



Green Bay Area Chamber of Commerce

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LEADERSHIP GREEN BAY CLASS OF 2011 GRADUATES

Green Bay, Wis (May 12, 2011) – The commencement of the 2010-2011 Leadership Green Bay class was held Tuesday, May 10, at Rock Garden Comfort Suites. This year marks the 27th commencement celebration for LGB, a program that develops strong community leaders and trustees.

The graduating LGB class includes:

Ryan Angst, Wells Fargo Bank
Casey Ausloos, Green Bay Packers
Dr. Gaurav Bansal, UW-Green Bay;
Susan Baranczyk, Integrys Energy Group, Inc.;
Heather Brosig, Schreiber Foods;
Debbie Bukouricz, Schenck SC;
Glenn Buntin, Integrys Energy Group, Inc.;
Joey Cheng, Wisconsin Public Service Corporation;
Cari Clayton, Rasmussen College;
Nicole Craig, Neurology Consultants of NE WI Ltd.;
Eric De Jardine, Nicolet National Bank;
Lisa Evenson, Green Bay Metropolitan Sewerage Dist.;
Mike Frey, Ansay & Associates;
Kurt Goehre, Liebmann Conway Olejniczak Jerry SC;
Cindy Jelinek, Community First Credit Union;
Jeff Johnson, Greater Green Bay Habitat for Humanity;
Mike La Mere, Prevea Health;
Nick Mahlik, Medi-Vans;
John Manser, The Salvation Army Kroc Center;
Dan McIver, UW-Green Bay;
JD Murphy, Northeast Wisconsin Technical College;
Lou Ann Nettekoven, BayCare Clinic;
Ann Peggs, Green Bay Fire Department;
Marcus Reitz, Fulfillnet, Inc.;
Tim Rinn, Ganther Construction/Architecture Inc.;
Steve Schulke, Schulke Construction, LLC;
Tia Schumacher, Schneider National;
John Smith, Georgia-Pacific;

Joe Smits, Associated Bank;
Kristin Suchalla, MCL Industries;
Tom Swiecichowski, Nsight Telservices;
Todd Thiel, Schreiber Foods;
Brenda Tiedt, Ameriprise Auto & Home Insurance;
Relene Townley, UnitedHealthcare;
Ryan Van Straten, Alliance Management;
Molly Vandervest, Downtown Green Bay Inc.;
Stephanie Walker, Festival Foods;
Jay Wille, New York Life;
Aaron Wolf, Comfort Suites Green Bay;
Sara Zelewske, ITT Technical Institute

As part of the LGB program, participants must complete a group project component that is community-focused and takes individuals beyond the monthly session, providing them with additional educational experience. The following projects were completed by the graduating class of 2011.

Group 1: Bay Beach History: Signs of the Times.

This project involved the team in creating signage for each of the Bay Beach Amusement Park's rides that highlight the historical background for each ride, as well as providing fun and interesting facts about each ride. As Bay Beach is the ninth oldest amusement park in the country and the 21st oldest park in the world, Group 1 believed historical signs would add an important element to the park.

Group 2: Project Green Bay A-Z

Teaming up with the Neville Museum, Group 2 will launch a preview exhibit for a collection of historic photos from the Green Bay Press Gazette by introducing a permanent interactive kiosk. Photos representing letters A-Z with captions, document, and oral histories from primary sources will be displayed at the whim of the visitor. Phase one includes fund-raising for the interactive database software, while phase two involves a community website on which archived photos can be seen and members of the community can add to the collection.

Group 3: Caring for CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates)

Group 3 chose to devise a signature event for CASA, an organization that speaks for the best interests of abused and neglected children while their cases moves through the legal and social services systems. The event is a celebrity server dinner that will help raise funds required to provide volunteers for children of the area.

Group 4: Project: Lighting the Way to the Kroc Center

Group 4 undertook the task to provide lighting in the Imperial Pride neighborhood to improve the climate and conditions, as well as the community policing efforts of the area. The

project will begin with the installation of 17 street lights and eight security cameras along the trail which will be maintained by the City of Green Bay Parks Department.

Group 5: The Thingamajigger House

Group 5 created a fun, whimsical, Dr. Seuss-themed playhouse for the preschool age clients of the Family Services Healthy Families program. The Thingamajigger House, play and reading come together which is the goal of the center's coordinators.

"The Class of 2011 has been an inspirational class," said Jeanne Agneessens, Leadership Green Bay program manager. "It was apparent from the Opening Retreat that these individuals understood about stewardship of their community. The projects they tackled were extremely ambitious and they have been excited and participatory in all the sessions. Green Bay is truly lucky to have these individuals now go on to fulfill positions on boards and committees for our non-profit agencies. Green Bay will definitely be better because of their participation."

Applications for Green Bay Area Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Green Bay class of 2012 are now being accepted. Applications can be found at www.titletown.org.

For more information on the LGB class of 2011, please contact Jeanne Agneessens at lgb@titletown.org or 920.593.3412.

Established in 1882, the mission of the Green Bay Area Chamber of Commerce is to serve as the focal point of economic and community development. The Chamber is a four-star accredited Chamber through the United States Chamber of Commerce. Chamber programs include Advance, Partners in Education, Leadership Green Bay, Brown County Teen Leadership, Current Young Professionals Network, Good Government Council and the International Business Development Consortium.

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