

2007-2008 Leadership Graduates

Aref Ahmadi, West End Cafe
Pamela Ashley, Bank of America Mortgage
Van Bach, City of San Rafael
Katherine Beacock, Seadrift Realty, Inc.
Mark Carrington, Orion Partners Ltd.
Gaik Chan, Bank of Marin
Brian Crowley, Brown & Brown of Northern California, Inc.
Patricia Estebes, Wells Fargo
Alan Garber, The Garber Team, Custom Financing Solutions
Lauren Grayman, Big Brothers Big Sisters of the North Bay
Terri Hardesty, City of San Rafael
Lisa Max, TOBIN & Associates
Nan Moon, Kaiser Permanente Medical Center
Tim O'Connell, Barron Mortgage
Christine Paquette, St. Vincent de Paul Society
John Poppin, Poppin Consulting
Katrena Prior, Dominican University of California
Robyn Sembenini, San Rafael Elks Lodge #1108
Deirdre Sheerin, Image For Success
Tamela Smith, Salient Wealth Management
David Starnes, City of San Rafael
Jeff Stoffer, Stoffer Wealth Advisors
Doris Toy, City of San Rafael
Cyndi Weingard, Big Brothers Big Sisters of the North Bay



Tour of the Rafael Theater as part of
"Media, Diversity & the Arts"



22nd Annual Leadership Institute San Rafael Marin 2008-2009



PURPOSE

The Leadership Institute San Rafael/Marin is designed to further develop our already well-informed and motivated community leaders. Its purpose is to enable participants to fully understand community issues and trends that will affect the future of San Rafael and Marin.

Leadership Institute participants will be exposed to different leadership styles and will determine ways in which they, as community leaders, can respond effectively to present and future community concerns.

By sponsoring the Leadership Institute, the San Rafael Chamber of Commerce demonstrates its continuing commitment to developing effective local leaders.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Applicants for the Leadership Institute include those who are concerned about the future of San Rafael and Marin and who want to expand their leadership roles in the community.

Business and professional people, current community leaders, directors or board members of non-profit organizations, representatives from the public sector and interested residents are all invited to apply.

People who are new to the community find the San Rafael Leadership Institute an extremely beneficial orientation. Even people who have previous involvement in community issues gain new insights and develop new personal and professional relationships through their Institute experience.

BENEFITS

The Leadership Institute creates opportunities for participants to:

- Become acquainted with community issues and operations
- Understand the forces that create community change
- Get to know current community leaders
- Form lasting relationships with other Leadership participants
- Enhance personal leadership qualities and skills
- Develop a spirit of commitment to the community
- Discover community leadership opportunities
- Shape the future of San Rafael and Marin County



Participant, Katherine Beacock of Seadrift Realty Inc. shares lunch with children from Bahia Vista School during "Education & the Canal Community" day.

TESTIMONIALS



Each Leadership Institute class organizes and carries out a class project. The 2007-2008 graduates are very proud to have created the San Rafael Jaycees (Junior Chamber). The vision of the California Jaycees & Jaycee International is to be the organization of choice for young adults, providing direction and leadership to our communities, the state and the nation in order to effect positive change.

"If you are looking to become more informed and more involved in your community, this program is invaluable. I learned so much about Marin. And, I made contacts throughout the community that could only be possible in a program such as this. A truly memorable and worthwhile experience!"

JEFF STOFFER
STOFFER WEALTH ADVISORS

"I joined the program looking to learn more about San Rafael and Marin County. I did not count on making the great friends I did, nor did I think I would be anxiously waiting for our next meeting every month. My business will benefit enormously from the knowledge and relationships I have gained."

MARK A. CARRINGTON
ORION PARTNERS, LTD.

"I've lived in Marin since 1985. In the past year I learned more about my community through the San Rafael Leadership Institute than I had in the previous 23."

ALAN GARBER
THE GARBER TEAM

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"The Leadership Institute opened my eyes to view San Rafael and Marin County in a new light; it stimulated my brain to evaluate the challenges facing us in new ways; it elevated my spirit to see the arts alive and growing around us; and it touched my soul to get to know new friends in our community."

ROBYN ANUHEA SEMBENINI
TRUSTEE, SAN RAFAEL ELKS LODGE #1108



A visit to the Marin Recycling Center makes the Leadership Institute class aware of the need for recycling and resource recovery and of Marin's outstanding recycling program.

"If I had to sum up what was most beneficial to me about attending the SR Chamber Leadership Institute, I would say ACCESS - access to the information, experiences, resources and perspectives of civic leaders; access to new community partners and access to new opportunities to contribute to the health and well-being of Marin County residents."

NAN MOON
KAISER PERMANENTE

"The San Rafael Chamber Leadership Institute offers opportunities to meet and hear from local government officials, including County Supervisors, important business leaders and people who are heroes in the community. This class is truly a bargain for all the opportunities and connections each member experiences, and it is where Leaders come from."

JOAN CAPURRO
BANK OF MARIN

CURRICULUM

The Leadership Institute provides a forum for the exchange of information and ideas between the participants and experts in a variety of fields. Each of the eight day-long sessions will focus on one or more of the following general topics:

- Government
- Community Planning
- Economic Development
- Housing
- Transportation
- Environment
- Public Safety and Justice
- Education
- Health and Human Services
- Arts
- Media
- Diversity
- Local Politics
- Leadership Development

All regular session dates in 2008-2009 are the first Thursday of the month from approximately 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., except for January which will be on January 8. Session dates are as follows:
October 2, November 6, December 4, January 8, February 5, March 5, April 2, and May 7.
Orientation is on September 25th and Graduation is on June 4th. Dates and times are subject to change.



PARTICIPATION

Leadership Institute participants are selected from Marin County's public and private sectors. Class size is limited to 25. Attendance at all sessions is expected. A community project will be carried out by the class during the Institute.

Application forms are available at the San Rafael Chamber of Commerce office, located at 817 Mission Avenue. For more information, call (415) 454-4163 and ask for Jennifer.

TUITION

Applications received before August 15, 2008:

San Rafael Chamber Members	\$1,200
Non-Profit Organizations	\$1,200
Non-Members	\$1,450

After August 15, 2008:

San Rafael Chamber Members	\$1,300
Non-Profit Organizations	\$1,300
Non-Members	\$1,550

Applications must include a 50 percent deposit made payable to the San Rafael Chamber of Commerce and a completed application form. The balance of the tuition is due by October 2, 2008. Tuition is non-refundable.

Application Deadline: August 15, 2008.

Applicants will be notified of acceptance by August 31, 2008.

To encourage multi-cultural diversity, the Institute will award several scholarships. For more information call the chamber office at (415) 454-4163.