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Thank You!

LEADERSHIP CONTRIBUTORS 2014-2015

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Your continued financial support through membership dues and donations enhances the experience of the current class members in the adult and youth classes and makes future alumni networking events possible! Thank you!

Announcements & Events

July 30, 2015

2015-2016 Adult Leadership Class Announcement will be held at the Christian County Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours Event at 5:00 pm at the newly renovated Forbes Building at 1002 South Virginia Street, Hopkinsville. Don’t miss this networking opportunity as we celebrate the new class!

Students have been selected for the 2015-2016 Youth Leadership class! Their opening retreat will be held in late August, and the coordinators for the year are Sandy Grogan and Ruth Lynch.
Al W. Wettstein Fund Supports Local Non-Profits Through Leadership Programs

by Betsy Bond, 2014-2015 Leadership Board Chair

Taken from an article in The Chicago Tribune:

Built in 1909, it was called “the most comfortable, modern and safest hotel west of New York City.” The La-Salle Hotel, a 22-story structure at LaSalle and Madison Streets, with its ornate walnut-paneled lobby and rooftop garden, was the city’s most famous, especially during the pre-World War II years. It was a favorite of the country’s elite. The likes of Mrs. Potter Palmer and other “ladies of fashion” loved to dine in its sumptuous Blue Fountain Room. And for many years the state GOP kept its headquarters there.

But shortly after midnight on June 5, 1946, a devastating blaze swept through the supposedly fireproof building, reducing its magnificent lobby to a charred cavern, taking the lives of 61 people and leaving more than 200 injured.

One of the lives lost in the fire was eighteen year old Al Wettstein who had graduated from Hopkinsville High School just a week earlier. This trip was his graduation present. He was described in the Orange and Black of 1946 as “indisputably a great, good handsome man.” He was a very active student participating in the Boy’s Club and Forensic Club, serving on the Tiger Staff and Annual Staff and playing the cornet all four years for the Hopkinsville High School Band. He was selected as “Best Looking” of his Senior class and also served as Class Poet.

His was a life cut tragically short, one whose potential was never fully realized. One can only imagine the impact he would have had on our community, had he lived.

The Al W. Wettstein Advised Fund was established in 2008, through the Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee, to foster youth development and leadership programs offered through non-profits in Christian County. Each year the Al W. Wettstein fund gives $1000 each to the adult and youth leadership programs. Winners of the funds are selected from local agency presentations given by individual groups in both programs. To date, $14,000 has been awarded to non-profits in our community.
The class spent time cleaning, painting, and landscaping at the Boys and Girls Club as part of the year-end service project.

The $1000 Al W. Wettstein grant was awarded to Alpha Alternative in order to stock new supplies for Karen's Place, a resource for moms-to-be.
Wynn Radford was the recipient of the 2014-2015 Legacy of Leadership award. It was presented by Breck Cayce, last year’s winner, at the Business After Hours event in February that highlighted Leadership alumni.

Did you know that Leadership Alumni was on social media?

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www.facebook.com/LeadershipHopkinsvilleChristianCountyAlumni

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@LeadershipHCCAlumni

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@Leadership_HCC