

Who Done It.....

LEADERship Martin County Alumni Foundation for Youth hosted its annual fundraiser an 80's **Murder Mystery Dinner** on April 25 at Aycock in Tradition. The event was a "who done it in spandex". It was a hilarious evening trying to solve the "mystery" playing out around the alumni and guests. It was a successful fundraiser to coordinate the Martin Youth LEADERship Program and the "Nancy Sailer Youth Scholarship" for graduating seniors of the program. (continued on page 2)

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SAVE THE DATE
Installation of Officers
COCKTAIL EVENT
Thursday, June 6
5:30 to 7 PM
at
Two Georges Dockside
Grille

Fundraiser Thank Yous

To our many sponsors: HBK CPA's and Consultants, Onward and Upward Events & Cruises, #30 Strong, Cindy Groover, Evergreen Private Care, Law Office of Jason D. Berger P.A., Southern Magnolia Investment Management and our Venue Host Laura Barbone and Steve Elias. **To our Planning Committee;** Sam Bruning, Cindy Groover, Amy Snodgrass, Chelsey Matheson, Joanna Greene, Charlene Lyons and Jessica Tharp. **To Pete Morello and company** who led the acting troupe.



LEADERship Alumni 2024 - 2025 Slate of Officers

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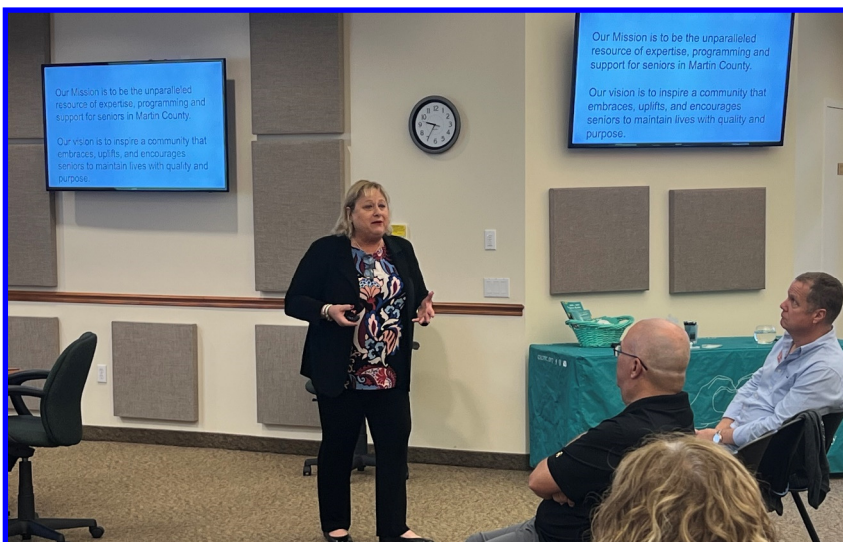
LEADERS Toured and Heard From Our CEO's

LEADERship Class 33 spent the day touring our health services and nonprofit organizations the planning committee coordinated. Thanks to our committee of LEADERship Alumni: Agniezka Marshall (25) Cheree Ramirez (27) Tim Kinane (1) Sharon Kinane (9) Cindy Groover (30) Elisabeth Glynn (26) Jill Ball (28) Brandon McAllister (32). A special thank you to our breakfast sponsor, Jill Ball with VIP America.

Class 33 played an old-fashioned round of “rock, paper, Scissors” as a stress reliever. They were updated on community activities by Karen Ripper (5) with the Kane Center and by Jessica Tharp (32) City of Stuart 10th Street Community Center.

Dr. Singh, President/Chief Medical Officer of Cleveland Clinic updated the class on community health, assisted by Sharon Kinane and Brandon McAllister.

Suzy Hutcheon (1), CEO of Helping People Succeed, spoke on Human Services/Disabilities/Infants. Then she joined Tim Kinane on what LEADERship Class was like 32 years ago.



