

SimSoc for Class 33

On August 19th a group of selected Community Members participated in the opening session of the LEADERship Program called Sim Soc. It is facilitated by (God) and his team (Angels) that give up a day and a half of their weekend to meet our new class 33.

We are fortunate that our Alumni always step forward to volunteer and we want to recognize and thank them; Leslie Judd, Eric Kiehn, Taryn Kryzda, Sarah Baker, Michael Dadko, Tracey Miller, Lisa Teetor, Amber Roberts, Kate Muscarella, Jeanne Dunn, Bill Dowdy, Debbie Greer, Christine Hunter, Kelly Guttveg, Joyce Ruggieri, Amy Cimber-Snodgrass, Donovan Essen, Jill Ball, Sharon Kinane and Tim Kinane our facilitator.



Class 33 members are Karl Andersson, William Biglin, Jaime Chamberlin, Jimmy Collins, Peter Croft, Michelle Cuba, Debra Engle, Wayne Filowitz, Bryan Gardner, Drew Gray, Zackery Hackley, Trisha Hawthorne, Taylor Hobbs, Blaine Isbell, Angela Kacprowicz, Dana Kimberly, Susan King, Stacy Little, Patrick Noland, Scott Olsen, Grace Phillips, John Polikandriotis, Anne Posey, Philip Ratchford, Jennifer Richards, Jen Russell, Brian Shreve, Elizabeth Southers, Christen Spake, Nicole Sprague, Julie Treacy, and Sally Waite.

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Alumni Host SimSoc Social

Our SimSoc Social was held at the Fysh Bar & Grill hosted by our Alumni sponsors HBK CPA's & Consultants, First Citizens Bank, Cindy Groover Alumni President and LaConte Engineering. Class 33 members were greeted by the alumni who joined in the fun event by wearing the color of the society they were in when they participated in SimSoc. A lot of stories were shared remembering back to their experience.



From the President - Cindy Groover

Welcome LEADERship Class #33! Class 33 completed their SimSoc weekend retreat last month, and those that could joined us immediately following their last session for a welcome social at Fysh Restaurant. Over 50 LEADERship Alumni gave a warm welcome to all the #33 “students” able to attend. It was a great event we repeat every year. What a great way to say “WELCOME” and meet some of the new future alumni.



This LEADERship year we plan a minimum of four events, and one fundraiser. COVID got us off track for a couple years. Now it is time to kick back in and get things going like in the past. Our mission is to support the Youth LEADERship Scholarship fund, provide ongoing LEADERship development for alumni and create opportunities to meet and network among our group. We are almost 1,000 strong! Stay tuned for more details as they evolve.

We are in the process of creating a full year calendar so we can all plan. **So far, as of today, we have locked in a breakfast at the Elliott Museum on Wednesday, November 1st. Mark your calendars!** A full agenda with more details will follow in the coming days. Meanwhile, **SAVE THAT DATE!** And if you have any ideas for events and/or fundraisers, please feel free to share via email to info@leadershipmcalumni.com “We welcome your suggestions.” Thank you all for your LEADERship.

Alumni Celebrates the School of Nursing Expansion

Attorney Tony George class 2, as IRSC’s Board Chairman, celebrated the announcement of the grand opening of the School of Nursing expansion at its Indian River State College Pruitt Campus. The school offers a range of programs, from home health aide training to four-year baccalaureate degrees.

Their nursing program, founded in 1965, has produced over 6,000 graduates with associate degrees, added four-year bachelors degree in 2009 which has churned out nearly 1,000 more graduates. The high-tech nursing boot camp won’t completely solve the statewide or national nursing shortages, but it’s a step in the right direction.



LEADERS United - *Community Volunteers*

Think back to when you began your **LEADERship Martin County** journey. You filled out your application and submitted it. **Why?** The reasons why someone goes through the program are as varied as the participants themselves. Just as there are a multitude of reasons why, there are a multitude of benefits associated with completing the program and transitioning to the role of Alumni.

Now think back to when you graduated. You felt excited, but perhaps wondered **what's next?** How could we continue the journey, foster personal growth, and make a difference? For us, the answer was Leaders United.

Established in 2016, Leaders United emerged as the brainchild of several LEADERship Alumni who sought to continue their journey and contribute to the community in impactful ways. As an extension of United Way of Martin County, we tapped into the network of local nonprofits to identify hands-on service projects that we could support, along with our friends and families. As Leaders United grew, we grew.

In April 2023, Leaders United was relaunched, once again with LEADERship Alumni at the helm, to continue the journey and make an impact in our community.

