

# Leadership Morris *Newsletter*

Leadership within Morris County

Summer 2012 Volume

“Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other.”  
John Fitzgerald Kennedy

## *2012 Upcoming events. . .*

July 17, 2012  
Leadership Alumni Picnic  
Central Park of Morris  
County

October 10, 2012  
Wine Tasting  
Ruth Chris Steakhouse  
Parsippany Hilton Hotel

*Save these Dates!*

## **Leadership Morris Highlights. . . . .**

The seventh Leadership Morris Alumni Achievement Award was presented to **Catherine Broderick**, LM Class of 1995 at the Morris County Chamber of Commerce Good Morning, Morris! Breakfast event on April 13, 2012.

This award is given annually to an alumnus “who has displayed a positive community or organizational leadership role through volunteerism with community organizations or agencies, is recognized for long standing commitment in a leadership role that has made a positive change in the life of our community, or has organized or led a specific program that has led to such a positive change or improvement in our community.”

Catherine received her bachelor’s degree from Seton Hall University and her Jurist Doctorate from Seton Hall University School of Law. She then served as Judicial Clerk to the Honorable David S. Cramp, J.SC., in Morris County Superior Court.

Since joining the Morris County Prosecutor’s Office, Catherine has prosecuted numerous crimes including bank robbery, kidnapping, drug possession and burglary. She prosecuted sex crimes and child abuse cases for six years. During this time she was designated to serve as the Legal Liaison to the F.B.I. Innocent Images Task Force, prosecuting child pornography and child luring cases.

When Megan’s Law was enacted, she was named to create a unit in the office to monitor sex offenders and prosecute those who violate the terms of their release to the community. She conducted numerous community education programs in the areas of Megan’s Law, Internet Child Safety and Crimes Against the Elderly. She currently serves as the Supervising Assistant Prosecutor of the Specialized Services Unit which includes the Megan’s Law Unit, Missing Persons, Drug Court, Weapons Returns, Subpoena Responses and several other functions in the Office.

She is a practicing attorney in Morris County, and is a member of the New Jersey State Bar Association and the Morris County Bar Association. She served two terms as a Trustee and currently serves as Co-Chair of the Criminal Practice Committee.

## Executive Director's Message



A recent documentary aired on national TV entitled "Lost in Suburbia", which chronicled the plight of five families who were leading normal suburban lives in an affluent Colorado suburb, until they had their lives turned upside down with the loss of their jobs. Mounting medical

expenses, emergency savings running out, foreclosure, strained their marriages and stressed their children. In each of these cases, their local food pantries were there to help them during this crisis which looked to be long term. The documentary further described the enormous strain on the resources of the food pantries as former donors became clients in escalating numbers.

We in affluent Morris County are experiencing a similar trend in case after case of what might be termed the working poor who have had to turn to the safety net provided by the Interfaith Food Pantry of Morris County to help them reduce the burden created by economic distress. To compound the matter, the food pantry is experiencing this increase in demand while donations in the summer months are tapering off.

The Leadership Alumni Association, led by the Alumni Council, has once again created a "Picnic with a Purpose" on July 17<sup>th</sup> at the Central Park of Morris County with the express purpose of increasing the food on the shelves of the Interfaith Food Pantry by contributing a goal of ONE TON of food. We need you to help us achieve that goal by attending the picnic and bringing a bag of non-perishable food or donating food through our easy to use website at [www.yougivegoods.com](http://www.yougivegoods.com).

Join me and your fellow alumni in making a positive impact within our community: go to the site, search for the Leadership Morris food drive and make a food donation the easy way. Then multiply your gift by urging your friends and colleagues to do the same through your e-mail links. We need you to show your leadership in this drive and help us reach our goal. I look forward to seeing you at the picnic.

*Dr. Joseph P. Nazzaro*

## Leadership Morris

### *Featured Alumni*

Leigh Schopp  
Class of 2010



In June 2011, Leigh Schopp became the Economic Development Manager for the Morris County Economic Development Corporation (MCEDC). In this role, Leigh is responsible for delivering economic development programs and services to the Morris County business community, as well as handling the organization's day-to-day operations including marketing & communications, fundraising and event planning. During the past year, Leigh has also been responsible for relocating MCEDC's office from Morristown to the Morris County Chamber of Commerce office in Florham Park, as well as assisting with drafting the organization's new strategic plan. Prior to this role, she was the Economic Development Coordinator for MCEDC.

In May 2012, Leigh earned her MPA from the Rutgers School of Public Affairs & Administration, with a concentration in Performance Management. Upon graduation, she was inducted to Pi Alpha Alpha, the National Honor Society for Public Affairs & Administration. Leigh earned her BA in Political Science from Rutgers College in 2009, with minors in Planning & Public Policy and Economics.

In the economic development world, Leigh has attended professional development courses offered through Oklahoma University's Economic Development Institute (EDI). She plans to pursue the Certified Economic Developer (CEcD) certification upon completion of her EDI coursework.

Leigh has worked for MCEDC since January 2010. Her previous experience includes internships in state government and the pharmaceutical industry. In her free time, Leigh enjoys traveling, skiing and baking.

## Good Morning, Morris! Breakfast Event and Alumni Reunion

On April 13, 2012 Leadership Morris hosted *Good Morning, Morris!* Our keynote speaker was Dean Parnicas, President and CEO HealthCare Institute of New Jersey. The event took place at the Park Avenue Club in Florham Park, NJ. **Catherine Broderick**, from the Leadership Morris class of 1995, was presented with this year's Leadership Morris Alumni Achievement Award for her outstanding community service. The Leadership Morris alumni were very supportive of this year's winner. We had 35 alumni present who came out to honor Catherine Broderick.

