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Welcome to Leadership Connections

Welcome to the inaugural issue of Leadership Connections, the quarterly e-newsletter for members of Leadership Forward, the Roanoke Regional Chamber of Commerce's alumni association for graduates and current participants of the Leadership Roanoke Valley program.

It's a new way for LRV grads to stay connected and remain informed.

As an LRV grad, you're automatically enrolled in Leadership Forward. And there's no annual fee!

With a mission to continue the engagement of alumni beyond their year in LRV, and support their integration into positions of leadership in the region, Leadership Forward is a great way for LRV graduates to stay involved and make their mark in our community.

LRV graduates have already demonstrated their commitment to professional development and the region by their participation in LRV. Leadership Forward provides the next step, with networking and professional development programs and events.

Leadership Forward can help facilitate your involvement in leadership positions in the region as volunteers, board or committee members, or participant in short-term projects to benefit local non-profits.

We welcome your participation in Leadership Forward, and look forward to bringing you providing you with quarterly issues of Leadership Connections.

Leadership Forward Mixer - SAVE THE DATE!

Come network and meet fellow LRV alumni at the next LF mixer. Best of all, it's free!

WHEN: Tuesday, October 7, from 5:30 - 7:30 PM

WHERE: Mix One 6, 16 Campbell Avenue

WHAT'S INCLUDED: Free hors d'oeuvres, cash bar

Behind the Scenes - SAVE THE DATE!

One of the benefits of being a Leadership Forward member is your backstage pass to see some of the Roanoke Valley's coolest places at work.

Those who fly out of Roanoke Regional Airport – and we ought to support our local airport – will appreciate the next Behind the Scenes outing. Leadership Forward members will tour the radar room and control tower at the airport's air traffic control tower. Join us on Nov. 13 at 8 a.m. for the tour. Details to follow.



Volunteer Opportunities

Need help with a non-profit organization? Looking for a new board member? LRV grads can help. Please send requests for volunteers to Thomas Becher (LRV '08) at tbecher@tbtheagency.com to include in the next issue of Leadership Connections.

How can you participate?

Consider joining one of Leadership Forward's committees to help create the events and programs you'd like to see! Committees include:

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To learn more about Leadership Forward, call 540.983.0700, ext. 228 or e-mail to LF@roanokechamber.org.

Getting Your Business Voice Heard

Leadership Roanoke Valley (LRV) was established in 1983 to encourage community leadership in the region. The interactive 10 month program helps participants better understand issues facing the Roanoke region. Creative ideas and approaches help build leadership skills and show participants how to make a difference in business and the community.

We Want to Hear From Your

Let us know what you're up to. Let us know how we can help. Let us know what you'd like to read in future issues of Leadership Connections.

Send us news about your new job, promotion, life events – and we'll share the news in the next issue.

Please e-mail your suggestions, ideas, recommendations and feedback to Thomas Becher (LRV '08) at tbecher@tbtheagency.com.

Where Are They Now?

We need volunteers from each LRV class to step forward and help us find alumni who haven't been in touch. If you'd like to help reach out to alums – and share results in this newsletter – please contact us at 540.983.0700, ext. 228 or e-mail to LF@roanokechamber.org.

Help us keep the database current. Go to <http://www.memberservicecenter.org/irmweb/wc.dll/varoacoc?id=varoacoc&doc=rol/rol2> and help us fill in any missing contact data.