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LEADERship MARTIN COUNTY

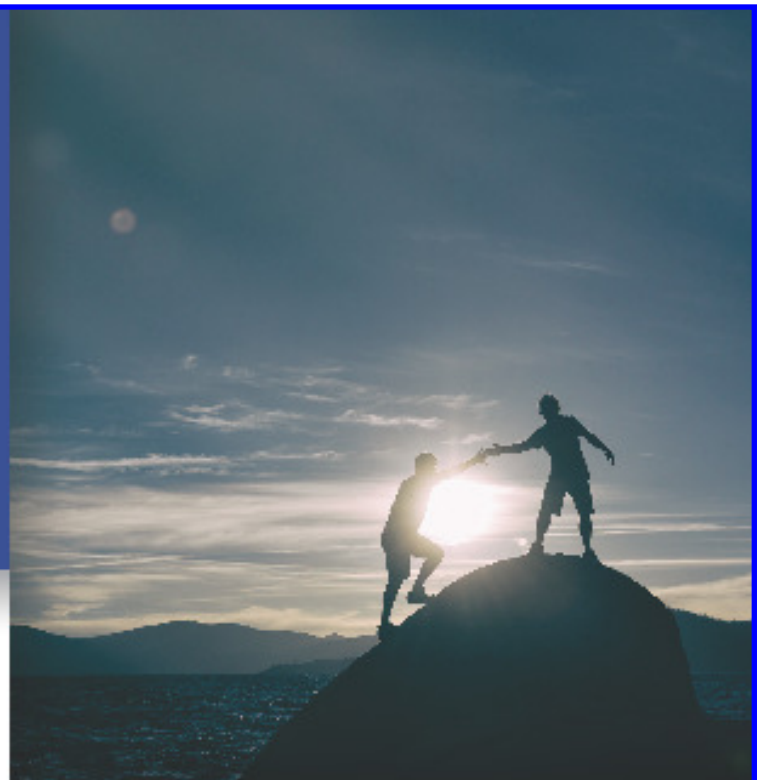
Learn the tools to help you make a difference in Martin County. This esteemed leadership education program guides participants through an in-depth look into our community and everything it has to offer its residents. Key components of the program include:

- 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 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."

CEO Celebrates 50 Years

There are many ways to become a successful leader. **Suzy Hutcheson**, CEO of Helping People Succeed and Alumni of LEADERShip Class 1 has learned this through 50 years of being CEO of Helping People Succeed, which is longer than any other non-profit in Martin County. In July 1974, Suzy and her husband moved to Stuart for him to take a job. In a small town like Stuart, jobs can be hard to find but Suzy lucked out by meeting Peter and Joan Jefferson who offered her a job in their architect business. When they later closed their business, she applied to Tri-County Rehabilitation Center who hired her as their executive secretary. After two years, the executive director job was available and again she was lucky to be in the right place at the right time and got the job. Suzy quickly learned she needed to hire the right people for the right job to train them to manage the new programs and the day-to-day operations. In 1977, they had 13 staff members but she knew it would take a large village and today they have a staff of 145 employees.



Helping People Succeed includes programs that provide employment services in the community for adults with disabilities; ones that offer behavioral and mental health services for children, students and adults; and Baby Steps, which provides home-based services for infants and toddlers. When Suzy joined the Kiwanis Club she knew there was an opportunity for Helping People Succeed to be included in the Kiwanis City Park, a playground for kids with special needs. With her enthusiasm, who could not support Suzy on this and today, the playground is enjoyed by the kids every day.

When receiving a proclamation in October for National Disability Employment at the County Commission meeting, Doug Smith asked Suzy why she has stayed so long. Good question! Should she retire, with two daughters and five grandchildren wanting more time with her? Guess what, Suzy is 76 and will retire at the end of this year. She feels it is time for someone younger who wants to create hope and a better future for children, families and those with disabilities if they are the CEO of Helping People Succeed. Suzy says her future plans are open but we know that successful leaders always continue to lead.

Interview by Nancy Sailer, Editor

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

May 1, Wed., 5:30-7:00pm, **Business After Hours**, **DreamWorks Companies**, 3380 SW 42nd Ave., Palm City

May 7, Tues., 7:45am, **Business B4 Breakfast**, **The Sovana at Stuart**, 1900 NW Federal Hwy., Stuart

May 8, Wed., 11:45am, **Aviation Luncheon**, Sponsor: Live Hearty, White Glove Moving & Storage, Business Devel. Bd, at **Monarch Country Club**, 1801 SW Monarch Club DR., Palm City

May 21, Tues., 7:45am, **Business B4 Breakfast**, Suncoast Mental Health, 10th Street Community Center, 724 SE 10th St. Stuart

SAVE THE DATE - July 17th - BUSINESS2BUSINESS EXPO - Indian River State College - 5:00-8:00 PM
For information Contact Debbi at 287-1088, ext. 112



Bulletin Board

POST YOUR NOTES

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SPECIAL THANKS and recognition to **Greg Nuttall, Sam Bruning and Tracey Miller** for their dedicated service to the **LEADERship Martin County Alumni Foundation for Youth, Inc. Board of Directors**



DoriEllen Padden, a youth student of Class 25 spoke at the LEADERship Alumni Board meeting about her experience of attending the program.

She loved that the class had students from all the high schools. There were many team projects for the students to work together and get to know each other. The tours of businesses and non-profits were very education. She was shy about public speaking but her skills have improved as she spoke to the board with ease and excitement about being a part of Martin Youth LEADERship.



Sue Whittington, Class 14, Financial Advisor at Morgan Stanley, received the **Lifetime Achievement in Philanthropy Award**

from the Girl Scouts of Southeast Florida. **Kate Cotner, Class 30**, Florida Power & Light, presented the award at Monarch Country Club. The Emerald Awards are a timeless tradition at Girl Scouts of Southeast Florida.

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

For more information go to <https://leadershipmcalumni.com/youth-leadership/>.

The application is located at the bottom of the page on the website.

You can also contact **JeanneDunn**, Coordinator at martinyouthleadeship@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

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