

Leadership Academy Class of 2013 Graduation

The Leadership Academy of Madison County honored their graduates with dinner at the Anderson Country Club with guest speaker,

Mary Jamerson, President of Myers and Ford Autoworld, Inc. Hearing her amazing story of her entrepreneurial spirit and drive enlightened each of us. Mary's commitment to excellence, service to others and vision are hallmarks of a great servant leader. We are fortunate to have Mary Jamerson as a role model in Madison County and Central Indiana.



GRADUATION SPEAKER MARY JAMERSON

The Academy strives to provide programming that will energize and excite the participants. They then infuse the Madison County area with new ideas, vision, and commitment to serving the greater community. Our graduates are known as servant leaders and are willing to step forward and make a difference. This year's class worked together in learning and applying the skills of communication, collaboration and visioning and also experienced various non-profit work with agencies, increasing their understanding of the needs in the community and where they can best serve. The Class of 2013 is joining a network of individuals, existing alumni and youth graduates willing to make a difference and will continue to work on area events together in the coming months.

Born in 1954, the 9th child in a family of 11 children, Quang Vinh grew up in a middle class family in Saigon South Viet Nam. His family came to the States in 1975 after the fall of Saigon and had to start all over. Quang Vinh graduated with a bachelor degree from Indiana State University and an Executive MBA from the University of Indianapolis.

Quang Vinh is currently the director of Organizational Education at Community Hospital of Anderson. He & his wife, a psychologist, have 3 sons, 2 still in school, one at the University of Virginia Law School, the other at Kelly School of Business at IU and one working in Chicago.

His passion has been in all creative venues from art to writing to music to gourmet cooking and foreign travel.



**SERVANT LEADER AWARD WINNER
QUANG VINH**

Quang Vinh is currently the president of the Anderson Education School Foundation and the president of the Indiana Society for Healthcare Educators and Trainers. He is also on the board of the Leadership Academy of Madison County. Quang Vinh is a contributor and participant in:

- The United Way Annual Campaign
- The United Way Day of Caring
- The Food Rescue Program
- The Madison County Education Coalition
- The Madison County Sheriff's Dept. Chaplaincy Program
- The Christian Center Rescue Ministries
- The Indianapolis Black Expo
- The Indianapolis Hispanic Expo
- The Indianapolis Heart Walk
- The American Cancer Society Relay for Life
- Alzheimer Walk *among many other local events*

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Congratulations to all of the Class of 2013 for taking this leadership journey. We are sure that your 1,562 combined years of life experiences will create the learning community that our Madison County community needs to move forward together.

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Amber Simmons, Elisa Strauch, Alexa Chamberlin, Angie Kinser



A Story Most Curious

*By: Erich Ewald
Consultant and Freelance Writer
LAMC Class of 2008*

fellow conspirator got supplies and weapons at the Surrattsville tavern, and was subsequently treated for his injured leg by a local physician, Dr. Samuel Mudd (a descendant of whom, I believe, is a member of the LAMC class of 2013).

Federal authorities raided Mrs. Surratt's boarding house and arrested several residents, including Mrs. Surratt and Louis Weichmann. Eventually, Weichmann gave incriminating evidence against Mrs. Surratt, John Surratt and Dr. Mudd. Mrs. Surratt became the first woman executed by Federal authority, Dr. Mudd was sentenced to hard labor at a prison in the Dry Tortugas, and John Surratt escaped to Canada, and then to the Papal States. Weichmann, whose worth to the prosecution was immense, was released and given a customs house position in Philadelphia.

Losing his position when the Democrats took over the White House, Weichmann divorced (or abandoned) his wife and reunited with his family in Anderson, Indiana where his brother, Frederick, was a priest at St. Mary's Catholic church. Louis started a business school and lived in virtual anonymity until 1898 when an article appeared in Century magazine which highlighted Weichmann's testimony and cast serious doubts upon his truthfulness.

Public opinion on Weichmann was most divided among his Anderson neighbors, with many believing that he was a "purchased witness" who sent a devout and innocent Catholic woman to the gallows. Others thought him a loyal patriot who had testified truthfully. At any rate, he was largely shunned by the Catholic community, despite his brother's popularity, and by all accounts lived a lonely, fear-filled life until his death in 1902.

There is a great deal more to this story which is too lengthy and complex for the purposes of this newsletter. It involves young Joe Abel (whose family operated a local tavern here until a few years ago), Sister Rosumunda Mudd, distant members of the Maryland Surratt family living contemporaneously with Weichmann in Anderson, St. John's hospital, and an itinerant butcher whose brief sojourn in Anderson linked Weichmann to the rebel-sympathizing secret Knights of the Golden Circle and the alleged escape of John Wilkes Booth to South America. But those are all stories in themselves.

