

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Board of Directors of Leadership Bartholomew County is pleased to begin our fourth year of the newly revamped LBC class. Judging from the evaluations of our first session, information and interaction provided during the class continues to be meaningful. This year, 30 individuals are enrolled as class members, and the class, as a whole, continues to focus on leadership and networking skills. Leadership training opened in session one with an overview of Leadership Bartholomew County. Beth Morris, MSW and Director of Community Health Partnerships for Columbus Regional Hospital, was our keynote speaker. Beth led participants through exercises to help them learn how they personally renew their sources of energy, how they individually prefer to receive information and communicate with others, and how they best make decisions. Through participation, class members applied this knowledge to key leadership roles and challenges. In our second session, Arlette Cooper-Tinsley and Lorraine Smith discussed diversity awareness through the topic of "Creating A Welcoming Community." Again this year, the class is benefiting from the good planning and hard work of our expert class facilitator, Dr. Fredricka Joyner.

We are grateful to all of the presenters who contribute their time and energy as they plan for their presentations and take time out of their schedules. Speakers scheduled for this year's class and their topics are: Beth Morris, a keynote speaker on the first and last day of class (the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator and Collaborative Leadership); Arlette Cooper-Tinsley and Lorraine Smith (The Changing Demographics of Bartholomew County); Fredricka Joyner (speaking twice: Leadership Skills and Leadership); Elizabeth Jones, Chuck Wilt, and Ben Wagner (Bartholomew County: A Great Place to Work and Play); Steve Heimann, David Westenberger, and Ben Wagner (Youth Development: A Proactive Approach); Pat Smith and staff (Domestic Violence); Jay Howard and Phil Deardorff (Emerging Issues in Education); and the keynote speaker during the graduation program on the last day of the class along with Beth Morris, Jack Hess (Collaborative Leadership).

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LBC will sponsor two alumni socials during our 2008-09 year, one during lunch time on December 10th immediately following our class and one in the spring. Details will appear on this website.

It's going to be a good year! The board, our alumni and I are looking forward to continuing the LBC tradition of quality classes.

Lynette Farless
LBC President