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One Sponsorship – Three Celebrations!

By Wendy Chang, President, Erin Rank, Development VP, and Michelle R. Perrenoud, Executive Director

On behalf of Leadership Long Beach, we invite you to join us as a sponsor for three celebrations honoring leadership and community involvement.

On June 19, 2006, the **Class of 2006 of Leadership Long Beach and Executive Quick Start** will be graduating! Not only is this a true celebration of connecting and learning with one another throughout their experience, it also showcases what they have done and will do out in the community.

That evening, we will also be honoring Anne Emigh, **Jim Ackerman Alumnus of the Year!** Anne (LLB 2001) epitomizes the spirit of integrity, commitment and community trusteeship that we value within Leadership Long Beach. Join us as we honor this outstanding Alumnus who demonstrates such strong core values.

Hurry! Tickets for the Graduation/Dinner are \$75 if reserved by **Monday, June 5**. The cost increases to \$100 per ticket on June 6th.

Leadership Long Beach offers sponsors a unique opportunity to benefit and support all three celebrations – for just one sponsorship price. Each year, we look forward to these celebrations highlighting individual and community achievement. Please refer to the enclosed sponsorship form that also includes benefits and options for tribute ads.

Leadership Long Beach is dedicated to developing and connecting principled leaders to strengthen our community. Your support is integral to the success and deliv-

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About Leadership Long Beach

Our Mission

Develop and connect principled leaders to strengthen our community

Our Vision

A strengthened community through principled leadership

Leaders for a stronger community

President's Message

Wendy Chang



Friends and colleagues, When we began this year at Leadership Long Beach, we talked a lot about change and identifying new directions. Indeed, this has been the essence of our work this past year, complete with tough decisions, hard work, and much reframing. The change was targeted at increasing LLB's ability to respond to the needs of our community, exploring opportunities, as well as looking inside to understand the structural and developmental needs of the organization.

As change is a constant, we will not be resting any time soon, however. I am proud of the many value-added approaches and the deep commitments made this past year to carry out our mission and goals effectively. Many thanks go to our staff members **Michelle Perrenoud** and **Michelle Friesen** for they not only share in our commitment, they are the glue that allows us to move forward together. Leadership Long Beach alumni and staff are sterling examples of how dedication, intelligence and compassion can lead to positive change that impacts many.

In June, I will complete my current board term and service as president. I will be leaving with a great deal of gratitude, and am so thankful for the opportunity to work closely with colleagues whom I deeply respect and admire. I am proud of our accomplishments and appreciative that our organization provides us with the opportunity to support and encourage each other to be the best we can be as leaders and as human beings.

Thank you for your involvement, leadership, and message of inspiring change.

Wendy Chang

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ery of all Leadership Long Beach programs and services and enables us to strengthen the fabric of the city.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. To pledge your commitment today, please fax the attached sponsor form to (562) 997-9194.

Buy Now, Play Later!

Colleen Bentley

There's never been a better chance to have a good time and benefit a terrific organization – our own Leadership Long Beach.

Tickets are now on sale for the 2006 LLB Opportunity Drawing, and for just a little bit of cash, you have a chance at a big amount of fun.

For only **\$100 each** or **three for \$250** – a real bargain – you have the opportunity to win a fabulous trip to New York, including all these goodies:

- Four-night stay at the Hilton New York
- Two tickets each to two Broadway Shows
- Two round-trip tickets on American Airlines, *and*
- \$1,000 spending cash to the winning ticket holder!

The real value of this package is more than \$7,000, so well worth price of a ticket or two or three or four or ...

And very important, if you sell the winning ticket, you will receive \$1,000 of your very own – how's that for a quick buck!

Only 600 tickets will be sold, and those are very good odds for you and for the people you sell tickets to. They must be purchased by June 15.

Don't hesitate – let's sell these tickets and benefit the programs and services of our organization. As many of you know, LLB's finances are very tight right now, so the more we sell or buy, the better off our organization will be for all those classes that follow.

The winning ticket will be drawn at the Graduation and Alumnus of the Year dinner on June 19, which we encourage all to attend, but you do not need to be present to win.

