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LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES & TRAINING TO PREPARE YOU FOR THE FUTURE...

This is the new layout for the quarterly Peach Fuzz newsletter. We hope you enjoy the new design . . .

Seeds of Leadership

Several newsletters ago, I mentioned that I am retired and I needed to take on the responsibility of the "leadership of me". Since then I have taken some steps toward that effort.

They are not necessarily great leaps but one particular endeavor has produced results (you'll get the pun later). First, I volunteered to be the gardening coordinator at my local Boys & Girls Club (B&GC). I am providing instructional info and techniques to elementary school children one day a week for a 400 square foot garden and some surrounding flower beds. This is not exactly an earth shattering achievement nor would it qualify anyone for a Nobel Peace Prize, but it is one step.

However, it has lead to other activities. I was fortunate enough to receive hundreds and hundreds of free veggie, flower, and herb seed

packets donated by one of the "big box" stores (they asked to remain anonymous but you can make a wild guess from the "blue" – hint, hint). When the new year rolls over they usually have to dispose of the past year seeds as their buyers do not want old merchandise.

Now I have more seeds than the B&GC could ever use, so I put one of every kind of veggie, flower, and herb seed packet into plastic grocery bags (I've garden for many years and did not know there were 20+ types of squash). Then I contacted over 6 local elementary schools and 1 high school who I knew had gardens. I asked that they use the seeds and provide some generic pictures of the students in the garden.

The response was overwhelming. I am now a volunteer at 3 of the schools too (more labors of love). But



Jim Lorenz

the best response was from a student.

I thanked her for the letter and looked forward to the day that SHE might be the one who makes the medicine to cure cancer. Hopefully that will come based on the "seeds" we have sown from a little leadership.

Dear Jim Lorenz, my name is Mabalynn ~~but~~. I go to the School of red cedar. a couple days ago you donated some seeds. I am doing a project at this time called project healthy. I will be planting fruits and vegetables and donating them to a Savannah hospital to people who have cancer. I have heard there is a plant in the rain forest helping cure cancer thank you for all the seeds I really appreciate it! love, Mabalynn



SRSLA Sponsors Two 2017 Future City Awards

By Brenda Kelly, National Director

Left: The winning team from St. Mary's on the Hill, Virdeca celebrates. This group of students will soon be travelling to Washington, D.C. for the national competition.

Their goal: Winning this year's Regional Future City Competition recently held at the University of South Carolina Aiken. "This is a long term commitment over the course of several months beginning in late August or early September. Each team of students typically works hundreds of hours to participate in the competition managed by Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS)," said Kim Mitchell, SRNS Education Outreach.

"Repeatedly we see students become excited about learning in their efforts to solve real world problems. Our hope is that they will be inspired by the rewarding effort to later pursue careers in the fields of science, technology, engineering and math."

This past weekend a team from Augusta, Georgia, St. Mary on the Hill, took First Place, while a strong finish by Paul Knox Middle School, North Augusta, South Carolina lead to a Second Place trophy. Westview Middle School from Westview, South Carolina came in Third Place. The St. Mary on the Hill team will travel to the Future City National Finals in Washington, D.C. February 12-17. The top prize is \$7,500 for the school's science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) program plus a trip to U.S. Space Camp in Huntsville, Alabama. Forty thousand (40,000) middle school students from 1350 schools in 37 regions across the United States are competing to win these trips.

The student teams, along with an educator and volunteer mentor, research and design a solution to a city-wide challenge that changes each year.

Celebrating its 25th anniversary in 2016-17, this year's Future City Competition asked students to address the Power of Public Space and challenged them to design innovative, multiuse public spaces that serve a city's diverse population.

Public spaces have the capacity to revitalize a city's econo-

my by introducing new businesses and bringing in new visitors. They can also help reduce crime, ease traffic congestion, improve pedestrian safety, promote healthy living, improve the environment and enhance citizen interaction.

Working as a team, students are first challenged to design a virtual city using SimCity software. Next they research today's public spaces and write an essay about their solutions and city design. And finally, students bring their ideas to life by building a tabletop scale model of their city using recycled materials on a budget of \$100 or less and give a brief presentation about their city to a panel of judges.

One of the nation's leading engineering education programs and among the most popular, Future City has consistently received national recognition. In 2016, the Future City Competition was the recipient of the 2016 Henry C. Turner Prize for Innovation in Construction, presented by Turner Construction Company and the National Building Museum.

The U.S. Department of Energy provides a variety of science and literacy outreach programs at the Savannah River Site through their primary contractor Savannah River Nuclear Solutions.

The Savannah River Site Leadership Association (SRSLA) sponsors two of the awards presented during the competition: the "Best Model Award" (Winner: St. Mary on the Hill Catholic School, Virdeca) and the "Student Choice Award" (Winner: Hilton Head Christian Academy, Gallifrey).

A special thank you to Christine Hadden, Chuck Messick, and Tammy Robinson who represented SRSEA as Special Award Judges.

