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## Applications for Group XV are due Nov 1

Leadership Wisconsin seeks candidates who have a passion for making a difference, those who step up to leadership roles in their communities and those who know that one person can truly make a difference.

**Nominate someone or Apply today!** Call 608.263.0817 or visit [LeadershipWisconsin.org](http://LeadershipWisconsin.org) for an application.

## Water Issues Seminar - Milwaukee - Nov 10-12, 2011

Thanks to the Seminar Sponsor - We Energies

By Angela Becker-Bradley

I can't say for certain if any of us are truly aware of the unique natural resource Wisconsinites have at their disposal: The Great Lakes. We were fortunate to examine the issue by taking in various elements of the water issue to include the past, present, and future situations.

The past included a wonderful walking tour of Milwaukee highlighting its history as well as a tour of the Milwaukee Historical Society; including gathering with the Future Milwaukee leadership program participants for a talk by John Gurda titled, Milwaukee: A Region Built on Water.

The present water situation consisted of

understanding what is currently happening and our situation with the Great Lakes. The future of water was explored throughout our three days more so as a wakeup call, or warning, as to what may come. Several people who took time to speak to us stressed the need for water conservation and others in the state have already been making waves to support the notion.

## 2011 Leadership Excellence Awards

Leadership Wisconsin is proud to award these individuals for their outstanding contributions to the community:

Jennifer Ondrejka, Madison  
Jordyn Schara, North Freedom  
David Fritz, Potosi  
Independence First, Milwaukee

To read more about the winners, visit [www.LeadershipWisconsin.org](http://www.LeadershipWisconsin.org)

SAVE  
the date

2012  
Leadership Wisconsin  
Conference

April 24-25, 2012  
Tundra Lodge, Green Bay

The conference is a gathering of leaders from all sectors, throughout the state - all those who seek to expand and build their leadership capacity.

## Calendar

### Alumni International Seminar

Oct. 8-16, 2011  
Dublin, Ireland

### Heart of Democracy Webcast

Oct. 11, 2011  
Madison and Wausau, WI

### Global Economics Seminar

Nov. 9-11, 2011  
Hudson, Wisconsin

### International Orientation

Nov. 11-12, 2011  
Hudson, WI



## Alumni in the News

**Kim Beck**, XII, was on WUWM 89.7FM, speaking about UW-Milwaukee's Osher Lifelong learning Institute.

**Mary Kay Brevig**, X, spoke on WEAU about the 15th Annual Breakfast in the Valley. The **Jane**, X & **Doug Mueller**, IX (deceased) farm was featured.

**Pat Carlson-Congdon**, IX, is the lead singer for the Riverbenders Band

**Jeanne Carpenter**, XII, was on the Wisconsin Public Radio's Larry Meiller show

**Heidi Dobbs**, XIII, congratulations on her marriage to Brian Slinkman.

**Anne Katz**, X, was featured on InBusiness TV Coffee Break, sharing her advocacy work for the arts.

**Angela Kinderman**, XIII, hosted a reunion gathering for Group XIII.

**Casey Langan**, IX, was featured in the InBusiness Blog *Sending soybeans from Shawano to Seoul*.

**Vanessa Llanes**, XII and **Kelly Westlund**, XIV

are graduates of Emerge Wisconsin 2011

**Deb Reinhart**, I, was featured in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, discussing the impact of immigration on farming.

**Heidi Roekle**, XIII, was elected to Adams County Board of Supervisors.

**John Smart**, X, was a guest on the Joy Cardin WI Public Radio Show sharing his experience as a foreign student exchange host.

**Nodji Van Wychen**, II, and **Amy Nemptz**, XII-

and family were featured on Discover Wisconsin as part of the Warrens annual Cranberry Festival, September 23-25, 2011.

**Yo Voigt**, VIII, was recently appointed to the national committee: Association for Healthcare Volunteer Resource Professionals.

**Dale Bowe**, VII, agricultural consultant for Wisconsin Public Service, received the Outstanding Contribution to Agriculture Award from the Portage County Business Council

## Rights of Individuals & Community Seminar - Tomahawk - Jan 19-21, 2011

A Community In and Of Itself

by Renee Koenig

**M**indy Habecker, one of the seminar chairs, said that in some ways our group is like a community in and of itself. It made me think about how our group is bonding and forming stronger relationships with one another.