To get tickets, call the LLB office at (562) 997-9194 or email Michelle Perrenoud at m.perrenoud@leadershiplb.org.

Thanks for your participation in this great event!

Executive Director's Message

Michelle R. Perrenoud



Where would I be if it were not for Leadership Long Beach?

In reading the May 28th *Press-Telegram* article on LLB (see attached article sent along with newsletter), I came to ask myself this question and wonder how many of you have asked yourself this question or have been asked by someone else:

What is your personal experience with Leadership Long Beach?

I for one feel it was the life-changing experience people said it would be. Others have been quoted that it was a life-changing experience for them as well – in their own unique and meaningful way. The experience really does make you aware that you can reach for more and meet your greater potential all the while helping to do greater good in our community.

For many of us, we may not be as closely connected to each individual in our class as we were during the program; however our hearts and spirits are as connected with the organization today as when we were falling back into the arms of our classmates.

I hear from so many graduates that they share the same feeling I have when entering a room full of people...that it is assuring to identify with those who are LLB grads.

We are the best at we do and we must share that story. No one can take that from us. What this means is that we must not only celebrate our success and good works within the organization, we must shout it from the rooftops throughout community. Each graduate carries the message by modeling the way and meeting the expectation of graduating from our programs.

The relationships and connections developed and enriched through our shared experiences continue to serve us beyond graduation to achieve our personal and professional goals and objectives. Graduation really is a commencement – it is the successful completion of this leadership development program and the action of a new beginning as alumni, giving back to our organization and strengthening our community through principled leadership.

LLB is an alumni-based volunteer organization, owned and operated by its volunteers and those it serves in the community. We have been successful for the past 17 years because of the time, talent, and treasures that have been shared by our graduates and community partners. This is something to celebrate! We thrive in the “relationships and connections” department amongst ourselves. As well as making a positive difference wherever we are.

I am thankful that 99% of the time every call I make results in a “yes, how can I help” and “what can I do.” This is demonstrated leadership.

Leadership is also demonstrated in how we face the tough times and the challenges that provide us the opportunity to strengthen ourselves. Challenges force us to look at ourselves in new ways, and it is our responsibility to find creative solutions to address the needs.

It is not always easy to be a leader. Success does not happen over night. It is through the process of facing challenges head-on, acknowledging them, sharing them with others even when you do not have the answers, and asking for help to find the solutions. The financial situation Leadership Long Beach is currently facing may seem insurmountable, however so did that BIG WALL on the final day of the retreat! Individually, it would be too big to address alone. However, together everyone gets over the wall, one person at a time.

We face this financial challenge in a similar fashion.

It has been a challenging year for the organization. A year of assessment, planning, and implementation, all the while facing significant financial challenges and new truths about the business at hand. We have made considerable headway in assessing our condition, planning action steps to address immediate issues, and implementing new strategies to move us forward. And with each step we have had successes and setbacks, and have found that we have a long road ahead of us.

I do not have all the answers, and that is a good thing. This organization and the solutions that are required for this organization to thrive and remain sustainable must come from its greater core – its collective. I have said before, and will share with you again, that I believe this is our organization. What an awesome privilege and responsibility – we own it all. In the long run, we shape the organization and sustain the organization; the process never ends, and the choices we make are ultimately our responsibility to fulfill and the legacy upon which our organiza-

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tion is built – it is our gift to our community and our city.

It is my humble opinion that this starts for each of us as an “I” statement, and then moves to the collective “We.” Never “they” because who is “they,” really? “They” is you and me (I and We), the organization’s graduates, governance members, and staff. When the word “they” is used it points a finger outward from self, and in this organization we are all in it by virtue of graduating from LLB. An individual can’t say “they” unless that person is consciously choosing to opt out.

I (your name here) choose to take this challenge. I (your name here) choose not to take this challenge.

It starts with “I” because each of us must first make a conscious decision about our own commitment to LLB. Then, it can come full circle to the “We” because collectively we are all stewards and trustees of our organization and its mission.

To join this team, the essential thing is the “I” statement of personal commitment required of each of us before becoming a member of the team. Together everyone will achieve more, beginning with the actions of a personal commitment to the work at hand, the responsibility and accountability that goes with being a team member to get the work done, and the respect and gratitude required to keep moving forward even in times of triumph and challenge. We will have to agree to disagree through consensus.

