

LEADERSHIP BG

Alumni Association Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Mary Callahan Boone



When opportunity came knocking at then LBGAA Vice President Cheryl Henke's door last spring, she reluctantly stepped down from the Executive Committee to pursue new endeavors. Join me in wishing her the best of luck and in thanking Cheryl for her hard work and commitment to LBGAA during 2012-2013.

Cheryl's departure finds me serving as Leadership BG Alumni Association's president for one more year; I'm honored to be able to do so. Also, please help me welcome David Anderson as LBGAA's Vice President, and Kimberly Ward, who joins Dan Murphy in the role of Treasurer to the organization. I know all of us on the Executive Committee are looking forward to making 2013-2014 an exciting year for LBGAA.

Read a good book lately? Harry Truman is credited with having said, "Not all readers are leaders, but all leaders are readers." Our September 25 quarterly meeting focuses on the idea that "Leaders Are Readers," and two annual celebrations of reading in Bowling Green, the Community Reads program and BGSU's Common Reading Experience for incoming freshmen. Community Reads has been in existence for 10 years, and the Common Reading Experience, 13 years. Members of both groups love reading and

appreciate the power the right book at the right time has to influence readers' lives. Our speakers will be Becky Bhaer, WCDPL Trustee and member of the Community Reads planning committee, and Donna Nelson-Beene, Director of Undergraduate General Education at BGSU and chair of the University's Common Reading Experience program.

This year, taking the lead of Mayor Dick Edwards and BGSU President Mary Ellen Mazey, the two groups are collaborating on a common book, *Born to Run* by Christopher McDougall. The author's engaging narrative style makes this book one that will appeal to all readers, not just running enthusiasts. *Born to Run* is ultimately a book about achieving one's "personal best" in any endeavor.

The September 25 meeting will be in the Meeting Room at the Wood County District Public Library; lunch will be catered by Call of the Canyon. The cost of lunch is \$12 for members and \$14 for non-members. Please RSVP to lbjaa@bgchamber.net by September 18.

I look forward to seeing you September 25 at the library!

Mary Callahan Boone

MISSION

The Leadership BG Alumni Association exists to:

- Support, facilitate, and sustain Leadership BG
- Provide a forum for continued education, networking, and coalition building
- Respond to community needs
- Provide a pool of informed leaders for service to the community

Quarterly Meeting

Sept. 25, 11:30 am–1:00 pm
Wood County Library

Speakers: Becky Bhaer and
Donna Nelson-Beene,
Community Reads

Lunch: \$12 for members/
\$14 for nonmembers

Please RSVP to Mary Boone at
lbjaa@bgchamber.net
by September 18.

Bring a few extra dollars for the
50/50 raffle!

December 4

March 19

June 18

Upcoming Executive Committee Meetings

(noon – 1:15 pm)
WCDPL Carter House

October 23

February 5

May 7

Changed e-mail address recently?

Send your new address to the Chamber
at chamber@bgchamber.net

Officers

President: Mary Callahan Boone

Vice President: Dave Anderson

Secretary: Kathy East

Treasurer: Dan Murphy/Kimberly Ward

Past President: Jerid Friar

Committee Chairs

Black Swamp: Melissa Krieger

Philanthropy: Carole Matthews

Newsletter: Jen Baker

Chamber of Commerce: Earlene Kilpatrick

Interested in becoming an officer?
Talk to any of the members of the
Executive Committee!

Leadership BG Best Class Ever Food Drive Results

Way to go Class of 2013! And thank you to all that donated!

Class Grad Year	Pounds of food	Cash collected	Total Points	Rank
1993	10	0	10	15
1994	0	0	0	19
1995	11	0	11	14
1996	0	25	50	9
1997	0	4	8	16
1998	7	0	7	17
1999	0	25	50	9
2000	0	21	42	11
2001	28	0	28	12
2002	0	50	100	6
2003	0	10	20	13
2004	0	2	4	18
2005	0	0	0	19
2006	9	21	51	8
2007	2	50	102	5
2008	9	31	71	7
2009	0	0	0	19
2010	0	0	0	19
2011	12	50	112	4
2012	17	285	587	3
2013	1012	884	2780	1
High School	57	276	609	2
Grand Total	1174		\$1,734.00	

Have something to contribute to the LBGAA Newsletter?

Send your item to Editor Jen Baker at jbaker@siop.org.
(Items may be edited for space.)

It is with great sadness that we announce the loss of two wonderful friends, colleagues, and Leadership BG alumni.

Joan Gordon passed away on September 2. Joan was Outstanding Female Citizen of the Year in 1975, Chamber director, county editor of the Sentinel-Tribune, public information director of WBGU-TV, president of the Bowling Green Woman's Club, state president of the Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs, and president of the Bowling Green League of Women Voters. She also served on the foundation boards of the Wood County District Public Library and the Wood County Hospital, and was secretary of Kwanis, among others. But the formation of Leadership BG was one of her proudest accomplishments.

Shirlee Bostdorff passed away August 17. She was employed by Stott CPAs, was appointed the Plain Township Fiscal Officer, and elected to the Ohio Township Association Board of Directors. She was awarded the 2013 Athena Award and was a graduate of Leadership BG and AgrPower. Shirlee was involved with many local organizations including Wood County 4-H, 4-H Quilt Group, FFA, WC Township Association, WC Farm Bureau, Women in Ag Program, and the WC Historical Society, where she served as the Museum Director.

**LBGAA Quarterly Meeting
September 25!**

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