Melanie Scanlon, Executive Director  
A year of personal and organizational growth

It is hard to believe that a year ago I was hired to lead Leadership Geauga, an organization that continues to impact our community in such positive ways. Over the past year I have personally learned many new things, met amazing community members and have been led down a path I couldn't have imagined.

This year was a reminder to me that we never truly know where our journey will take us and that the important thing is to remain curious and open to learning.

In addition to my personal growth, Leadership Geauga has evolved as we have worked collaboratively to execute the goals we set during our strategic planning process. We have added new programs, engaged new alumni and have always remained curious about how we can strengthen our current programs, while dreaming about what more we can do as a community leader.

I am excited to share all that we have accomplished this year. We are in an exciting time as an organization and if you believe in what we do I encourage you to join us. We need your ideas, your energy and your passion.

Thank you for a great year, Melanie

President's Comments

Besides retaining founding staff, startups are attempting to maintain their competitive edge by fostering ventures that not only maintain their competitive innovative edge but also expands the possibilities for future revenue and market growth opportunities.
Leadership Geauga: 
Leadership Geauga informs, educates and engages civic and business leaders, to inspire themselves towards personal empowerment, to strengthen their organizations and serve their colleagues, consumers, and community.

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Leadership Geauga is governed by a 15 person board

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2016-2017 YEAR IN REVIEW
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Organizational Highlights

Alumni leadership workshops: 4
Legacy Participants: 7
Alumni socials: 3
Community speaking engagements: 5
Alumni who attended events: 213

New this year

A focus on collaboration
We partnered with:
* Chardon Chamber of Commerce
* Burton Chamber of Commerce
* Chesterland Chamber of Commerce
* Middlefield Chamber of Commerce
* Geauga Growth Partnership
* Geauga County Airport
* United Way Services of Geauga County

Alumni Service Project
Our alumni participated in the United Way of Geauga County Day of Action and served at the Red Tulip Project. A recovery house for Geauga county women

Onsite Leadership training
We held team leadership training workshops for The Geauga YMCA and The Middlefield Banking Company.
Here is what a participant had to say: "I found your insight sessions to be both invaluable and truly fascinating (especially coming from a Psych background, as I had mentioned)"
Leadership Geauga’s operating revenue was up 3% this year due to larger class sizes and alumni participation.

Our 2016-2017 operating expenses reflect an increase of 17.5%. Two non-recurring costs contributed to this increase. Dr. Bob Faehnle was hired as a consultant to transition leadership to the new executive director. In addition, the organizational investment in software and our internal infrastructure.

Financial management is provided by the Board of Trustees Finance Committee, chaired by Treasurer Andy Bushman. Any questions regarding organizational finances can be directed to Andy Bushman.
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Adult Program Overview

Adult Participants

Andrew Bales – Lake View Cemetery
Jenn Bartone - National Alliance on Mental Illness - Geauga County
Paul Conley – Geauga YMCA
Donald DeCarlo – University Hospitals - Geauga Medical Center
Andy Derylak – Arms Trucking
Troy Duncan – Chardon Police Department
Rob Edmonds – Oswald Companies
Dawn Farrell – Geauga Metropolitan Housing Authority
Ian Freeman – Fairmount Santrol
Margaret Friel – Sisters of Notre Dame
Alicia Hensley – Heather Hill Care Communities
Suzanne Hubley – Roediger Chiropractic
Kate Jacob – Geauga County Prosecutor’s Office
Bryce Koch – Truline Industries
Paul Lexow – Stauff Corp
Conrad Metz – Caritas Financial LLC
Rob Munz – Home Savings and Loan
Amy Murfello – Kent State University - Geauga
Rose Nemunaitis – Geauga Maple Leaf & Adjunct Professor - Lake Erie College
Glen Peck – Kinetico
Melissa Raines – Cleveland Clinic
Jeff Richard – MCS Mortgage Bankers Inc.
Katie Ringenbach – Burton Public Library
Cindy Rios – Luna Living
Ben Royle – Royle Insurance Agency
Katie Schaak – Geauga County Engineer
Barbara Simkoff – Keller Williams Greater Cleveland NE Realty
Brian Snowden – Junction Auto Family
John Solich – Middlefield Bank
Marie Thur – Mapleview Country Villa
Jim Tomsick – Dickerson Dental Studio, Inc.
Claudia Toth – United Way Services of Geauga County
Chris Tryon – Geauga County Sheriff’s Office
Alyssa Wintersteller – Hexpol Compounding
Denise Wolfe – Geauga Park District
Jay Womack – City of Euclid Fire Department

