

## *LEADERship Martin County Alumni Flashes Back to the '80s to Support Youth LEADERship Program*



LEADERship Martin County Alumni Foundation for Youth is set to host its annual fundraiser, an '80s Murder Mystery Dinner, on Thursday, April 25 at 5:30 p.m. at Aycock at Tradition in Port St. Lucie. The event is a “who done it in spandex.” Expect a hilarious evening dedicated to themes of the 1980s (think glam rock, pop icons, Rubik’s cubes and vampire bats) while trying to solve the “mystery” playing out around you.

“This is the first signature fundraiser LEADERship Martin County Alumni has held since 2019,” said Cindy Groover, board president “We wanted to come back with something fun and different where we could have some laughs and support a great cause.”

Tickets are \$125 and include a three-course dinner and two drinks. Attendees are highly encouraged to come dressed for the 1980s theme. In addition to the show, there will be a 50/50 cash-only raffle and a silent auction. The event is hosted by Aycock Funeral Homes/Dignity Memorial at its Aycock Tradition location, 12571 Tradition Parkway in Port St. Lucie.

The LEADERship Martin County Alumni Foundation for Youth is a volunteer-run, 501(c)(3) organization that oversees and funds the Martin Youth LEADERship program and an annual college “Nancy Sailer Youth LEADERship Scholarship” for graduating seniors in Martin County. All net proceeds from this event will support these important educational enrichment initiatives to foster emerging leaders in the Martin County community.

Sponsorship opportunities are available. To purchase tickets and sponsorships, visit [leadershipmcalumni.com](http://leadershipmcalumni.com). For specific inquiries about the event, email [info@leadershipmcalumni.com](mailto:info@leadershipmcalumni.com).

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### **SAVE THE DATE**

**Youth Graduation  
April 30  
&  
Adult Graduation  
May 2**



LEADERSHIP  
MARTIN COUNTY ALUMNI FOUNDATION FOR YOUTH, INC.

# 80'S MURDER MYSTERY

A CLASSIC "WHO DONE IT?"  
(IN SPANDEX)

**APRIL 25 | 5:30 PM**

**Aycock at Tradition**

12571 Tradition Parkway  
Port Saint Lucie, FL 34987

**Tickets: \$125**

Purchase online at [www.leadershipmcalumni.com](http://www.leadershipmcalumni.com)

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**50/50  
RAFFLE  
CASH ONLY!**

This event is the signature fundraiser for the Martin County Youth LEADERSHIP and College Scholarship programs. Your support is essential for continuing unique, FREE enrichment opportunities that foster the future leaders of Martin County!

**SILENT  
AUCTION!**

**TICKET PRICE INCLUDES DINNER,  
TWO DRINKS AND THE SHOW**





LEADERShip  
MARTIN COUNTY ALUMNI FOUNDATION FOR YOUTH, INC.

# 80'S MURDER MYSTERY

APRIL 25 | 5:30 PM

## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### Brat Pack - \$3,000 (5 Available)

Lifetime LEADERShip Alumni Membership for sponsor

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Web Banner for 2023-2024 & 2024-2025

Recognition at the event

Post on Social Media with company logo

List in Program with company logo

### Mix Tape - \$2,000 (5 4 Available)

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Complimentary ticket to Installation event

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### Bon Jovi - \$1,000

Two Dinner tickets

Recognition at the event

Post on Social Media w/logo

List in Program with company logo

### VCR - \$500

One Dinner ticket

Post on Social Media with company logo

List in Program with company logo

### Walkman - \$250

Post on Social Media with company logo

List in Program with company logo

**LEADERship Class 33 was arrested** and on their way to the Martin County jail by bus and paddy wagon. The class enjoyed Public Safety Day by visiting the City of Stuart Police and Fire Rescue and Martin County Sherriff's office and Fire Rescue and Court System.

Clerk of Court Carolyn Timmann (class 10) moderated a court roundtable discussion with Under Sheriff John Budensiek (class 30), Stuart Chief of Police Joseph Tumminelli (class 20), State Attorney Tom Bakkedahl (class 10), Deputy Chief of Court Service Healthier Roth (class 25), Kevin Youngblood (26), Captain Bill Dowdy (class 31), Division Chief Christian Montoya (class 32) and many other officers and deputies assisted during the day. The class learned about the many hats and training the law and fire officers are required to do to keep our community safe.

Tim Kinane (1) assisted by Cindy Groover (class 30) presented the class with a leadership skill.



