



Leadership Richardson Alumni Association Newsletter

January 2016

News from the President



Happy New Year!

I hope all of you had wonderful holidays and are ready for an outstanding 2016! The year is what you make it! So, let's make it a year of involvement in LR by recruiting for Class XXXII and joining LRAA! Do you have someone in mind that you think would benefit from the absolutely stellar Leadership Richardson Program (LR)? If so, I know Kim Quirk, Executive Director, would love to hear from you and add your specific candidate to her growing list of people who want to experience what LR has to offer them both personally and professionally. Class members have the opportunity to learn new leadership skills, network with super intelligent and talented people, the opportunity to make a lasting impact upon the community, and most of all make life-long friends. Does it get any better than that?

Come join us for some networking and learn more on January 28th at TEXAS Restaurant at the Shire from 5 p.m. -7 p.m. Watch for the email and register. I look forward to seeing you!

President, Leadership Richardson Alumni Association 2015-16

LRAA Networking Event with UT Dallas Naveen Jindal School of Management

Presented by Leadership Richardson Alumni Association.

You and a guest are invited to join Naveen Jindal School of Management (JSOM) and LRAA alumni to learn more about Leadership Richardson and other leadership development programs throughout North Texas. Catch up with former classmates, make new connections and discover how you can make a greater impact in your community. Beverages and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Register before Thursday, Jan. 21.

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Richardson Youth Leadership

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Please update your profile information on the [LRAA website](#), so we can keep you apprised of all the wonderful things happening in the next few months!

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PAY NOW!

Have you paid your 2015-16 dues yet?

In December, the RYL students spent their morning working at Santa's village. They dressed in costumes and helped the attendees (preschoolers) have a fantastic time.

This day is a very special day for RYL as the students are able to give back to the community and learn about this Richardson tradition. Many of the students have attended Santa's Village with their families. This was their opportunity to introduce the next generation of Richardson children to this magical winter wonderland.

[Pay your dues online by clicking here!](#)

Q&A Member Profile with Art Roberts

"Like so many people in Richardson I began my leadership journey with Art's encouragement. He will not take no for an answer. And I am better because of it." ~

Paul Voelker, City of Richardson Mayor



Tell us about yourself.

I'm an electrical engineer out of Texas Tech, moved to Richardson in 1962 to work for Collins Radio. With a good start in Telecom there, I married in '66, and we moved to Washington DC, and I started work with MCI, when that was a company of 200 people. We moved back to Richardson with one of my departments in 1986. I had sent several people to LR, and the year I was separating from MCI, 1996-97, I decided to go through the experience myself. It was the best decision I ever made.

What has LR meant to you?

LR captivated me. I loved the personal interaction, the leadership lessons and the incredible people I came to know and work with. I have enjoyed working with LR, through one year as a ROC then two years as curriculum chair. Out for two years, back as a ROC and two more years as CC(Head ROC) and one more year as a ROC.

What was the highlight of your LR year?

My LR Year, the highlight was graduation. We had a member of the class who chose his camp name as "Bodacious Byron," and since we had "Bodacious" year, we had a "BOWDACIOUS" graduation party. Every member of the class received some "BO..." award, and it was wonderful and hilarious!

What LR committee were you on?

I was in class XI and on the Public Safety committee. We had a great committee, and I learned a lot about how a committee can really get the job done. Of course, the RPD was great to work with, and in addition to the Ride-along, we had a "Bang-up" day.

What Richardson activities and organizations have you been involved with?

Besides the LR work, I served on the City Planning Commission for 12 years, 4 as Chair. I worked in the Chamber of Commerce Membership drives for several years, and co-chaired the drive twice. I served on the Chamber Board and the MTBC Board, and started the Third Friday Tech Luncheon committee and function. I chaired or co-chaired that committee for 10 years. I had the honor of being chosen Citizen of the Year for 2002 and LR Alumnus of the year...I forget which year. I served on the LRAA Board for three years; one as President.

What do you like most about living in Richardson?

I think the best thing about living in Richardson is knowing so many people who volunteer in the community, so many of the City Government, RISD and UTD, the wonderful Chamber and MTBC, the Arts, the Social Services, Health services, and the RPD and RFD, and members of our great companies who are LR alumni, and know exactly what they're doing and where we're going, and lead and serve with a wonderful, positive attitude.

Do you have any advice for younger members who are beginning their careers?

First, get out there and serve. You are blessed to have an experience few will ever have, so make use of it. Second, USE the lessons LR taught you, make them work for us all in any area you like or want to work in. Don't disappear...you can't hide and keep your talents to yourself. Spread the word and drag (if necessary) other exceptional people in to LR; they'll thank you for it.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I'm a custom knife-maker, play guitar and enjoy reading.

LRAA Board 2015-16

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