

### FROM THE PRESIDENT - Sarah Baker

**Dear Alumni,** The last couple of years have been a whirlwind and I am excited to see light at the end of the tunnel as we ramp up our events for 2022. We have some really great opportunities to reconnect with our fellow Alumni this year. After having to postpone our Youth LEADERship program the last two years out of concern for the safety of our community, we are looking at being able to offer our Youth LEADERship program in our local high schools again. We should all be very excited about this!



Just to touch on a little bit of the history of LEADERship Martin County Alumni; shortly after our inception, our Board and Alumni saw an opportunity to adopt its youth program and offered it to the county's high schools. In 1997 the Alumni established a scholarship that graduates of the Youth LEADERship program could apply for. The total award for each scholarship is currently \$8,000 paid over the winner's four-year college career. In 2014, the scholarship was named the "Nancy Sailer Youth LEADERship Scholarship Fund" to recognize the long time Program Director of the adult program. Your dues and our fundraising efforts keep this scholarship available.

With the inability to hold our normal annual fundraising events over the last two years, we need your help more now than ever as we continue to collect dues and organize fundraising efforts. If you are feeling especially generous you can make an additional donation to the help support our foundation for youth, please visit our website at [leadershipmcalumni.com](http://leadershipmcalumni.com)

To donate for LEADERship Martin County Alumni Foundation for Youth Inc.

As always, thank you for all that you do in our community and for being a continued supporter of the Foundation for Youth.

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## Alumni Helping to Spread Holiday Cheer



**Jenny Fields (30) & Carol Houwaart-Diez (28)**

**Carol Houwaart-Diez, President/CEO of United Way** is grateful to the volunteers that have helped bring Christmas to thousands of children and their families facing hard times by providing toys and a traditional holiday meal for the past 30 years.

Despite all the challenges this Christmas of 2021 was no exception.



**Tom Whittington, Cher Fisher (29) and Sue Whittington (14)**



# MARCH LUNCH & LEARN

**When: Friday,  
March 25th  
11:30am - 1:00pm**

**Where: The Elliott  
Museum**

**\$25 per person**

**TO REGISTER  
VISIT:**

[leadershipmcalumni.com  
/events](http://leadershipmcalumni.com/events)



**Featuring  
Jenny  
Fields,  
Martin  
County  
Property Appraiser**

**Sponsored by: Sarah  
Baker, First Citizens Bank**



**Food provided by Philly  
Down South at the Elliott**

**LEADERship Class 31 enjoyed Environment Day** by experiencing a day outdoors and out of their usual environment. It was a glance at how our county's surroundings affect our daily lives. A special thank you to LEADERship Alumni and the Environment Day Planning Committee for making this day great for **Class 31**. **Tim Kinane, Eric Kiehn, Rick Hartman, Brittany Bearden and Rick Mancil** for hosting us for lunch and the afternoon in the Barn & Pavilion at the **Mancil Ranch**.



## Help us keep all LEADERship Alumni in the Loop!

By **Cindy Groover, Director/Membership**

We are **ALUMNI for LIFE!** Sadly, **one out of four** fellow Alumni are completely out of the communication loop. They are not Active, so they aren't receiving the Annual Directory. Their emails are not valid, so they aren't receiving the monthly LEADERlines and news about Special Events. We need your help to bring these LEADERS back in the fold.

Included in this article is a link to the list of 207 Alumni I am talking about. Between the other 600 + Alumni receiving the monthly newsletter, I'm sure you can help close the gap. Look at the list and let me know if you have any contact information for the people listed.

My email is [cindygroover@gmail.com](mailto:cindygroover@gmail.com)

Your Membership Committee will reach out to the "Missing in Action" Alumni and make sure their information is updated in the online Directory. Speaking of the Directory, please take a minute to look at your own profile to confirm your information is current. The Annual Directory will be published in July, so you want to be sure your information is current. If you have any updates to your profile, please send this information to: [info@leadershipmcalumni.com](mailto:info@leadershipmcalumni.com)

Speaking of staying current – be sure your dues are paid! The hard copy Business Directory only lists dues paying Active Alumni. Don't miss the opportunity to be part of this Directory. You can pay your dues by selecting the link to the landing page of our website - <https://www.leadershipmcalumni.com/> Scroll down to the bottom and select "Membership Renewal." Not only is it a 501(c)(3) donation, but it is also for a very worthy cause that supports scholarships for Youth LEADERship graduates. With your help, all ALUMNI can stay current with what is happening in the LEADERship Martin County Alumni Community.

