



Ambassador Ribbon Cuttings  
Indian Bear Winery - May 19, 2015

You'll expand your knowledge of county operations and local economic development by attending these special days organized by Leadership Knox alumni.

Monthly sessions are from 8:00 am until 4:30 pm, typically held the third Thursday of the month.

- **Retreat: One day retreat in August**
- **Agriculture Day**
- **Economic Development Day**
- **Education Day**
- **Government Day**
- **Healthcare Day**
- **History Day**
- **Leadership Day**
- **Local Flavors Day**
- **Social Services Day**
- **Graduation in May**



Class of 2016



# Leadership Knox

## Lend Your Voice, Talents and Service to Knox County's Future

In today's fast-paced, high technology world, many authors are calling attention to the fact that countries, states, communities, corporations, organizations and individuals alike are in the midst of massive change.

We in Knox County are equally affected by these changes. Our history is rich with concerned, active leaders who paved the way, but we cannot rest on our past. We must look to the future; for ourselves and for our community.

As an information-based society, thinking, problem-solving, decision-making, computer and technology knowledge, teamwork, and diversity are the key elements required to build a successful leadership foundation for our community. You can make a difference in your community.

*"Leadership Knox takes you places you have never seen and gives you the opportunity to meet the decision makers in our county."*

*"The program highlighted volunteer opportunities and now I am active with other groups. I feel good about volunteering that is fun and helps a cause I am passionate about."*

*"Living here all of my life, I thought I knew everything about Knox County. I was pleasantly surprised how much I learned."*

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"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader".

-John Quincy Adams

## A Community Leadership Program



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# Leadership Knox...opening doors, fostering service

## Mission

Leadership Knox is designed to identify, nurture and promote leaders in Knox County. The program will develop informed and committed leaders by providing participants with an understanding of the critical issues affecting Knox County and beyond.

## Candidates for the Program

Leadership Knox is structured to encompass leaders from up-and-coming office associates to corporate management staff. The diverse class representing manufacturing, retail, healthcare, education, finance, and other sectors will deepen their knowledge of the county's challenges and opportunities. The class will work together and utilize their decision-making skills.

## Format and Our Commitment to You

Leadership Knox begins with a one-day retreat in August followed by nine full-day sessions (once a month) through May. It is an interactive experience with the people and places that make Knox County special. Whether you are a life-long resident, new to Knox County, or have lived or worked here some time in between, this rewarding program is for you. Participants will know the community well; its history, its current issues and its future direction. Upon graduation, each class member will serve as a Chamber Ambassador for a minimum of one year. This year of service will broaden their exposure to business and community interaction and inspire volunteerism to future leadership roles. At the end of one year of service, the Ambassador may elect to continue their role for as long as they wish. We pledge to provide you with experiences and knowledge that will open new doors of opportunity.

## Our Expectation of You

All sessions require your attendance and full participation. The class will assume the role of a board and operate as a board during class project time. This new board will elect officers and will receive full instructions at the retreat. This educational exercise will boost the experience of working with new people (like a real board experience) and enhance project planning and execution. Your class will develop a project that enhances some aspect of Knox County. The group project will require a commitment from you during each scheduled session as well as outside of the regular monthly modules. You will develop relationships with others in the class and work on the project as a team. Upon successful completion of the program, you will serve as a Chamber Ambassador for one year or more, and will be encouraged to serve on other community boards or committees. As an alumni of the Leadership Knox program, you will occasionally receive invitations for board or committee service from various organizations. They look to our alumni for their individual skills and knowledge they bring about the community through their Leadership Knox experience.

## The Role of the Sponsor

Your sponsor is your direct supervisor, board chair, or mentor if you are the owner or top executive of your company. Your sponsor will fully support your candidacy by allowing compensatory time to attend and participate in all Leadership Knox activities including attendance at each monthly module and minimal amount of other project activity. You and your sponsor will benefit by being personally involved in your leadership education and your sponsor will be invited to attend your graduation in May.

## Requirements for Acceptance

- Have a high school diploma.
- Demonstrate a commitment and motivation to serve Knox County through committee and board service;
- Have an interest in serving volunteer or leadership roles and help develop solutions utilizing your decision-making skills;
- Possess the potential and willingness for leadership in community activities;
- Be available to commit the time necessary to complete the entire program.

## Enrollment

**Application must arrive at the Chamber office no later than July 1st** or contact the Chamber to determine if there are available slots. The class size is limited to 20 participants. The Selection Committee will review all applications, select the class and notify all applicants with additional details about the retreat and program.

**Cancellations will not be refunded.**

**Tuition** cost for the program is \$795 and *due prior to the retreat*. Tuition is only \$695 if application and payment is postmarked by June 30. **Take advantage of the \$100 discount!**

501(c)3 organizations may apply for a scholarship through the Community Foundation of Mount Vernon & Knox County. Organizations are responsible for applying for the *possible* tuition grant. Visit <http://mvmcfoundation.org/grant-and-scholarship-applications/to-complete-a-Common-Grant-Application>. Tuition is due prior to the August retreat. If the organization is awarded a grant, it will be payable directly to the organization. The organization must remit payment for the program to the Chamber of Commerce. Contact the Chamber office if you have any questions. Call 740-393-1111.