Leadership Long Beach does (We do) have an operating deficit at the moment. However, I expect to close that deficit through the support of our alumni and the Long Beach community, and our aggressive fund-raising campaign. If we do not raise the entire amount, Leadership Long Beach will continue to operate a high-quality program, but it may look a little different this coming year as we grow through our pains. Every non-profit I know of goes through ups and downs in funding, and we are no different. We are committed to run a distinguished leadership program for this community, and we will continue to do that.

In essence the \$50,000+ deficit supports the gap between having everything that it modestly takes – staff, supplies, office, etc. – for LLB to continue to operate and provide what we have currently and into the future

without very visible cuts that will change what we are able to deliver and accomplish.

Having already scrubbed our expenses and made cut-backs to become as lean as possible, LLB is working very hard to fill this \$50,000+ gap with fund-raising strategies, new revenue generation from our programs and services, and identifying additional support from the community (in-kind and financial) to assist us with delivering our mission through the programs and services we offer throughout the community. This may sound very easy, but it takes time to identify all the pieces of the puzzle and to connect them before the full picture is seen. So what may seem as “minimal” returns really cannot be measured fully without looking at the whole pie and putting it into perspective. Each action, and especially those leading to success, is a stepping-stone to the next set of actions that will lead to the overall solution.

As with all nonprofits (no matter the budget size), our key is in finding a new balanced funding mix to support the mission-driven work of the organization. Additionally, it is equally important to find the unique balance of partnerships among the organization, its volunteers, the people it serves, and the greater community. LLB is building on and enriching itself in these areas as we work through our growing pains.

Although we are facing a challenging financial time, we will overcome it through our collective leadership. It will happen through the relationships and connections LLB has along with support from the community as we do our mission-driven work to strengthen the community through leader development.

I commend everyone who has been working diligently to address our challenges in this year of transition. It is tough and challenging work and you deserve recognition for your efforts. And I call out to everyone who has made his or her “I” statement to join us in making a difference within our own organization because leadership from the inside out is what is called for right now. We must take care of our organization so we can then collectively continue to care for our community and continue to develop and connect its demonstrated leaders to strengthen the community.

This is Our Call to Action!

Michelle R. Perrenoud

The Leadership Long Beach Class of 2006 is Graduating!

CJ Harmatz, Graduation Committee Chair

Where have the last 10 months gone? Can you believe that another class year is ending? Of course, this has been the class ever. But we won't have a debate over that. Each class is very special.

On Monday, June 19, at Long Beach Memorial Medical Center – Houssels Forum, join us for a reception and project display viewing at 5:00 p.m. followed by the presentation of the 2006 class projects at 6:00 p.m. This year's three projects are:

Poly Academy of Accelerated Learning Career Day

A career day for juniors and seniors at Poly Academy of Accelerated Learning (PAAL) was offered to encourage students to seek post-graduate careers. A diverse group of speakers representing careers that do not require an academic four-year degree, pay greater than minimum wage, and are forecasted to have growing demand over the next decade were assembled. The speakers addressed job requirements, pay, working conditions, and specialized training requirements. The day included two keynote speakers, five separate career sessions including an Opportunity Village where students were able to discuss in further detail their career interests with speakers over lunch. The day ended with an announcement that a total of \$2,500 in scholarship from TV One for post-graduate training would be awarded to four Poly PAAL students.

Team members: Sheila Nix, Karen Albrecht, Eric Brown, John Glaza, Jannell Hanstein, Michael Lewis, Mike Oates, Se' Reed, Donna Snyder, Diane Stumpp, and Donita Van Horik

A Day of Change

A one-block section of Cummings Street in North Long Beach was used to host an all-day community improvement event. Local home improvement stores were on hand to provide instructional seminars on easy-to-do home repairs and landscaping ideas. Additionally, City of Long Beach staff provided public safety and community information, as well as details on the many programs and services available to both homeowners and renters

wanting to improve their homes and neighborhoods. Residents located on Cummings Street were offered an opportunity to receive free yard improvements on the day of the event. The Long Beach Firefighters Union provided hot dogs.