At the same time, we are coming together as individuals who have important roles in our lives back at home. The skills we learned while at Treehaven will help us in both "communities" – in our Leadership Wisconsin group and in our neighborhoods. Our group was led



through a variety of leadership development activities; devoting time to improving our understanding of dialogue, diagnosing conflict, and recognizing habits of thinking. Dialogue is an important

component of building relationships. We learned five key practices for dialogue: listening, respecting, suspending, reflecting, and voicing. Treehaven offered a conducive environment for us to explore and

reflect on our mental models and recognize that our ways of thinking might be different from the way other people think – an important challenge that we face in our communities.

Whether or not these leadership development exercises promote cohesiveness in our communities partly depends upon our individual role to apply our new skills. I feel fortunate to have had the opportunity to practice these leadership techniques with my Group 14 community!

## National Seminar - Washington, DC - Mar 14-20, 2011

by Linda Jorgenson

**E**ager to see the sites and learn more about national policy making, Group XIV went to Washington.



Perhaps a trip to our nation's capital is always a whirlwind, but in 2011 it seemed especially fraught with complexity. As Congress seemed deadlocked in how to make drastic cuts in federal spending, our group looked at one slice of that, the US Farm Bill.

We met throughout the week with high level agricultural policy makers representing diverse perspectives on the issues. By the

end of the week it was apparent there were no easy answers to many questions in our national farm policy. To grasp the real drama of national policy we met with our Congresspersons directly, sat in on Congressional hearings, and listened to floor debates in the House of Representatives and the Senate.

We had a fascinating time visiting 15 diverse lobbying groups and

left with a genuine appreciation for how many competing interests our elected representatives have to contest with to craft legislation.

Finally, we had many "once in a lifetime opportunities" such as a White House tour, a visit to our national monuments at night, time in our magnificent national museums, and even some Nation's Capital "pubbing" for St. Patrick's Day.

## Technology Seminar - Madison - Jun 15-17, 2011

Group XIV Dazzled by Technology

by Linda Jorgenson and Candie Lehto

**I**n June 2011 Group XIV learned about the scientific and technological innovations in the fields of biology and energy in Wisconsin.

In viewing labs at the new UW-Madison Institute for Discovery and other public and private organizations, our jaws dropped at the scientific instruments now available for chemical, biological,

engineering and social science research. We were impressed that the UW system is ranked Number 3 in the US for its Research and Development spending and that Wisconsin is a leader in bio-tech and bio-energy development.

Many of us were unaware that the technology industry is flourishing in Madison and found

the number of high tech industries and incubator facilities in the Research Park amazing. We visited two start-up companies from UW Madison. The first was Epic – a company that sells, installs, and maintains software for electronic health record keeping. The other was Promega – a company that markets the media that scientists use for research.

One of the great pleasures of participating in Leadership WI is the opportunity to dialogue with such a bright, diverse group of people from around our state on challenging questions.

The seminars set up the dilemmas but no answers are given. We are all left to examine our own values and ethics back in our home communities.



### Words from the President

**T**he changing seasons are upon us which also means a few changes for Leadership

Wisconsin. We began recruiting for Group 15. We will also add new board members, and invite new people to take on executive leadership rolls. As outgoing President of the Leadership Wisconsin Board of Directors, I am very proud to have served on the board, and encourage others to join the organization as a board member, or group participant. I would also ask alumni to take a moment to reflect on what Leadership Wisconsin (WRLP) has done for you, and how you may be able to give back. Please consider helping us recruit Group 15. If you would like to give back by financially supporting the program, a scholarship, or a seminar, please fill out the donation card on the back page of this newsletter. Our alumni truly make a difference, throughout Wisconsin, by strengthening our communities!

**I** want to thank JoAnn and my fellow board members for their energy and commitment to our dynamic organization. As I exit the board, I'm looking forward to continuing my participation in Leadership Wisconsin as an alumna and donor - of time and dollars - in order to help continue the growth of our strong and vital organization.

Sincerely,  
**Gerilynn (Lynn) Perkins, XI**



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