As Alumni, it's so important to continue the journey – the constant evolution, personal growth and the mark we leave on our community. Leaders United provides an opportunity for LEADERship Martin County Alumni to stay connected with the community and make a difference in the lives of Martin County residents. For more information, visit <https://www.unitedwaymartin.org/LeadersUnited>

Amy Bottegal, Class 28

Elisabeth Glynn, Class 26



LEADERS United
Community Volunteers
At Martin County Healthy Start

LEADERS United
Community Volunteers
At Salvation Army

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Community Volunteers
*Gleaning for House of Hope
and Cross Ministries*

Geary Looking Forward to a New Career

Linda Geary, an Alumni of Class 1, has moved on to another career with the **National Park System**. She is a park ranger currently stationed at the fort in St. Augustine in Florida. Linda is shown in the picture at **Castillo de San Marcos**, which is a **National Monument**. St. Augustine is the first permanent settlement in the United States, founded by Pedro Menendez de Aviles in 1569.

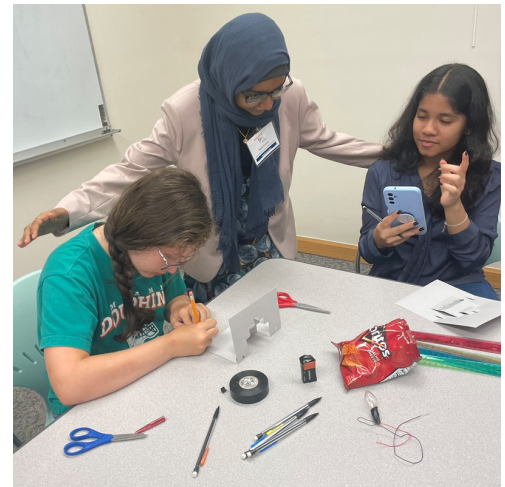


The fort was constructed by the Spanish from 1672-1695, overlooking the inlet, protecting the town from the British, French and pirates at that time. Some great history for families to go enjoy. In her other career Linda operated the House of Rudge, did research for Archaeological & Historical Conservancy in Colorado and Miami and the Elliott Museum.

Youth Alumni Hosted Girls In Stem

Tanjila Shawkat is member of Class 24 of the **Martin Youth LEADERship Program** and is a rising Senior at Martin County High School. She coordinated a girls only **One Day STEM Workshop on Science Experiments** early in July of this year.

She is shown at the workshop with **Middle School** girls who learned about what **STEM** is. How to make your own science toys and make a presentation and demonstration of your project. It is a window into what our youth leaders are doing in the community to **“Make a Difference”**



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

Sept. 12, Tues., 7:45am, **Business B4 Breakfast**, **Thrivent Financial/Mark Valinote**, Chamber CC, 1650 S Kanner Hwy., Stuart

Sept. 13, 11:45am, **Networking Luncheon**, **Cleveland Clinic Martin Health**, **Monarch CC**, 1801 SW Monarch Club Dr. ,PC

Sept. 19, Tues., 7:45am, **Business B4 Breakfast**, **Heritage Hall**, Chamber CC, 1650 S Kanner Highway, Stuart

Sept. 20, Wed., 5:30-7:00pm, **Business After Hour**, **Treasure Coast Toyota of Stuart**, 5101 SE Federal Highway, Stuart

Sept. 26, Tues., 7:45am, **Business B4 Breakfast**, **First Citizens Bank**, 2171 SE Federal Highway, Stuart

Sept. 29, Friday, 6:00pm-11:00pm, **Annual Installation Gala & Casino**, **Marriott Hutchinson Island Beach Resort**, 555 NE Ocean Boulevard, Stuart - Info: Debbi 287-1088, ext. 112 - DebbiG@stuartmartinchamber.org



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Maureen Vaillancourt (23), it has been announced by RE/MAX of Stuart that Maureen has been elected as the 2024 President Elect

for the Women's Council of Realtors Stuart Martin County network. Over the years, Maureen has volunteered with the Red Cross, the Life-savers Committee for the Goombay Bash and the Women's Club of Stu-



Lynne Barletta (21) established the Visionary Schools of Arts in 2010. Children age 5-18 learn fine art training, leadership and skills of

public presentation through shows and completion. VSOA students have won over 600 local, national and international awards for fine art and leadership.



Doreen Barnes (26) recently went to Ojai Valley CA for Humana's Presidents Club. She is in the top 4% out of 90,000 agents that were

awarded for their sales contribution and found the experience pretty amazing. Barnes just celebrated her four year anniversary with Humana July 7th.

Reminder: Have you paid your annual dues for July 2023 – June 2024? We need your support for our Youth LEADERship Program and Youth Scholarship.

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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