The only enduring remnant of Weichmann's unhappy life in Anderson is that his business school became, through many permutations over several years, what is now known as Harrison College.

As LAMC participants have learned, all communities have stories. Some of a community's stories are uplifting and some can be disheartening, but few are as intriguing as one to be encountered in turn-of-the-century Anderson, Indiana. The story of Louis Weichmann and his unhappy, tortured life in Anderson is a "connector" to a major historical event – specifically that of the assassination of Abraham Lincoln.

A native of Philadelphia, Louis Weichmann (surname anglicized several times from the original, Wichman) intended to be a Catholic priest. He studied at a preparatory seminary in Baltimore in 1859 until, for reasons unclear, he dropped out of the school or was not invited to return. During his stay there, however, Weichmann met a fellow seminarian from Maryland, John H. Surratt, Jr. They became fast friends, but the eruption of the Civil War forced Surratt to return to the family farm and tavern at Surrattsville (now Clinton), Maryland. At some point, Surratt became a secret Confederate courier and the family tavern, operated by his recently widowed mother Mary Jenkins Surratt, became a rendezvous for blockade runners and rebel agents, and served as a mail drop between the Confederate capitol in Richmond, Virginia and the clandestine rebel operations in Canada.

In 1862, Mrs. Surratt's finances deteriorated and she moved herself and her daughter to a house on "H" street in Washington, and began taking in boarders. Occasionally visited by son John, Mrs. Surratt became acquainted with some of John's interesting friends, including the actor John Wilkes Booth. Mrs. Surratt also took in Louis Weichmann, who was now employed in the Bureau of the Commissary of Prisons.

The conspiracy to abduct President Lincoln and exchange him for rebel prisoners held in the North was formed by Booth, Surratt and several others. It is certain that Weichmann was aware of the plot and may have been limited in his participation in it due to Booth's mistrust of him. When Richmond fell in 1865, Booth changed the plan to assassination, which he accomplished in Ford's theatre in downtown Washington. Escaping the theatre, Booth and a



Dancing Like the Stars 2013

LAMC Alumni Put Their Best Foot Forward!

Some of our LAMC Alums supported **Dancing Like the Stars**, an event that raised **\$74,000** for the historic Paramount Theatre. Over 1,200 people attended the fabulous dancing event. A beautiful show was created by our talented community members. Here are the LAMC Alumni who worked on this amazing show.

New participants this year were.... Beth Erskine, 1996, Judges Award Winner for 2013
Elisabeth Dolenski, 2009 Philip Lavelle, Jr., 1999 Karen McLaughlin, 2012 Damen Stansberry, 2012

TO VIEW PICTURES
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PREVIOUS PARTICIPANTS

Nancy Anderson, 2002 Paula Bivens, 1996 David Dodd, 2001 Kiersten Flint, 2011 Rick Fulaytar, 2004
Gayle Jones Burriss, 2010 Patty Kuhn, 1998 Rick Moore, 2000 Christy Mudd, 2012 Jill O'Malia, 2010
Kim Rogers Hatfield, 2012 Bekah Snyder Logan, 2001 Dan Thompson, 2011 Tom VanOsdol, 1997

GREAT PERFORMANCES!

We are grateful for all of our LAMC Alums who make a difference in our community... this fantastic event was hard work and many hours of volunteer time. We think they were all winners!



YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY OF MADISON COUNTY
A Program of Leadership Academy of Madison County

All proceeds will benefit the youth of Madison County

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Four Seasons of Leadership

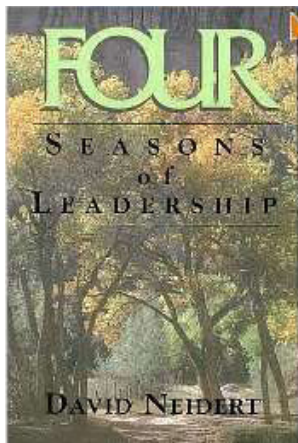
Congratulations To David Neidert

David Neidert, LAMC Alum Class of 1987, had his book, *Four Seasons of Leadership*, placed into a growing market through his publisher. Unlimited Publishing is offering his leadership book in both print and e-Book formats in Spanish and English.

The e-Books operate on Kindle, Kindle-for-iPad, Mac, PC and a variety of smartphones. The publisher reports that both books are now available worldwide, including at Amazon's new Kindle store in Brazil (South America). Dan Snow, founder and publisher, also shared the paperbacks are available in the United Kingdom and European Union (including Spain) with local manufacturing in Europe.

Neidert commented, "This is exciting news. This endeavor has been 15 years in the making and the fulfillment of a dream. I am blessed and humbled by this development."

