

Family Picnic In The Park

On a beautiful day at Flagler Park Alumni enjoyed a picnic with family and friends. The highlight of the day was five teams challenging each other to a game of Cornhole; Greg Nuttall (7) and Jeremy Harris(28), Sara Baker (29) and daughter Olivia, Mette Biglin (29) and Bill Biglin (33), Kate Cotner (30) and Ian Cotner (27), Sam Bruning (21) and Todd Foust (29).

The lunch was catered by Fork in the Road food truck, Boys & Girls Clubs of Martin County. Thanks to our lunch sponsor Michael Dadko of Sailfish Wealth Management, Jeremy Harris donated the trophy's and Chelsey Matheson the gift cards for the winners. Our winners of the Cornhole Tournament were 1st place Mette and Bill Biglin and 2nd place was Greg Nuttall and Jeremy Harris. The Cornhole Tournament Winner's Bracket is displayed on page 2 showing the teams and how they played.



Sponsor Diane & Michael Dadko with Jason Berger

Boys & Girls Club catered lunch

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Alumni Cornhole Tournament

Winner's Bracket

Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Semi Finals	Finals	CHAMPIONS!!!
Pigs Feet vs. Utility Poles	Pigs Feet (1-0)	Pigs Feet (1-0)	Pigs Feet (2-0)	Utility Poles (2-1) vs. Pigs Feet (2-1)	Gators (3-1) vs. Pigs Feet (3-1) (Utility Poles Eliminated)	
Gators vs. Shake N' Bake	Gators (1-0) vs. Wild Turkeys (Bye)	Gators (2-0)	Utility Poles (1-1)			

Loser's Bracket

Utility Poles (0-1) vs. Shake N' Bake (0-1)	Utility Poles (1-1) (Shake N' Bake Eliminated)	Gators (2-1)	Gators (3-1) (Wild Turkeys Eliminated)
		Wild Turkeys (0-1)	

Teams	Player 1	Player 2
Gators	Greg Nuttall (7)	Jeremy Harris (28)
Pigs Feet	Mette Biglin (29)	Bill Biglin (33)
Shake N' Bake	Sarah Baker (29)	Olivia Baker
Wild Turkeys	Todd Foust (29)	Sam Bruning (21)
Utility Poles	Kate Cotner (30)	Ian Cotner (27)

Final Standings
Pigs Feet (4-1)
Gators (3-2)
Utility Poles (2-2)
Wild Turkeys (0-2)
Shake N' Bake (0-2)

1st PLACE *Mette & Bill Biglin*



2nd PLACE *Greg Nuttall & Jeremy Harris*



Class 25 Participates in Challenging Ropes Course

Martin Youth LEADERShip's Class 25 participated in C.O.P.E Day, a Challenging, Outdoor Personal Experience ropes course at Tanah Keeta Scout Reservation.

C.O.P.E. is a youth development and leadership activity presented by volunteers of Gulf Stream Council Learning for Life. Facilitators included COPE Day chairman Alec Connolly, recently retired from the Gulf Stream Council Boy Scouts of America; Stephen Peterson and Will Roads.

C.O.P.E. presented the students with a series of outdoor challenges, beginning with basic group initiative games and progressing to more complicated low-course and high-course activities. The course is designed to help participants reinforce self-confidence and build trust and leadership skills.

Some C.O.P.E. events involved group effort, whereas others focused on individual skills and agility. Participants climbed, swung, balanced, jumped, and rappelled all while devising solutions to a variety of problems. The program emphasized the "five finger" goals of safety, trust, respect, accountability and self-esteem, as well as teamwork, leadership, decision-making and problem-solving. While participation was completely voluntary, most students found that they could accomplish much more than they initially thought possible.

The highlight for most of the members of the class was the 30-foot high Confidence Pole. Wearing climbing harnesses attached to safety lines held by their peers on the ground, participants scaled the pole to reach a small platform at the top. Once at the top of the pole, students were challenged to take a "leap of faith" by jumping from the pole. C.O.P.E. Day gave the participants the opportunity to experience successes that come from taking calculated risks while applying basic leadership skills.



Losing is Winning! By Cindy Groover

Last month I learned we were not selected for Non-Profit of the Year. We applied to the Business Development Board of Martin County for consideration but lost out to another Non-Profit. Competition was tough, as Martin County is well known for the number of amazing Non-Profits in our community. However, it was still disappointing. The disappointment was short lived. Being considered for this honor was a big **WIN** for LEADERship Alumni. Our mission and accomplishments were presented, discussed, and considered during the October MCBDB Board meeting. This is a **WIN** because this means fifteen Martin County movers and shakers are now fully educated about our program, and how we “Make A Difference”.

To refresh your memory, the Stuart/Martin County Chamber established the LEADERship Martin County Program in 1989, adding approximately thirty new Alumni to the roster every year. Right now, we are almost 1,000 strong, with Class #33 currently in progress.