Team members: Patricia Margosian, Eamonn Killeen, Meggan Mensinger, Henry Teran, Stephen Scott, Jason Hosea, Tracy DeWitt, and Johnny Vallejo

Community Wellness Faire

A Community Wellness Faire was offered in partnership with The New City School for the students and their family members. The afternoon event provided students and families opportunities to learn about and participate in health and wellness activities. Participants attended mini-workshops on wellness related topics were asked to define personal wellness goals.

Team members: Thomas Brewer, Pamela Chevreaux, Ted Hamory, Lisa Herbst, Robyn Joyce, Venus Mason, Denny Moore, Joseph Robinson, and Brian Walsh



At 7:00 pm, join us for the dinner and LLB Classes of 2006 Graduation. Tickets can be purchased for \$75 a person.

Table sponsorships are also available. Come support our graduates. It promises to be a great celebration.

Anne Emigh will also be recognized as the 2006 Jim Ackerman Alumnus of the Year. A graduate of the Class of 2001, Anne has served in various service positions both in program planning and the Board of Directors. She is extremely active in the Long Beach community.

The Graduation and Alumnus of the Year Dinner committee looks forward to producing a wonderful night surrounded by friends and family. The committee consists of Kim Armstrong, Cheryl Barrit, John Cascell, Gayle Clock, Debbie Downing, CJ Harmatz, Julie Heggeness, Aaron Moore, Myrna Pappas, Sileneka Smith, Terri Starkman, and Carolyn Smith Watts. It is the celebration we look forward to each year as we increase and enhance our relationships and connections as leaders and community partners.

It's Time to Give

Colleen Bentley

If you haven't already done it, it's time to give to Leadership Long Beach. Our favorite organization has kicked off its **Annual Giving Campaign**, and now is the time for your generous support so we all can keep LLB at the top of its game.

"Your generosity has helped Leadership Long Beach excel as a leader in our community through leadership development and connections. We are proud of the work we do – how we develop individuals to discover the leader within, and develop connections in our community by creating relationships among leaders through our programs and events," said Executive Director Michelle Perrenoud.

The campaign is designed to sustain and enrich LLB programs and services this year, such as the adult Leadership Long Beach program, the Youth Leadership Program and Executive Quick Start. Programming quality continues at a very high standard, and will continue at that level, with your financial help. Many

disasters around the world have meant that Leadership Long Beach and other smaller nonprofit organizations are being affected by a reduced level of individual donor giving.

Monetary contributions made to Leadership Long Beach are accepted throughout the year and can be made through cash, check, Visa, MasterCard, and stock transfer. Additionally, pledged donations of \$500 or greater can be paid in monthly installments over a 10-month period or on a quarterly basis. Please remit the pledge slip (below) completed with your designated gift. If you have any questions, President Wendy Chang or Executive Director Michelle Perrenoud are available by email or telephone.

We all thank you in advance for your generous contribution and for your ongoing support as Leadership Long Beach continue its mission to *develop and connect principled leaders to strengthen our community.*

Remember, we have all benefited greatly from our experiences with Leadership Long Beach, and it is time to give back so others benefit like we all did.



Annual Giving Campaign Pledge Card – 2005/06

Name: _____ Class of: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ E-mail: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Date: _____

My total gift will be: \$ _____

I would like to make my payment in _____ equal installments.

I am enclosing payment in the following form:

Monthly Quarterly

Cash/Check #: _____
or

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Expiration Date: _____

Signature on Card: _____

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Mail To: Leadership Long Beach, 3939 Atlantic Avenue, Suite 201, Long Beach, CA 90807 (562) 997-9194

Annual Giving Campaign: \$38,825 Total Raised to Date

A special thank you to each of you who have committed to supporting the mission and work of Leadership Long Beach through your generous contribution to the Annual Giving Campaign.

Thank you for making a difference!

Vision (2,500 – Plus)

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There's still time for you to join in!
Please contact Michelle Perrenoud regarding making your gift today.

A Leadership Junkie – Executive Quick Start Member Perspective

Carolyn C. Shadle, Ph.D.

