, but I’m not rude about it. If they are not in this service, they’re not trying to be mean or hurtful, they just don’t know the implications of what they’re asking.”

Katie also wanted to offer her advice on a subject for which she frequently gets asked.

“Taking an ambulance to the ER will not get you seen faster. We give patient report over the radio and we get triaged, just like when you walk in the front door. If the ER is busy, it is busy for us too, and we don’t always get to cut in line unfortunately. If you call 911, I’m going to encourage you to be seen for further medical evaluation. We’ll work with you, provide medical assessment and evaluation, but there are just some things that I don’t have the ability to check that the ER can. If it concerned you enough to call 911, that is reason enough to go in for further evaluation.”

Katie says that her favorite LSM memory was when their project was finished.

“We had a great class, everyone worked together well, and we are close still. (I feel like The Square probably misses us. Of course, I couldn’t leave out our co-facilitatorship where Karen (Wyatt) and I were both preggo. That was great,” she said.

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Class of 2019

Celeste Hollister - City of San Marcos,
 Deborah Chandler - TxState Student Health Center,
 Jason Mock - SM Chamber of Commerce,
 Jeanne Heinan - TxState Advancement,
 Jo Anna Gilland - Matt Patterson Farmers Insurance,
 Margaret Ennis - Texas Real Estate Brokers,
 Pat Fernandez - Hart Properties,
 Tate Johnson - Frost Bank
 Not pictured - Keely Sonlitner - Corridor Title



Leadership San Marcos Class of 2019

Presents the

FIRST RESPONDERS CRAWFISH BOIL

Louie's Oyster House & Beer Garden

Saturday, May 19, 2018
 11am-1pm



Crawfish tickets are \$12 and include 1 pound of crawfish & sides

Raffle tickets are \$10

Raffle prizes include: Weekend Aoudad Hunt in Brackettville, Southern Livestock Steaks, Embassy Suites Spa Package & Night Stay, San Marcos Photos 24x30 print, LilViv Photography Mini-session, Downtown San Marcos Basket, Best of Hays Gift Basket, FitBit Versa, Blue October Meet & Greet, Signed Cymbal &

Tickets, Tito's Cooler & Tito's Swag



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The **Class of 2019** is hosting their fund raiser to benefit equipment for our First Responders; Police Department, Fire Department and EMS. Their first fund raiser, a Bowling Tournament was very successful. The class was able to raise \$5,458.

The Crawfish Boil is on track and will surely be an event that will bring in most of the remaining \$20,000 goal. Along with the Crawfish Boil, there will be a raffle that has prizes that anyone would love to win!

Tito's Vodka has offered to donate \$1. for every drink purchased to put toward the cause. Even if you don't want to eat Crawfish, come and join us and enjoy a tasty Tito's beverage! It's all for a wonderful cause!

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 Our Community!**



Class of 2017 Project Wrap Up

Welcome Sign Dedication & Donation to Greater San Marcos Youth Council

The 2017 LSM class worked with the city's management/permit center/engineering department and agreed on a design that both the city and the class were happy with. Elizabeth Ehlers was instrumental in working with the various city departments to get the sign approved and permitted. After the sign design was approved, Laura Murray started gathering all the in kind donations together and the sign building process began.

Gary Job Corps provided the labor from their award winning cement program. Gary was tasked with laying a level and structurally sound base for the 4-ton concrete sign. They inspected the site and determined that the ground needed to be leveled and compacted with base material.

Pete Quintero of Quintero's Concrete donated his machinery and labor and compacted the ground to make ready for Gary Job Corps and the sign base. Gary came out and poured the base. Heldenfels then made the 4-ton behemoth sign backing. The cement portions of the project took the longest because of the weeks long curing process.



"Once everything was cured and ready, I stepped in and coordinated the build," said Ernie Valdez, Ernie's Paint & Body Shop.

"We needed to rent a large fork lift to carry the behemoth off the trailer that Heldenfels donated for delivery. Problem was that the fork lift driver dropped the fork lift on the wrong street so the driver tried to drive the fork lift across a field to the sign's site. The fork lift sank down to the axles in the mud from a recent rain and would not budge. A quick call to Tony/Barbara Rios of Rios Towing and he was able to help pull the fork lift out of the mud and save the day by pulling the fork lift out because a replacement fork lift could not get to us in time. Rios donated their services to our class project after hearing about the LSM organization and our community project," Valdez said.



Billy Kane of KCLC construction donated his labor and materials to stain the sign and the sign company came out and affixed the art work and lettering. The end result is beautiful and now San Marcos has its newest gateway entry sign located at 1331 N State Highway 123. Thank You LSM class of 2017, community members and businesses.

The Class of 2017 raised enough money for the Gateway Sign and was also able to donate \$5,000 to the Greater San Marcos Youth Council.



Jill Adams - YMCA of Austin, Hays Communities; Linda Coker - Community Volunteer; Elizabeth Ehlers - City of San Marcos; Victor Garza - Greater San Marcos Partnership; Michael Kamerlander - Greater San Marcos Partnership; Bryn Major - The Damron Group Realtors; Laura Murray - Texas State University; Rachel Nelson - Central Texas Medical Center; Denise Pfeil - City of San Marcos; Ernest Valdez III - Ernie's Paint & Body Shop.

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.

Get Involved! Join the Leadership San Marcos Alumni and watch us grow!!!

Our Fabulous Current Alumni Association Members!

Diana Baker	Pam Gravis	Sharon Wigley	Ron Hart
Thomas Ackermann	Chelsea Roberts	Tim Wigley	Don Moore
Holly Molina	Josh Paselk	Jill Adams	Judy Johnson
Gary Davis	Greg Wurzbach	Glen Cook	Jessica Pizana
Jane Hughson	Lisa Tanksley	Rodney van Ouderkerke	Dick Wehman
Carlos Garcia	Karl Kuhlman	Lacie Orsak	Sherri Bilson
Mitsie Benton	Denise Pfeil	Karen Gordon-Sosby	Olivia Juarez-Reid
Marty Nelson	Karen Wyatt	Randolph Goodman	Carla Sisk
Bonnie Hughson-Cox	Elizabeth Castaneda	Diane Sanders Davis	Katie Contreras
Andrew Cox	Teresa Lauderdale	Kristie Caldwell	Dorothy Evans
Ann Frugoni	Cindy Murphy	Justin Payne	Ernie Valdez