**Link to MIA Alumni List via Google Sheets:**

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/16Zca3KcghSGxraUdVxjjRhIDVybr1rGu/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=112917996529146033431&rtpof=true&sd=true>

## *Martin Youth LEADERship Accepting Applications for 2022-23 Year*

Martin Youth LEADERship is excited to announce that it is currently accepting applications for the upcoming academic year. Students who will be sophomores or juniors next year are encouraged to apply to the student counterpart of the adult LEADERship program. Between 35-40 spots are available for eligible students. The program is an opportunity for students to develop and enhance their leadership skills. Upon completion, these students will have learned about their community, including history, government, business, arts & culture, criminal justice, health and career opportunities. Additionally, they are given the opportunity to interact with you, the current community leaders of Martin County. Finally, graduates of the program are eligible for the Nancy Sailer Youth LEADERship Scholarship.



Please pass the news on to family, friends or anyone who knows an eligible student. Prospective students are encouraged to go to the MYL website at <https://www.leadershipmcalumni.com/youth-leadership.html> and watch the You Tube video about the program. They can also find the application available there. For more information, please contact Jeanne Dunn at [martinyouth-leadership@gmail.com](mailto:martinyouth-leadership@gmail.com). The deadline to apply, including completed teacher recommendations, is **Friday, May 27**

## *Bee Honored by Big Brothers and Big Sisters*

**Bill Bee**, class 15, spent 18 years with Big Brothers and Big Sisters as CEO/President, President Emeritus and advisor to senior staff, Board of Governors and as a beloved “Big”. After retiring in 1999 from a successful career on Wall Street, he moved to Florida and found success again with BBBS.

His accomplishments include guiding the expanding of services into Palm Beach while coaching the next generation of leaders for the organization. Bee was recently honored for his time and talent by the nonprofit as he retires after decades of service.



Patrick Coolidge “Little Brother” to Bill Bee, President Emeritus

## **UPCOMING Stuart/Martin Chamber Events — 772-287-1088**

Mar 1, Tues., 7:45am, Networking Breakfast, <i>Molly's House</i> , 430 SE Osceola Street, Stuart
Mar 9, Wed., 11:45am, Luncheon, <i>Treasure Coast Urgent Care</i> , Monarch CC, 1801 SW Monarch Club Dr, PC
Mar 22, Tues., 7:45am, Networking Breakfast, <i>Stuart-Jensen Elks #1870</i> , 1001 S Kanner Highway, Stuart
Mar 29, Tues., 7:45am, Breakfast, <i>All About Achieving Learning Center</i> , Chamber, 1650 S Kanner Hwy, Stuart
Mar 30, Wed., BAH, 3:30pm-7:30pm, BAH, <i>HEALTH &amp; WELLNESS SHOW</i> , The Kane Center, 900 SE Salerno Road, Stuart

# Bulletin Board

POST YOUR NOTES

**LEADERship Alumni Board  
2021-2022**

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**Francine Beackstead** (9) started working at the Barn Theatre in 1999. As a board member, director and actor she will be involved with planning the theater's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration on March 6 from 6-9 pm at Elliott Museum. Tickets can be purchased by calling the box office or the website. Over the years many locals, including some of our alumni, have performed in plays. Scholarships are awarded to graduating high school students in the arts.



**Maggie Hurchalla** (2) will be remembered as an environmental advocate and former five-term Martin County commissioner who won countless local, state and national environmental awards for her conservation work. She was recovering from a second hip surgery when she suffered cardiac arrest at home and died at 81. Hurchalla is survived by her husband and their four children. A celebration of life will be planned later.



**Genevieve George** (23) Executive Committee Chair of Impact 100 Martin, launched its 2021-22 philanthropic year with about 150 of the 189 members attending the celebration of female philanthropy. The organization has awarded nearly \$700,000 in grants since it was founded in 2017. This year's goal is to increase their members to 306, which would enable the group to award a total of \$1 million over their first five years.

## UPDATE YOUR WEBSITE PROFILE:

Some changes did not get done on profiles with the new website so email

[info@leadershipmcalumni.com](mailto:info@leadershipmcalumni.com)

now with your changes.

## Alumni Purpose

*The purpose of LEADERship Martin County Alumni is to support the LEADERship Martin County Program; to provide education and networking opportunities for our members; and to enhance community awareness of our members by providing opportunities to evaluate and act on issues affecting the community.*

Note: Our monthly newsletter can now be viewed on our website  
[www.LeadershipMCalumni.com](http://www.LeadershipMCalumni.com)

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