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## The Leadership Monroe County Alumni Newsletter

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Pictured above is Henry Woods receiving a gift certificate to Henry's favorite book store. Henry has stepped down from his role as LMC Program Coordinator to run for public office. President Sante, on behalf of the Board and Alumni, thanked Henry for going above and beyond the call of duty in his role as Program Coordinator.

### **LEADERSHIP MONROE COUNTY SCHEDULES RECRUITMENT SOCIALS FOR CLASS XVI**

Leadership Monroe County has begun its recruitment process for Class XVII of the county-wide leadership program. On Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, a social will be held at the offices of Marine Bank and Barefoot Appraisal, the corner of United and Simonton Streets from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. On Friday, July 11, a social will be held at Frosty's at 725 11<sup>th</sup> Street in Marathon from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Another social will be held on Friday, July 18, at Chilli Willies at 86701 Overseas Highway in Islamorada from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Individuals interested in seeking a spot in Class XVII, beginning in October, should attend one of the socials to find out more about Leadership Monroe. Area alumni will be on hand to acquaint prospective class members with the program. There will be a cash bar and complimentary hors d'oeuvres.

Both prospective class members and LMC alumni are urged to RSVP their attendance to 289-9400 or email the program coordinator at [wendy.coles@comcast.net](mailto:wendy.coles@comcast.net). For more information about Leadership Monroe County, visit the group's website at [www.leadershipmonroecounty.org](http://www.leadershipmonroecounty.org).

# **SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AWAIT YOU!**

Sponsorships are available for Class XVII. Alumni – individually, in groups, or as a class, are invited to support Class XVII through one of the following sponsorships:

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| <b>Session One in Key West:</b>       | <b>Leadership, Humanities, Media</b>               |
| <b>Session Two in the Everglades:</b> | <b>The Environment</b>                             |
| <b>Session Three in Key West:</b>     | <b>Military and Judicial</b>                       |
| <b>Session Four in Marathon:</b>      | <b>Emergency Management</b>                        |
| <b>Session Five in Marathon:</b>      | <b>Education, Housing and Land Use</b>             |
| <b>Session Six in Tavernier:</b>      | <b>Health and Human Services</b>                   |
| <b>Session Seven in Key West:</b>     | <b>Tourism, Economy, Government and Leadership</b> |

During the above sessions, Sponsorships are available for:

Session sponsors at \$1200

Breakfast at \$125

Lunch at \$250

Alumni Social Sponsorships are also available at \$500

If you are interested in a sponsorship, please contact Wendy Coles at 289-9400 or email [wendy.coles@comcast.net](mailto:wendy.coles@comcast.net) indicating the level of sponsorship and if there is a session preferred to sponsor. Thanks for helping support Class XVII!

*The Schedule for Class XVI is posted on Leadership Monroe County website at [www.leadershipmonroecounty.com/apply.htm](http://www.leadershipmonroecounty.com/apply.htm)*



## A letter from Lou Caputo:

I would like to take this moment to thank everyone for your support and encouragement while I was attending Leadership Florida. Leadership Florida turned out to be the experience of a lifetime. I met so many wonderful people and learned so much about our great state. One thing I learned was that we are not the only ones that are having workforce issues. How would you like to be a cattleman, trying to hire an experienced cattle person? Requirements for the job: you must have at least three years experience working around cattle, you must have your own cattle dogs, (three to four), along with three cattle horses and of course you must have a pickup truck with a horse trailer. So as you can see, we don't have it so bad!

Leadership Florida is made up of five sessions that are spread out over 10 months. Each session is held in a different city and the class learns about the issues and problems that they face and how they plan to solve them. Some of the issues facing cities throughout our state are water shortages and the need to improve infrastructure. Freshwater is the major crisis; the fear of coastal cities is salt-water intrusion into freshwater wells. The League of Cities, and leaders from all across the State are working together to come up with solutions to these pressing issues.

I encourage each and every one of you, if you have an opportunity to attend Leadership Florida, to do so. Every session left me with the desire for more information about our great State. Leadership Florida challenges you to go back into your community and do more. I again want to thank all of you and I look forward to seeing all of you this year at one of our recruiting socials.



Leadership Monroe County's purpose is to offer assistance in the form of networking and educational opportunities to established and emerging leaders in Monroe County so that they will become more knowledgeable about the community and help them make quality leadership decisions that will help guide the residents of Monroe County in a positive direction. **Bridges** is the newsletter of the LMC Alumni. News releases and alumni contributions are welcome. Please email any submissions to Kim Works at [kworks@keysnews.com](mailto:kworks@keysnews.com).