Former Speech Contestant Marches in Inaugural Parade



Devin Oliver from Bluffton, SC

By Jim Lorenz, Independent Member

It is rewarding to hear in the news about someone you know who has achieved an honor or become a success story. My wife, a 1st grade teacher / reading specialist, is always glad to see some of her former students receive academic honors at their high school graduations. But now it was my turn to see the success of one of my former speech contestants. True, he had a head start with a fine family and would have garnered his award without my minimal assistance, but it still feels good.

Four years ago, our local NMA speech contest was held in Savannah, GA. Our winning student was Devin Oliver of nearby Bluffton High School in South Carolina, which happens to be my current town. It was the first time that school had a student win one of the local contests. It was now my responsibility to aid Devin for the next council level of competition. It was very enjoyable working with him, a very mature young adult. His ambition was to attend the West Point Academy. Even though he did not advance in the contest nor receive an appointment to WestPoint, I recognized that his personality

and work effort would be a benefit to any organization that he became part of, whether it be a school, business, corporation, or the military.

His success is now documented as he is a senior at The Citadel, the military college in Charleston, South Carolina. He has achieved the distinction of being selected as a Summerall Guard, the silent precision drill squad composed of 61 cadets. The squad's most recent honor was to participate in the inaugural parade for President Donald Trump. This was only the fifth time in their 175 years that The Citadel has marched in a Presidential inauguration. So they were quite proud of this privilege.

As I mentioned earlier, my impact was minimal at best, but it does give one hope when our local young adults show such determination and fine character.

"The best leader is the one who has sense enough to pick good men to do what he wants done, and the self-restraint to keep from meddling with them while they do it."

-Theodore Roosevelt

NMA Introduces *Grovo* During January BOD Meeting

The first 2017 Board of Directors meeting was held in Dayton, Ohio on January 13th and 14th to set goals and outline activities for the year. One of the topics included the new GROVO tool that has been introduced for use by NMA Chapters.

Micro-learning is an innovative approach to learning that presents one or two key learning opportunities in 1-2 minute videos. It is super flexible so you can learn from anywhere at any time - on your computer, laptop, smartphone or tablet. This approach covers thousands of topics, including management, leadership, workplace communication, productivity, self improvement, time management, stress management, conflict resolution, and many more! This technique is designed to maximize information retention and has proven successful for all professionals, young and old alike.

NMA has signed a one year trial contract to “pilot test”

the material and provide Chapters with an opportunity to try it at NO COST! The one year trial is being paid for by a one-time grant from the NMA Educational Foundation, Inc. Due to licensing and some restrictions means we will have to use a rotational system and chapters will have to take turns over the one year period. The contract is good for one user and their email address. An individual license cannot be used by multiple users. Rotation will take place every 6-8 weeks.

GROVO is a leading-edge provider in this type of application and has a substantial client list. They have developed, and their clients have access to, over 5000 videos presentations. Additionally their website and service is structured to allow its customers to upload their unique training materials that they would like shared with other divisions or chapters. However, they have not done this type of rollout with a professional organization.

2017 NMA CONFERENCES



2017 West CLT

April 27-29, 2017
Coeur D'Alene Resort
115 S 2nd Street
Coeur D'Alene, Idaho 83814
\$129 S/D



2017 East CLT

May 18-20, 2017
Embassy Suites
800 Monroe Street
Huntsville, Alabama 35801
\$139 S/D



2017 Annual Conference

September 7-9, 2017
Hilton Hotel
400 Mandalay Avenue
Clearwater, Florida 33767
\$129 S/D



LMLA Chapter #524 Honors Veterans Day

By Casey Rogers, LMLA Greenville Chapter

The Lockheed Martin slogan is, "We never forget who we're working for." This slogan inspired Lockheed Martin Leadership Association (LMLA) chapter #524 to support the pocket flag project. Their objective is to get as many pocket flags into the pockets of our military personnel on the front lines. In the month of November, in honor of Veterans Day,

over 20 volunteers from LMLA folded over 250 flags to send to the men and women who protect our freedoms at the Combined Joint Task Force overseas. Each envelope had a special message with their own folded American flag. The special message states, "A flag for your pocket so you can always carry a little piece of home. We are praying for you and we are proud of you. Thank you for defending our country and our freedom."

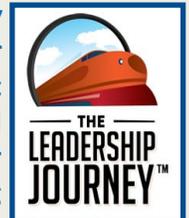


Peach Council Holds Quarterly Meeting in Hilton Head, SC

Peach Council members from Bluffton, Aiken, and Greenville, South Carolina as well as Marietta, Georgia met on Hilton Head Island at the Beach House Resort to conduct their first meeting of the new 2017 year. Members enjoyed dinner on Friday evening at Hinchey's Chicago Bar & Grill, lunch on Saturday at The Flatbread Grill, and dinner Saturday evening at Bella Italia. Great food and fellowship.

