



# Leadership CONNECTIONS

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## Welcome to Leadership Connections

Welcome to the winter issue 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.

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.

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

Leadership Forward is sponsored by Wake Forest MBA.



## Leadership Forward Breakfast: Here Today, Gone Tomorrow, March 11

Join us for the next Leadership Forward breakfast on March 11 when the Council of Community Services presents its Community Indicators Report, a comprehensive and unique resource of fascinating demographic, economic and other data about our region. It's a great opportunity to hear first-hand from those who compiled the report – what it means for all of us and how you can access the data to help your business.

The breakfast will be held at the United Way, 325 Campbell Ave. A \$5 fee includes continental breakfast.

To reserve a spot, contact Judy Chambliss at 540.983.0700, x221 or e-mail [business@roanokechamber.org](mailto:business@roanokechamber.org).

To see the Community Indicators Report, please visit [www.councilofcommunityservices.org](http://www.councilofcommunityservices.org).

## Save the Date: Day of Sharing, May 20

The Curriculum Committee of LRV is in the process of selecting service projects for A Day of Sharing on Wednesday, May 20. We are seeking program/project recommendations from current LRV participants and advisors as well as Leadership Forward members.

We are seeking approximately 40 volunteers to be available for a two-hour time period to assist with projects identified by community organizations.



## Join Leadership Forward Groups on Facebook and LinkedIn

Want to stay in touch? Join the Leadership Forward pages on LinkedIn and Facebook to keep the dialogue going and make new connections.

LinkedIn: <http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=100746>

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=43193651039>

## Alumni Profiles

**JACK AVIS**

**LRV Year: 1990**

**Current position: Vice President, Avis Construction Company, Inc.**

*How did your experience with LRV impact you, personally and/or professionally?*

I got to meet and interact with a lot of people on a professional level that I never would have otherwise met.

*What community boards do you serve on?*

I'm currently on the Board of Mill Mountain Theatre. In the past I have been on the executive boards of CHIP, Roanoke Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Backbone Club.

*Is there an organization you would like to encourage others to support?*

In this economic environment I would like others to support any non-profit in which they have an interest.

**LORRAINE LANGE**

**LRV year: 1990.**

**Current position: Superintendent, Roanoke County Schools.**



*How did your experience with LRV impact you, personally and/or professionally?*

When I entered LRV I was not involved in many community activities. My job as an educator didn't give me the opportunity to be involved in the community. After going through LRV I was exposed to various non-profit organizations and met many people outside of education. After that, I became involved in the community and was able to expose other educators. Since that year, I have sponsored one Roanoke County employee each year to go through LRV. I think the LRV experience is something that changed my perspective and helped me to be a better citizen.

*What community boards do you serve on?*

The boards for United Way of the Roanoke Valley, The Roanoke Symphony, and Virginia Western Community College.

*Is there an organization you would like to encourage others to support?*

The Roanoke Valley is fortunate to have so many excellent non-profit organizations and resources. United Way is the one organization that affects so many people and organizations in the Valley. Roanoke County Schools became a Pacesetter and supports United Way as the one fund-raiser in which all of our employees participate. The money that is collected is given to many non-profit organizations. Community volunteers sit on those committees that decide how money is to be distributed. I encourage people to volunteer to be on those committees.

## Looking for Lost Alumni

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](mailto: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.

To learn more about Leadership Forward, call 540.983.0700, x228 or e-mail to [LF@roanokechamber.org](mailto:LF@roanokechamber.org). Visit our booth at the Business & Technology Expo April 16 at the Roanoke Civic Center from Noon-7 PM.

## Leadership Notes

*Class of 2008 Get-Together*

The Class of 2008 is planning a reunion social in the next few months. If you're interested in continuing the LRV experience, please contact Jim McGuire at 540. 343.7300, x140 or e-mail at [james.mcguire@rkeng.com](mailto:james.mcguire@rkeng.com).