



# BRIDGES

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## THE LEADERSHIP MONROE COUNTY ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

### Leadership Monroe County Separates from Key West Chamber of Commerce

Effective with the beginning of Class XV, Leadership Monroe County now operates under the umbrella of the Community Foundation of the Florida Keys. The Board took this action to lessen the perception that LMC is a predominantly Key West-based organization. This new structure will give us more of a countywide persona and we believe will help in recruiting class members, sponsors and presenters for the program.

LMC is alive and well at age fifteen. The participation of alumni as board members, program organizers, speakers, attendees at alumni socials and functions recruiting class candi-

dates and DUES PAYING supporters is important in keeping the organization strong.

Henry Woods (Class X) has joined us as Program Coordinator and we are pleased to have him as an integral part of LMC. Let Henry ([hwoodskeys@aol.com](mailto:hwoodskeys@aol.com)) or me ([njones@rodelfoundations.org](mailto:njones@rodelfoundations.org)) know if you want to take a more active role in the organization. **We can use more hands.**

Nancy Jones  
President  
Board of Directors

#### LEADERSHIP MONROE COUNTY Current Officers

**President**  
**Nancy Jones**

**Vice President**  
**Mark Kohl**

**Secretary**  
**Venita Garvin Valdez**

**Treasurer**  
**Chris Sante**

#### Alumni Outreach

### What do you want from YOUR Leadership Monroe?

Did you know that Leadership Monroe County has the highest alumni retention rate of any leadership program in the State of Florida? That's pretty amazing, considering we all know how many long time residents have left the Keys in the past few years!

We want to increase that alumni retention rate even more, and we'd like to hear from you on how to do it!

Tell us your suggestions for alumni education session topics, projects, get togethers or other new, exciting, out-of-the box ideas to keep our alumni active, involved, and motivated. You can email Nancy Jones or Ginette Hughes at the following addresses.

[njones@rodelfoundations.org](mailto:njones@rodelfoundations.org)  
[ginettehughes@mrdf.org](mailto:ginettehughes@mrdf.org)



**Save the date!**

**Graduation for Class XV**  
**Saturday, April 21**  
**Hawk's Cay Resort**

***Look for your invitation in the mail***

# Environmental Session in the Everglades



This year's Environmental Session had beautiful weather. Next year we may include an ALUMNI night—what do you think?? Thanks to John Pertner for sharing his photos!

**UPPER KEYS  
ALUMNI -  
RECONNECT!**  
Come to the next  
alumni social. Meet  
the members of Class  
XV, socialize with the  
Board, and catch up  
with your classmates

**Friday March 2  
Chillie Willie's  
5:30 pm—7:30 pm**  
*\$5 for alumni*

## Looking for a program for your civic organization?

We have speakers who are willing to come to your club and talk about Leadership Monroe County. We can talk about the current classes, the history or the reason we exist at all. We can talk a little or a lot.

If you need a speaker, then call on Leadership Monroe because the more we get the word out into the community, the better for the LMC program.

For information call Kim Works at 305-292-7777 ext 204 or e-mail at [kworks@keysnews.com](mailto:kworks@keysnews.com) and help bridge the Keys with LMC!



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 Ginette Hughes at [ginettehughes@mrdf.org](mailto:ginettehughes@mrdf.org).