If you know of an alumni who has made a difference in our community, feel free to contact me, Laura Cust, for a Leadership Morris Alumni Achievement Award nomination form.

## Leadership Morris Annual Alumni Picnic

Tuesday, July 17th  
4:30 PM - 8:00 PM  
Central Park, 91 Central Ave., Morris Plains, NJ



Now that we have visited the site.... Morris County Park Commission's Central Park (Old Greystone Hospital site), you ought to see what they have done to the place as well as what they have planned for Morris County residents and non-profit organizations.

Come on out... get out of the office...do not go home early... Spend some kick-back time with other LM alumni, Class of 2012. Make a difference and do some good in our community by stocking the food pantry shelves for the Interfaith Food Pantry. To donate go to [www.yougivegoods.com/picnicwithapurpose](http://www.yougivegoods.com/picnicwithapurpose), or make a cash donation (check made out to Interfaith food pantry) or bring your items to the picnic. The items needed are on their website at [www.mcifp.org](http://www.mcifp.org).

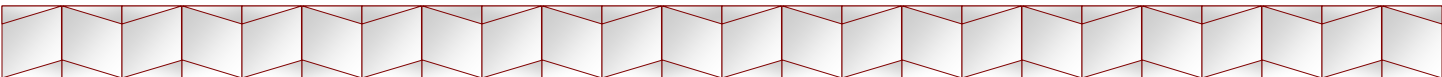
## Supporting LMAA

Thanks to the alumni who were generous with contributions for supporting Leadership and the community! To date, 133 graduates have joined the LMAA. Sixteen alumni signed on to provide leadership to the organization as members of the Leadership Morris Alumni Council.

**SUPPORTING 2012:** To date, 15 graduates have made additional donations to support scholarship assistance to non-profit applicants for the Leadership Morris class. Special thanks to these alumni for their scholarship donations:

John Fialcowitz, LM '11	Janet Jones, LM '00	Bonnie-Lynn Nadzeika, LM '09
Pat Giammarinaro, LM '99	Sid Kohn, LM '98	Dr. Joseph Nazzaro, LM '96
John Hendricks, LM '98	Jasmine Lim, LM '98	Edward Rochford, LM '00
Pam Hogan, LM '10	Robert Lipka, LM '09	Glenn Schweizer, LM '96
Lindsey Johnson, LM '11	Leon Moreau, LM '99	Sidney Williams, LM '11

The Leadership Morris Alumni Association offers their best wishes for a speedy recovery to Jean Aspen, LM '06



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**The Class of 2012** - It's hard to believe the Class of 2012 is in the home stretch. After taking the month of August off, the class will resume in September for "**Environmental Day**" followed in October by "**Education Day**", and in November by "**Choice of the Class**" with graduation on November 16, 2012. Ten board reports down and nineteen more to go! Since the last "**NEWS UPDATE**", the class has covered the following sessions with frequent support from alumni.

**"Media Relations/County Government Day"** - The dual-focused April session covered both media relations in Morris County and a primer on county government. The day started at JCP&L with a few words by **James Flachsenhaar**, Executive Editor for the Daily Record. **Ron Morano** (LM '00) was the moderator of a discussion on "*The Role of the Media in Morris County*" which was presented by local newspapers and radio stations. Board reports were given by Carlene Colston, Mark Spaldo and Kelley White. After lunch **Mike Obremski** (LM '04) from JCP&L was the moderator for the presentations given by our county representatives **John Bonanni** (LM '94) County Administrator, and **Ann Grossi**, Freeholder.

**"State Government Day"** - On May 17th the class met at the Chamber and boarded a bus to Trenton. While on the bus, board reports were given by Dave Kramer, Diane Mann and Dena Moscola. Once the class arrived in Trenton they visited the NJ State Police Operations Center with **Mr. Jeremy Russ**, NJSP Strategic Outreach Unit. The class then continued on to West State Street with a presentation by **Michael Egenton**, SVP of Government Relations, NJ Chamber of Commerce. After lunch the class was given a tour of the State House.

**"Health Care Day"** - On June 14th the class began it's day by traveling to Morristown Medical Center for a presentation by **Christopher J. Magovern, MD**, Cardiothoracic Surgeon, **David J. Shulkin, MD**, President of Morristown Medical Center, VP of Atlantic Health System and **K J Feury, RN, APN, BC, CCRN**, Injury Prevention Coordinator. The class was split into 4 groups visiting four different departments; tours of the Gagnon Cardiovascular Institute, Sam's NICU, Emergency Department and the Carol G. Simon Cancer Center. The class then traveled to Saint Clare's in Denville where they enjoyed lunch and presentations by **James Lapsley, VP**, Physician Enterprise and **Gregg Zimmerman, MD**, Morris Urology, P.C. Denville. This was followed by tours of the Surgical Suite/SDS, Emergency Department and Cancer Care Services.



Send your "newsmaker" notes (job changes, promotions, community board placements, awards and activities) to Laura Cust at the address below. Also, if you have any changes (i.e.: name change, job change, e-mail or phone)

**Alumni Update**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ LM Class \_\_\_\_\_

Current Job Title \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Current Community Service Board (s) \_\_\_\_\_

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