Highlights

13 program days

The number of Geauga county program stops and community leaders our class had exposure to

It snowed on 3 of our days

Our class donated:
* $505 to Habitat for Humanity
* Crayons to Color Me A Rainbow
* Gifts, food and goods to WomenSafe
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Adult program experience

In their words
The percentages below indicate how many adult program participants strongly agree or agree to the following statements regarding their experience in the 2017 class:

- **I gained valuable personal development**: 100% Agree or Strongly Agree
- **I built stronger community connection**: 100% Agree or Strongly Agree
- **I went somewhere new in Geauga County**: 100% Agree or Strongly Agree
- **I am proud to be a Leadership graduate**: 97% Agree or Strongly Agree

What our graduates had to say:

"This program was exceptional"

"BEST WORK EXPERIENCE EVER!"

"Quickly broadening my personal network was so beneficial!"
The percentages below indicate how many adult program participants strongly agree or agree to the following statements regarding their experience in the 2017 class.

**I will be a better employee:**
- 90% Agree or strongly agree

**I plan to be involved in the community in a new or different way:**
- 93% Agree or strongly agree

**I would recommend Leadership Geauga to friends and colleagues:**
- 96% Agree or strongly agree
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Youth program experience

Participation by school

- Chardon: 2
- Notre Dame Cathedral Latin: 6
- Kenston: 2
- Cardinal: 4
- Chagrin Falls: 5
- Berkshire: 1
- Hershey Montessori: 2

Highlights

- 11 program days
- Number of Geauga county program stops and community leaders our class had exposure to
- Shadowing experience at University Hospitals Geauga
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Youth program experience

95% Agree or strongly agree
I experienced valuable personal development

100% Agree or Strongly Agree
I will be a better leader/team member

89% Agree or Strongly Agree
I built stronger connections in the community

100% Agree or Strongly Agree
I plan to be involved in the community in a new or different way
Thank you!

Leadership Geauga would like to extend thanks and appreciation to the individuals and organizations who have supported our work through sponsorships, alumni dues and cash donations. We feel blessed to have their support and ask that you help us thank them by supporting their work.

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Lisa Lowry
Lynda Nemeth
Lynnette Stuart
Marcia Owen
Mary Beth O'Neill
Mary Beth Rumburg
Mary Brigid Matheney
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Vicki Pate
Vincent Treharne
Waste Management
Wendy Pierce

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Why Leadership Geauga

Benefits to the individual:
- Leadership skill development and increased awareness of individual leadership style and values
- Increased knowledge of Geauga county and the organizations and leaders who live and work here
- Deepened network of committed and engaged colleagues for individual, business and community advancement
- Opportunities to get involved and give back to the community

Benefits to the employer:
- Leadership training for increased individual and organization effectiveness
- Exposure and awareness of the needs and opportunities in our community
- Broadening of organizational network and collaborative opportunities
- Demonstration of the organization's commitment to community and improving Geauga county

Benefits to the community:
- A cohort of committed and educated civic leaders
- Board and volunteer referrals from program graduates
- Opportunities for collaboration and cross sector engagement
- Developing leaders ready to respond to the opportunities and challenges facing our community

What is ahead?

New alumni database:
This summer alumni will be receiving information about our new alumni database. You will now have the ability to update your own contact information giving us the most current and accurate way for your class members and other alumni to find you

Volunteer opportunities with the current class
We have heard from many of you who want to be hands on with the current classes. We are working to create meaningful, hands on opportunities for you to interact with our organization. Stay tuned!