Those interested in the book in all versions may visit the website at:
<http://www.unlimitedpublishing.com/neidert>



Blessed by her community service and saddened by her passing....

Connie Alexander

LAMC Class of 1988
retired from *The Herald Bulletin*


Connie and her mother volunteered for Coats for Caring each year. Connie distributed coats, hats and scarves that her mother would knit in Florida all year long. Their gifts keep on giving.

Call-A-Thon UPDATE

As of this E-news release we have received \$7,905 in donations from our supporting LAMC Alumni. We have had Alumni continue to pledge and donate from our Fall Call-A-Thon. Our goal was to update the information for the printing of the 2013 Resource Directory and to garner support dollars from our annual Alumni Membership Dues of \$25. The support dollars are still coming in and we have only \$1,650 outstanding in pledges...we are well on our way to exceeding our goal of \$7,000. Thank you all for working on this project.

Thank you to all of you who support the ideals of servant leadership through our adult, youth and alumni programming. YOU make a difference in so many ways in Madison County...Pam and I are proud to call you friends.

If you want to pay your LAMC Membership Dues, there is still time. Mail your check of \$25 to LAMC, 1100 East 5th Street, Anderson, IN 46012. Also, continue to update us on any of your new contact information or news.



J.R. Rosencrans' photos
Praying for Spring

J.R., LAMC Class of 1994,
uses 35 MM Fuji
film camera...

he says, "everything you
need is built in to
the camera."

"It's almost a point and
shoot camera."

Mounds State Park is a great
place to practice :)

2013 YLA GRADUATION



YOUTH LEADERSHIP CLASS OF 2013

Ishmeal Allensworth
Anderson H.S.

Nickolas Alspach
Home School

Daniel Amrine
Pendleton Heights H.S.

Grace Arbuckle
Elwood H.S.

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Justin Krieg
Liberty Christian H.S.

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Mariana Lopez
Guerin H.S.

Kathryn Maidlow
Liberty Christian H.S.

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Pendleton Heights H.S.

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Alisha Paddock
Alexandria Monroe H.S.

Madison Pay
Anderson H.S.

Tristen Pettigrew
Anderson H.S.

Evan Rolston
Lapel H.S.

Bailee Scribner
Lapel H.S.

Austin Shaner
Home School

Rachel Thalls
Lapel H.S.

Kara Werline
Frankton H.S.

On Saturday, Feb. 23, we graduated 36 outstanding Madison County students from the Youth Leadership Academy. These students, all high school juniors, representing 9 different high schools, have come together over the last 7 months to learn about and from each other and their communities. They are prepared to go out, dream big and achieve those dreams!

As a part of our Graduation, we honored our Stephen Hamer Servant Leader award recipient for this year. Lex Morris from Anderson High School was chosen for many reasons but she took her lessons from YLA and applied them in very concrete ways. One thing that Lex initiated was the CoKNITment group through her church. She was inspired by her involvement with Coats of Caring and the fact that too many people left without hats or mittens. She started a group that knit hats and mittens for those who were in need. It is this type of servant leadership that we hope to inspire in all of our grads.

As a part of YLA, the students were challenged to collect pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House. This was a competition between the schools to see who could use their resources to collect the most tabs. As a group, we were able to collect enough tabs to totally fill the back of a Trail Blazer!! Even in the small ways, we CAN make a difference!!



Preparing Tomorrow's Leaders - It Starts With You!

The Leadership Academy of Madison County Alumni and Board Members are the key to creating future community leaders. You are our greatest sales force.

*A new adult class will begin on **September 19, 2013** and experience ten half day sessions until graduation on **February 20, 2014**. Please identify potential class candidates in your workplace, faith community, and volunteer and professional organizations as well as your friends and neighbors who would benefit from the LAMC experience.*

*Applications with the scheduled dates will be mailed to all proposed participants this spring. Due date for applications is **August 2, 2013**.*

Please recommend candidates for the Class of 2014 today!

Candidate's Name _____
Business/Employer _____
Mailing Address _____
City _____ Zip _____ Phone _____
E-mail _____

The above address is a Business Address Home Address.



Season Of Giving Gift Fair

The LAMC Class of 2013 put in a lot of hard work and was able to help area non-profits raise money for their various causes through the 2012 Season of Giving Gift Fair, held Dec. 8th at Mounds Mall. The Gift Fair committee, co-chaired by Alexa Chamberlin and Brandon Melvin, made all of the arrangements, pulled everyone together and set out to help change Madison County. Through their efforts, they were able to help 20 area non-profits raise \$84,149.00!! With an additional gift of \$10,360.00 from Hoosier Park, for a grand total of \$94,509.00!! This was enough to make a significant impact on Madison County and its people.