Associate Dean, University College and Extension Services, CSULB

Some years ago I attended Leadership Buffalo. I was amazed that I learned so much about the city and its leaders. So when I moved to Syracuse NY, I was delighted to be able to be a part of Leadership Syracuse. And when I moved to Denver, CO – well, you guessed it – I couldn't pass up an opportunity to go through the Leadership Denver program. That fact, together with my new title as director of the University of Denver's Daniels Leadership Institute, caused me to be labeled "a leadership junkie." Since that was my lot in life, when I moved to San Jose, CA I requested during the job interview that I be nominated for the community leadership program. I knew it was the best and fastest way to become acquainted with the city, its leaders, and what it means to be a leader!

How delighted I was when I relocated to Long Beach last June to find an "abbreviated" program – the Executive Quick Start. The EQS program is just as it seems, a "Quick Start" to becoming acquainted with the challenges and opportunities, the issues and "movers and shakers," the people who make things happen.

People are, after all, what leadership is about. Leaders are people. People are affected by the actions of leaders. Paul Hersey defines leadership as "any attempt to influence the behavior of another individual or group." Stogdill, writing his classic *Leadership, Membership and Organization*, in 1950, said that leadership is "the process of influencing...activities...toward goal setting and goal achievement."

EQS and the yearlong LLB program are wonderful opportunities to learn about people, watch people, and meet people and how they influence others. I learned about leaders who have been influential in this community (and how they've succeeded); I observed people in the program who influence individuals and groups; and I met people – both classmates and guest presenters – who are and will be major players in goal setting and achievement.



Particularly noteworthy of Leadership Long Beach is its mission to develop "principled leaders." Understanding leadership as a purposeful calling to be fulfilled in a caring and ethical manner was inherent in all of our discussions.

Whether it's the Native American people, the Spanish settlers, the Flints and the Bixbys or those of us who followed from all parts of the world, the heritage of leadership in Long Beach is a fascinating story, well introduced through the EQS program. Who wouldn't be influenced to visit Rancho Los Cerritos after hearing stories from Ellen Calomiris? Meeting Rich Archbold reminded me that it is people – principled leaders in our community – who determine the stories reported in the Press-Telegram. Gigi Fusco reinforced my impression that Long Beach is full of influential people who are successful in creating a community rich in art, science, and culture. You want to rush off to the LB Playhouse or MOLAA or the Aquarium after you meet the principled leaders who are behind these projects.

What a privilege to experience Long Beach through the EQS program! LLB programs "grow" leaders and bring leaders together. Please accept my best wishes to all who takes up this noble calling.



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Learning (and Fun) at the Community Leadership Association Convention

Anne Emigh

The Community Leadership Association (CLA) supports leadership organizations across the U.S., Canada, and Australia. The 26th annual Community Leadership Association Conference was held in April in Hartford, Connecticut. This year's theme, "**The Art of Leadership**," was perfect for the very interactive, hands-on, creative, inspiring and sharing experience that it was.

At the conference I was honored as a CLA Distinguished Leader. They presented me with a beautiful engraved Lucite award (I'll bring it to the Graduation / James Ackerman Alumnus of the Year Dinner on June 19th so all of you LLB supporters can see it – I really hope you all can come!). I was so honored to be chosen by all of you, Leadership Long Beach, as the **James Ackerman Alumnus of the Year** and a **CLA Distinguished Leader**. Thank you so much for this incredible honor. It felt pretty amazing to be on stage amongst the other truly accomplished CLA honorees. Again, thank you for affording me this incredible honor and experience.

My husband, Bob (LLB class of '03), LLB Executive Director, Michelle Perrenoud and I truly enjoyed all aspects of the conference. My philosophy is that you learn best when you're having FUN, and it was FUN! We heard incredible keynote speakers, talked with community leaders from all over, and we three went to as many different lectures and workshops as humanly possible so we could bring all "the best stuff" possible back to LLB.

Even the evening activities were creative and fun and geared for interactive learning. Some of the activities included: An "Art Attack" reception – hands-on creativity, camaraderie, cocktails, and cuisine; hosted dinner/mixers at restaurants all over Hartford; an evening at

the Wadsworth Athenaeum (the Hartford art museum) which included great music, great food, tours, and, of course – even more interaction with interesting leaders.

