



Gilbert Leadership Alumni News

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Welcome to Gilbert Leadership Alumni News!

Welcome to the first edition of the Gilbert Leadership Alumni Newsletter! Our goal is to help keep you informed of exciting alumni opportunities, educational sessions, and learn about an alumni we will "Spotlight" in each edition..

Many alumni have wondered how they could stay involved with their classmates, give back to their community, and make a difference in supporting the Gilbert Chamber Foundation and Town of Gilbert. That's the reason why Jän Simon and Jaime Johnson started GL Alumni.

The connections you made while attending have aided you personally and professionally and we strive to help continue to grow those connections. You are one of over 600 elite graduates of the program and soon we will be welcoming the 30th Gilbert Leadership Class.

We have many ideas and events planned to thank, educate and support our alumni and we hope you will stay connected, reconnect, or meet new members. There is something for everyone and we encourage and welcome your participation and input. Thank you!

Alumni Events Calendar

What:

**Leadercast- "Why
Should I Attend or
Sponsor?"**

Who:

Sara LaClair, Kristen
Drew and Deb Carr
presenting

When:

8-25-21 at 4:30-530p

Where:

Park University,
Rm 202
92 W Vaughn Ave
Gilbert, AZ

Leadercast

Change is constant. Nothing ever goes quite as we planned. If we didn't believe this before 2020, we all know it now. Leaders everywhere are realizing that they must make major shifts in order to move forward to achieve their purpose.

Changing directions is hard. It's risky. But it's the only way to get where we need to go. The future will be created by fearless, innovative leaders who have the courage...to **shift**.

The speakers for this event will be practitioners who have successfully navigated through their own personal and professional **shifts**.

Participants will learn from their experiences the practical insights, purposeful actions and catalytic insights that have the power to transform them into world-changing, visionary team builders.

At Leadercast 2021 - **Shift** you will get the supercharge you've been needing to leave the status quo behind to discover a better and brighter future. Join us to **shift** your leadership skills to levels you never thought possible.

Register now!

<https://gilbertaz.com/leadercast-registration>



Alumni Events Calendar

Watch for upcoming
information!

What:

"Insight on Running a Local Campaign"

Who:

Bus Obayami
Barbara Guy

When:

February 27, 2022
Time TBD

Where:

TBD

What:

**"Workshop:
Public Speaking"**

Who:

Mark Newman

When:

January 22, 2022
Class 30-9:00-12:00
Alumni-12:30-3:00

Where:

Life Community
717 West Ray Rd

What:

**"Connecting Your Passion -
Choosing the Right Board for
You To Serve"**

Who:

Board Developer, LLC
Lisa Kelley, President
Jim Hayden, CEO
Kari Sleezer, Acct Executive/ Creative
Writer

When:

March 31, 2022
Time TBD

Where:

TBD

Alumni Meetups

Four Meetup Events will be hosted by the Alumni group and are used to help inform, educate, and connect Alumni from all previous classes.

Meet up topics are based on the Town's current events, educational or town specific information.

Come join us! if you are interested in joining the alumni committee, contact:
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GILBERT LEADERSHIP MEET UPS!

Alumni Spotlight:

Barb Farmer

Greetings Fellow Alumni! My name is Barb Farmer and I am a graduate of GL Class XXV and a proud veteran of the United States Marine Corps. My husband, Mike, and I have 3 children (lots of gbabies) and have been married for over 33 years. Mike and I met while working for the USAF on the top secret program of the F-117A Stealth Fighter.

Upon moving to Gilbert 22 years ago, I managed the Volunteer Services & Gift Shops for Chandler Regional & Mercy Gilbert Medical Centers, creating a nationally recognized program including the Summer Volunteers and Volunteer Techies, Veterans #22 and Paws for Patients

After retiring, I created DIGS (Dogs in Grade Schools), with my dog ScooterPie, a certified pet therapy dog program. The program was metrics based to increase attendance, reduce behavioral incidents and decrease test stress, all through dog assisted interactions.



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