**JOIN US**

**20  
24**

**LEADERship  
CLASS 33**

**GRADUATION**

**THURSDAY, MAY 2nd 2024**

**Yacht & County Club**  
**3883 SE Fairway East**  
**Cocktails: 6PM**  
**Dinner: 7PM**  
RSVP by April 26th



Graduates: no charge  
Guests/Alumni: \$80  
Planning Committee: \$40

To sponsor the cocktail hour, please email: [claonte@stuartmartinchamber.org](mailto:claonte@stuartmartinchamber.org)



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## LEADERSHIP MARTIN COUNTY

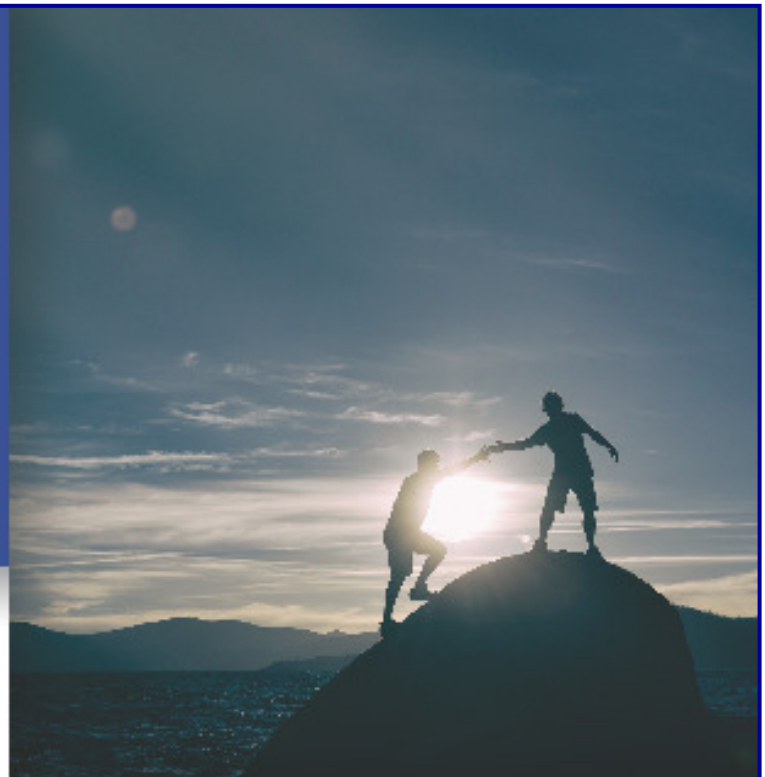
**L**earn the tools to help you make a difference in Martin County. This esteemed leadership education program guides participants through an in-depth look into our community and everything it has to offer its residents. Key components of the program include:

- Meeting the decision makers in business, education, health care, government, social services, arts and law enforcement
- Learning about the issues and asking the hard questions that affect Martin County
- Touring area facilities and their operations
- Networking with other leaders and making your voice heard and
- Committing to one program day a month for ten months.

For more information, contact LEADERSHIP Martin County Program Director, Cindy LaConte, at [claconte@stuartmartinchamber.org](mailto:claconte@stuartmartinchamber.org) or (772) 341-6096.

Visit <https://www.stuartmartinchamber.org/the-chamber/leadership> to learn more and application.

Class 34 applications are now available and due June 20, 2024.



## Making a difference

LEADERSHIP Martin County is an exciting program designed to prepare potential leaders to meet the challenges facing Martin County. Participants will explore critical issues through a series of presentations, seminars and field trips. Interaction with key decision makers, experts, community leaders and government representatives will assist participants in understanding the forces that impact their community, business and daily lives.

The success of the program, now in its 33rd year, is reflected in the broad base of leaders who have gone through the program and chosen to make a difference. CEO's of many businesses and Non-Profit Organizations have been through the program, along with elected officials such as City and County Commissioners, Sheriff, City Police Chief, Property Appraiser, Clerk of the Court, Superintendent of Schools, School Board Members and many State Legislators.

**"Learn the tools to make a difference in Martin County."**

## *Martin Youth LEADERship's Career Day*

The students were welcomed to the Wolf Technology Center at IRSC by Dr. Denisha Bonds, Class 28, Coordinator of Career Day and Career Coordinator at Clark Advanced Learning Center. Students rotated through a morning of breakout career-related sessions designed to help them acquire the skills. Students were given tips on business etiquette from alumni of last year's Martin Youth LEADERship. They learned about personal branding from Dr. Nicholas Brown, Master Instructor for the School of Business at IRSC. They also critiqued their own resumes and LinkedIn profiles with Dr. Bonds. Finally, they learned job interviewing strategies from Ms. Roz Johnson Strong, Class 25, Director of Human Resources for the City of Stuart.