We enjoyed having time to hear other organizations' challenges and successes, and there were lots of tough challenges (opportunities!) and some creative and "out of the box" solutions shared. We all came away inspired and renewed. Next year's conference will be held in Milwaukee; now, I've never really aspired to go there,

but I have to say the previews look like it will be a fabulous – and fun – conference.

Thanks for all, and hope to see you June 19th at the Graduation and Alumnus of the Year dinner at Long Beach Memorial Medical Center.



From left: Bob Emigh, Anne Emigh, and Michelle Perrenoud at the CLA Convention, just before Anne received her Distinguished Leadership Award.

**Congratulations,
 Anne Emigh,
 on your selection as the
 2006 Leadership Long
 Beach Alumnus of the Year
 and a Community
 Leadership Association
 Distinguished Leader!**

Alumni News

Susan Rusnak, Alumni Council Chair

NEW VENTURES

Jim Robinson ('95), who retired as managing editor of the *Press-Telegram* in 2004, is now renovating historic properties near USC and renting them to students. You can see Griffith House, The Colonel's Mansion and other recently renovated buildings on his website, www.robinsonresidences.com.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Julie Heggeness ('03) was recently unanimously elected to the Ball/Hunt Inn of Court. The Ball/Hunt Inn of Court is a prestigious organization devoted to helping attorneys and judges achieve higher levels of excellence in the legal profession.

Dr. Kim Armstrong ('05) was recently elected 1st Vice Chair of the Board of Directors for the Girl Scout Council of Greater Long Beach.

Shelly Sandler ('05) was installed as President of the Assistance League of Long Beach.

HONORS & AWARDS

Roger Rieger ('04) received the Whitey Littlefield Bridge Builder Award on May 21st from Long Beach Lesbian and Gay Pride. Roger writes: "To have achieved such recognition from this distinguished and diverse organization, I find a new reason to smile when I look into the mirror and reflect on the legacy of my life. It is a humbling experience to have one's values considered worthy to be brought to the public's attention. I do attribute this honor to the Leadership Long Beach Class of 2004. This altruistic group helped reveal the leader within and afforded me the tools to express my private self in a public way."

Denise Hayes ('03) received the Volunteer of the Year Award from the Flossie Lewis Center at its annual luncheon on February 17th. Also, she was recently honored as Chapter Woman of the Year from the Diamonds of South Bay Chapter of the American Business Women Association anniversary event on April 7th.

Ellen Calomiris ('98) received the Long Beach Heritage 2006 Preservationist of the Year Award for her work

on behalf of Rancho Los Cerritos Historic Site.

TRANSITIONS & PROMOTIONS

Colleen Bentley ('93) is the new Director of Special Projects for the California State University Office of the Chancellor, reporting directly to the Chancellor. She previously served 10 years as the Director of Public Affairs for the CSU Chancellor's Office, headquartered in Long Beach. Colleen is an LLB Board Member and chair of the Communications and Marketing Committee.

Janey Roeder ('96) was appointed Managing Director of the Ukleja Center for Ethical Leadership at CSULB. Janey writes: "I absolutely love what I'm doing! We're beginning our student leadership program this fall, so it's an exciting time for the campus and community."

Diane DeWalsche ('99) recently celebrated 40 years of employment with Community Hospital of Long Beach. Diane began her career with CHLB as a nursing assistant while attending LBCC. She has functioned in various capacities throughout her career: LVN, RN, Nurse Manager, Director, Vice President, Assistant Administrator, and is currently Chief Operating Officer. Throughout the time of closure, Diane worked tirelessly to prepare for the hospital's reopening. Now that's commitment!

Liisa (Penrose) Balzar ('03) completed her studies and is now an Elementary School Teacher! She is acting as a long-term substitute teacher while looking for a permanent job.

Davian Freeman ('04) is pursuing a long-held dream to become an actor. Already Davian has landed a starring role in a stage play version of *Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* and has appeared in various television commercials including Celibre, 1-800-Dentist, Shoe Carnival, and Savin Copiers, which has gotten a lot of play on CNN and Fox News networks.