Chapter business included review of: Treasurer's report, Secretary's report, Chapter reports and Action Items. Rayford Horne from LMLA-Marietta presented

the BTE Series session on "How to Show You Care Without Coddling". Other business included discussions about crowd funding, the Council Directory and Brochure, national awards submittals for 2017, 2017 speech contest, and upcoming council elections.



This was a very productive meeting due to input and participation by all members.

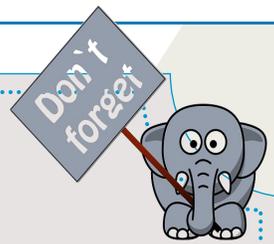


Left to Right: Loretta Binion (visitor), Michelle Lewis and Brenda Kelly



Left to Right: Rayford Horne (LMLA-Marietta), Jim Lorenz (Independent), Chris Solum (SRSLA), Michelle Lewis (LMLA-Marietta), Brenda Kelly (SRSLA), and Casey Rogers (LMLA-Greenville)

Meeting Dates to Remember. .



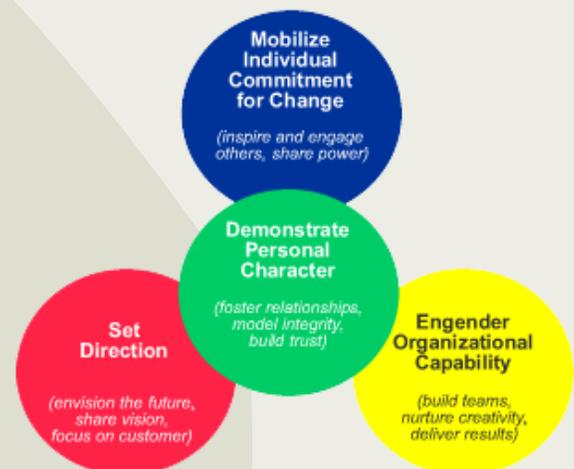
 Teleconference Call	February 14	12:00 NOON	
Peach Council Quarterly Mtg.	March 25	Aiken, SC	SRSLA (speech contest)
West CLT Conference	April 27-29	Coeur D'Alene Resort	
 Teleconference Call	May 2	12:00 NOON	
East CLT Conference	May 18-20	Huntsville, AL	
Peach Council Quarterly Mtg.	June 10	Atlanta, GA	LMLA-Marietta
NMA National BOD Meeting	June	Dayton, OH	
National Conference	September 7-9	Clearwater, FL	
Peach Council Quarterly Mtg.	October 14	Greenville, SC	LMLA-Greenville

Good leaders are trailblazers, making a path for others to follow. Great leaders, however, inspire their people to reach higher, dream bigger, and achieve greater. Perhaps the most important leadership skill you can develop is the ability to provide inspiration to your team. If you inspire them to reach for the stars, they just might bring you back the moon.

- Anonymous, Forbes Magazine

NMA Leadership Model

By using the NMA Leadership Model as a focal point, NMA provides many convenient ways to learn new skills through classroom and online participation, informally from the member network, or through leading chapter activities.



NMA Governance



Vision Statement

NMA is the recognized worldwide partnership of people and businesses inspiring outstanding leadership, and cultivating highly productive workplaces.

Mission Statement

NMA offers leadership development products and creates opportunities that maximize the potential of our members, sponsoring organizations, and communities.

Code of Ethics

- I will recognize that all individuals inherently desire to practice their occupations to the best of their ability
- I will assume that all individuals want to do their best
- I will maintain a broad and balanced outlook and will recognize value in the ideas and opinions of others
- I will be guided in all my activities by truth, accuracy, fair dealing and good taste
- I will keep informed on the latest developments in techniques, equipment, and processes
- I will recommend or initiate methods to increase productivity and efficiency
- I will support efforts to strengthen the management profession through training and education
- I will help my associates reach personal and professional fulfillment
- I will earn and carefully guard my reputation for good moral character and good citizenship
- I will promote the principles of our Free Enterprise System to others, by highlighting its accomplishments and displaying confidence in its future
- I will recognize that leadership is a call to service

NMA...the leadership organization

The NMA is a national non-profit organization of 11,000 professionals in more than 50 chapters. NMA members belong to chapters made up of fellow employees within their company or in community chapters that draw from various businesses. All regularly pursue opportunities to enhance their business knowledge and experience, further their education in professional development courses, and improve their communities through charitable activities. The NMA was founded in 1925 under the guidance of famed inventor and industrialist Charles F. Kettering.

More information on NMA can be found at: www.nma1.org



PEACH COUNCIL

WHO WE ARE

The NMA Peach Council is an organization comprised of National Management Association (NMA) chapters and individuals members located throughout South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia, and Florida.

OUR PURPOSE

The purpose of the Council is to provide a network for sharing information and provide a place for gathering and supporting individual chapter representatives. Through the unique exchange of information and ideas, Council delegates are able to build on the proven successes of shared chapter activities and programs. For more information on Peach Council activities, you may contact:

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