In between sessions, the students of Martin Youth LEADERship participated in a Career Fair with approximately twenty local employers. Students had the opportunity to learn more about these organizations as they searched for summer employment, internships and volunteer opportunities. This opportunity allowed students to hone their newly learned skills.

During lunch, students were treated to a "Professional and Casual Business Dressing" fashion show, presented by Suzanne Prior of IRSC. College students modeled formal and business casual looks that are acceptable in today's workplace. Assisting was Tera Kreuger, Class 32, of C&W Technologies and Grace Phillips, Class 33, of Carr, Riggs & Ingram. Following lunch, Sue Whittington, Class 14, CRPC and partner at Espinal, Stern and Whittington/Morgan Stanley, spoke about budgeting and financial success strategies. (Pictures by Robin Hall)



### **From the Board - Cindy Groover, President**

Join us for lunch and help celebrate the graduation ceremony of Martin Youth LEADERship Class 25! Our 501(c)3 Alumni organization exists to support the Martin Youth LEADERship program and Scholarships. Join us and watch our mission come to life as Class 25 celebrates graduation.

The graduation luncheon will take place on **Tuesday, April 30** at Monarch Country Club in Palm City. Doors open at 11:00 and the program begins at 11:30. Students, parents, teachers, community leaders, committee members from Adult and Youth LEADERship, and LEADERship Alumni are invited to join us for the graduation lunch. If you attend, please take this opportunity to meet our students and their families. Pick a table full of "strangers" and learn firsthand about the opportunities we provide our local youth.

Invitations will be available online at the end of March on the LEADERship Alumni website: <https://members.leadershipmcalumni.com/event-calendar> If you would like to receive a personal invitation, please contact Jeanne Dunn at [martinyouthleadership@gmail.com](mailto:martinyouthleadership@gmail.com) or at 772-486-4695.



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6/30/24!**

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and mail to PO Box 794, Stuart, FL 34995.

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

April 9, Tues., 7:45am, **Business B4 Breakfast**, *Coquina Cove at Martin Downs*, 3641 SW Coquina Way, PC

April 10, Wed., 11:45am, **Legislative Wrap-Up Lunch**, *Sponsored by: FPL & WM, Crane Creek at Tesoro*, 2000 SE Via Tesoro, PSL

April 16, Tues., 7:45am, **Business B4 Breakfast**, *Investment Planning Group*, 740 SE Indian Street, Stuart

April 17, 5:00-8:00pm, **AUCTION & BUSINESS AFTER HOURS** - *Tradewind Aviation*- 2315 Witham Field Drive  
Stuart - *Sky's The Limit* - For information Contact Debbi for info: 287-1088, ext. 112

April 30, Tues., 7:45am, **Business B4 Breakfast**, *SouthState Bank*, 2400 SE Monterey Road, Stuart





**LEADERship Alumni Board  
2023-2024**

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# Bulletin Board

## POST YOUR NOTES

Martin Youth LEADERship Applications are now accepted for next year's Class 26 program.

For more information about the program, go to <https://leadershipmcalumni.com/youth-leadership/>. The application is located at the bottom of the page. You can also contact Jeanne Dunn, Coordinator at [martinyouthleadership@gmail.com](mailto:martinyouthleadership@gmail.com)



**Jessica Bohner** (28) Top Chef in 2023, is returning this year as one of the notable judges for House of Hope's Top Chef competition on April 8 at 7p.m. at The District Table & Bar in Stuart. Jessica is with Premier Realty Group..



**Tom Pelli** (13) passed away on February 25<sup>th</sup> at age 78. He was at the Stuart/Martin County Chamber for a number of years as Membership Director and involved in many local organizations such as Red Cross, American Cancer Society and Boy Scouts. His son, Max Pelli, was a graduate of Martin Youth LEADERship Class 9 Program

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!**

**High School Graduation Night** is a special night in the life of a teenager. PGMCInc creates a lock-in at the YMCA for these students giving them entertainment, food, and social time with their friends. We need **VOLUNTEERS** to assist.

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Visit website <https://www.projectgraduationmc.org/>  
Email [projgradmcinc@gmail.com](mailto:projgradmcinc@gmail.com)

## 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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