Sheryl 'Shorty' Mauricio ('04) graduated on May 12 from USC with a M.Ed. in Postsecondary Administration and Student Affairs. She will be moving on to doctoral work at Michigan State University, pursuing a Ph.D. in Higher Education. This summer, Sheryl will go home to Hawaii to spend valuable time with family and friends before moving to East Lansing in late June.

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Donya Webb ('04) was recently appointed Vice President of Operations for the YMCA of Greater Long Beach. Previously Donya was Executive Director of the YMCA Fairfield branch.

first grandchild, Dawson Forrest Emigh, on May 9th. The proud parents, Chris and Kate Emigh, live in Oklahoma, where not even a tornado watch could suppress their joy!

LOVE CONNECTIONS

Two Leadership Long Beach Alums, **May Lane Jong ('94)** and **Charles H. Parks ('93)**, were married in Quebec City, Canada on February 14, 2006. Charles described the event as a triple play... winter vacation, destination marriage, and a honeymoon. The wedding took place in an ice chapel, where the temperature averaged a minus 20 degrees Celsius. Adjacent to the ice chapel was a 32-room ice hotel, where they spent part of one night in mummy type sleeping bags. Their vacation included dog sledding, ice fishing in the frozen St. Lawrence River, the annual winter carnival, and touring throughout Old Quebec City in the Province of Quebec. Upon returning to Long Beach, the happily married couple enjoyed a reception attended by approximately 200 family, friends and acquaintances at the Museum of Latin American Art (MoLAA).

Marsha Naify ('96) and her partner Julie recently celebrated the birth of their baby girl, Ruby, on Nov. 1, 2005. She spends most of her time at her home in Del Mar, CA, but still maintains a residence in Long Beach. She currently sits on the board of the Thoroughbred Owners of California, and keeps busy with various investment holdings.

PASSINGS

We send our deepest sympathies to **Reggie Harrison ('97)** on the death of his mother, Helen, on May 13th.

Tracy Cunningham ('01) got married in January. Tracy writes: "My husband's name is Daryl Backstrom and between us we now have two 10-year-old daughters – my Hannah and his Jessica. The Gazette even covered it! Hope all is well with you and yours."

Do you have news to share with your classmates and fellow alums? Promotions, awards, accomplishments, life changes, new address, e-mail, phone, married last name, etc. - If you've got something to share, we'd like to hear it!

Also, even if it isn't "news," don't forget to send your updated contact info to LLB.

Take a few minutes to send any news or contact changes to LLB. Just write it in below and fax to LLB at (562) 997-9197

Name _____

Class Year _____

Change _____

News: _____

NEW ADDITIONS

Rose (Ratkovich) Strickland ('94) just celebrated the 5th birthday of her daughter Olivia, and her stepdaughter Julie (22) just had her first baby Ty, Jr. – making Rose a mom and a grandmother!

Anne Emigh ('01) and **Bob Emigh ('03)** welcomed their

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Bess J. Hodges Foundation

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MASTER CALENDAR

JUNE	8 19	Board of Directors Meeting at The Grand (12:00 – 1:30 p.m.) LLB Class of 2006 Graduation and Alumnus of the Year Dinner at LB Memorial Medical Center (5:00 – 9:00 p.m.)
JULY	1	Beginning of new fiscal year
AUGUST	28 28	LLB Class of 2007 Orientation at TBA (8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.) VIP Reception for LLB Class of 2007 at TBA (5:00 - 7:00 p.m.)
SEPT.	8–10	LLB Class of 2007 Retreat in Big Bear

Look for an updated calendar in the next issue of Leadership Long Beach Connections. In the meantime, have a safe and wonderful summer!

OUR WISH LIST

As we try to minimize expenses and keep our organization lean, we find that we can use support in several areas. Currently, our Wish List items include:

- ◆ Administrative Assistance (answering phones, filing, correspondence, etc.)
- ◆ Accounting Assistance (Quick Books knowledge, data entry, reports generation, etc.)
- ◆ Two- or Four-Drawer Lateral Files
- ◆ Class Day Sponsors (underwriting of food and beverage, program supplies, etc.)
- ◆ Discretionary Funding Support

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