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

LEADERship is committed to developing future leaders through the Youth LEADERship and scholarship programs. When you get a chance, take a few minutes and watch this insightful video included in our Alumni website. This video does a great job describing our Youth LEADERship program, supported entirely by Alumni dues, proceeds from events, and sponsorship donations. [Youth LEADERship Video - 7:20 Minutes](#)

We have 825 students graduates from the Youth LEADERship program since inception during the 1997/98 school year. Approximately \$192,000 in scholarships have been awarded to our graduates. We have 939 graduates from the Adult LEADERship program with many success stories. The majority of the Adult LEADERship program graduates are from the business community, most in executive positions, and many serve on Boards of Directors.

Our big **WIN** is educating more key leaders in our community about our program, and the difference we make in Martin County. Losing was **WINNING**. And there is always 2024!

LEADERship Class 33 History, Arts Culture Day



LEADERship Class 33, shown pictured at the Elliott Museum, was introduced to the unique History, Arts and Culture of Martin County. They enjoyed several tours, presentations and hands on participation.



Thanks to the Planning Committee: Nancy Turrell, Tim Kinane, Eric Kiehn, Denisha Bonds and Debbie Banta. Not pictured: Amy Cimper-Snodgrass and Francine Beckstead

ALUMNI INVITED TO YOUTH DAYS

All LEADERship Alumni are invited to Martin Youth LEADERship's monthly sessions to learn more about where our donations are applied. You don't have to rsvp, unless you intend to join us for lunch. It's a great, no-commitment way to learn more about the program, which is modeled after our LEADERship experience. We begin the day around 8am and conclude between 1:30 and 1:45 pm. Upcoming sessions include:

Economics Day, Tuesday, November 14, various locations

Law and Public Safety Day, Tuesday, December 12 at the MC Courthouse and MCSO

Arts & Culture Day, Tuesday, January 16, various locations

Health & Wellness Day, Tuesday, February 20, various locations

Career Day & Fair, Tuesday, March 19, IRSC Chastain campus

Mini Capstone, Tuesday, April 16, Blake Library and TBD

Martin Youth LEADERship is also seeking sponsorship opportunities. If you or your business would like to speak with our students, teachers, volunteers etc., you can do so while teaching the students the concept of a "working lunch". Sponsorships are \$400 and cover the food costs for all involved. You or your business will be recognized in press releases and at our Graduation.

Please contact Jeanne Dunn at martinyouthleadership@gmail.com or 772-486-4695 to get involved or for more information.

Zweben Law Group BIKE DRIVE KICKOFF PARTY, November 16th 5-7 pm at Dolphin Bar & Shrimp House, 1401 NE Indian River Dr. J.B. Tickets \$40 in advance \$50 at door. All ticket sales go to purchasing bikes for children of United Way Holiday Project.

A gift of \$75 or more will provide one bike and helmet for a local child but a donation of any amount is appreciated and will go a long way toward bringing some joy to local families who are feeling the financial strain during the holidays. www.UnitedWayMartin.org/Bike



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

Nov. 7, Tues., 7:45am, Chamber CC, *Operation Thank You Kick-Off Breakfast*, By: 2J Data, All Area Roofing, MidFlorida Credit Union

Nov 8, Wed., 11:45am, **Business At Lunch**, **Comcast Business**, Martin Downs Golf Club, 3801 SW Greenwood Way, PC

Nov. 14, Tues., 7:00-9:00am, **Council of Chamber Breakfast**, By: **Tykes & Teens**, Flagler Center, 201 SW Flagler Ave, Stuart

Nov. 21, Tues., 7:45am, **Business B4 Breakfast**, **Googan Coffee**, 1917 NW Federal Hwy., Stuart

Nov. 28, Tues., 7:45am, **Business B4 Breakfast**, **Stuart Photography**, Children's Service Council, 101 SE Central Pkw, Stuart

Nov. 29, Wed., 4:00pm-8:00pm, **Holiday Tradeshow**, **St. Mary's Episcopal Church Pittenger Center**, 701 SE Ocean Blvd, Stuart - Info: Debbi 287-1088, ext. 112 - DebbiG@stuartmartinchamber.org



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FACEBOOK PAGE Are you out in the world doing good work with your fellow LEADERship Alumni? Send us your photos to share on the LEADERship Martin County Alumni Facebook page! Please include a brief description of what you're doing, who is in the pictures, and which classes are represented.

Send submissions to info@leadershipmcalumni.com.



This year's Christmas parade, produced by the Visiting Nurses Association, is Friday December 1 and they are seeking volunteers! Volunteers will assist the lineup area for floats/vehicles and the Smithfield Plaza for bands and walkers. The VNA will also have people along the route in various areas, as well as another

critical area at Stuart Middle School where disbanding takes place.

The actual parade starts at 7 PM, and when Santa turns the corner at Monterey and Ocean the parade winds down, usually about 8:30. At the other end, disband has a steady flow of pedestrian traffic that requires guidance beginning at 5:30 and we end there at about 9:30. For more information contact Eric Turner: Eric.Turner@vnaflorida.org.

Alumni Purpose

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Note: Our monthly newsletter can now be viewed on our website www.LeadershipMCalumni.com

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