Alumni Newsletter

Summer 2024 Edition

Hello LMH Alumni!

We hope this Summer edition of the LMH Alumni newsletter finds you well!

The goal of this seasonal newsletter is to ***Communicate, Connect and Engage*** LMH Alumni. The Alumni committee has embarked on sending out seasonal newsletters that align with the on-going activities of LMH. We look forward to hearing from you to find out if this newsletter is helpful and interesting.
This edition highlights recent **Board Activities, Alumni Survey results, LEAD Event in July Alumni Help Needed, 2024 Class Update, the newly added Leadership Corner and more.**

LMH Board Activities

The LMH Board currently consists of 20 Directors including 5 Executive Committee Members, as well as, a Program Facilitator and Program Administrator. The Board held monthly meetings recently on May 6th and June 3. Topics covered from these meetings are listed in this newsletter.
If anyone is interested in participating on the Board, please contact Steve Tate, **stevetate@charter.net.**
Board members can also support several Committees such as Alumni, Marketing, Technical/IT, Recruiting, Community Leadership and Executive. If you have any interest helping out part time and participating on any of these committees or events sponsored by LMH please let us know by contacting Mark Matthews, markmatt17217@gmail.com
For more information, please go to **www.leadershipmorganhill.com**

Leadership Excellence Award Dinner (LEAD) Event

The Leadership Excellence Award recognizes individual(s) whose vision and leadership advances the spirit of community and charity, reflects courage and insight, and inspires others to lead. The award is presented by the Leadership Morgan Hill (LMH) organization that conducts a quality annual program that empowers people for community service and leadership.

The Honoree

Longtime community volunteer ***Terry Moriyama*** will receive the 2024 Leadership Excellence Award. Terry is a recent (2021-2022) past president of Rotary who dedicates herself to volunteer activities that make Morgan Hill even better. She volunteers in just about every major event in town, always taking a leadership role and producing excellent results. She founded, funded and runs her non-profit "Air for Paws" that allows first responders to give life-saving oxygen to animals in crisis.

The Event

This year's Leadership Excellence Award & Tribute Dinner will be a gala celebration and fundraiser on ***Saturday July 20*** at the historic Guglielmo Winery. Community leaders, family and friends of Terry and supporters of Leadership Morgan Hill will gather for a reception, silent auction, dinner, entertainment, and recognition program. The program captures the spirit of community leadership and volunteerism that Terry strongly champions. The theme of ***"Terry's Bling Fling"*** reflects Terry's always positive, fun approach that motivates others and builds community.

Tickets for the July 20th event are $125 and can be purchased on:
https://www.leadershipmorganhill.com/lead.
For information on sponsorships, contact Don Moody at **dcm1120@gmail.com.**
For Program Advertising, contact Julie Klem at: **julie_klem@hotmail.com**

The Beneficiary

Funds raised will support the work of Leadership Morgan Hill, a nonprofit public benefit corporation now in its 29th year. Through an annual program, LMH provides insight, tools, and training to enable and inspire leaders to give back to the Morgan Hill community through service. Over 500 LMH graduates are found in leadership positions in government, businesses, and nonprofits throughout the community.

Opportunities exist for sponsorships and donations to support this event. Remember, LMH is a Nonprofit 501c3 Public Benefit Corporation Tax ID 77-0386749. If you are interested in sponsoring / donating contact Board President, Steve Tate, at **stevetate@charter.net or Don Moody at dcm1120@gmail.com.**

Alumni Help Needed

- ***Recruitment***

The Application for the class of 2025 is available at the LMH website!
As a valued Alumni or Friend of Leadership Morgan Hill, we would like your continued help in recruiting community members for future classes. If you know someone who lives and/or works in Morgan Hill that would benefit from participation in the next (2025) class, please have them go to https://www.leadershipmorganhill.com/application-2025 to fill out an application.

You can also help us identify leaders in our community and those that you feel would make a great addition to a future class of Leadership Morgan Hill by completing our Referral Form. The recruitment team will prioritize and reach out to all referrals in a timely fashion for the next available class year. Any questions you have about this process can be sent to recruiting@leadershipmorganhill.org
Referral Form - https://forms.office.com/r/sCfdYTmxbp - See the QR Code below



There will be an Info Session for applicants or those interested in applying. Here are the Details:
Date/Time: Thursday, August 22, 2024, 5:30-6:30pm
Location: Centennial Recreation Center (CRC) Room #1
Address: 171 W Edmundson Ave, Morgan Hill, CA 95037

- ***Sponsorship and/or Donations Needed***

LMH currently charges $1,500 per student for the Leadership Program. The actual cost of the course per student is closer to $3,500. Therefore LMH, which is a non-profit 501c3, relies on donations and sponsorships throughout the year to maintain its budget. Think about how you benefited from the program and consider paying it forward to help us offset the additional costs.

Don't forget to include matching contributions from your employer if you work for an organization with matching contributions. If you use PayPal to make a donation, click the link to pay, then email **gaxiolagroup@gmail.com** with the subject line: Class of 20xx and the amount you donated. If you send in a check, please note in the memo your class and we will tally those up too. Once again, we appreciate your support. We are a 501c3 organization and your contribution can be tax deductible.

- ***Planning for July 4th Celebration and Parade***

The Morgan Hill annual 4th of July celebration is just around the corner. Leadership Morgan Hill plans to walk in the parade this year. Please contact Mark Matthews at **markmatt17217@gmail.com** if you and your family would like to walk with us in the parade and represent LMH.

- ***Planning for LMH 30th Anniversary Celebration***

Want to help us celebrate? LMH will be celebrating its 30th Anniversary next year and we would like any Alumni interested in joining our planning group to make it a memorable celebration. Our planning meetings will start in September. Please let us know by contacting Mark Matthews at **markmatt17217@gmail.com.**

Community Leadership Committee

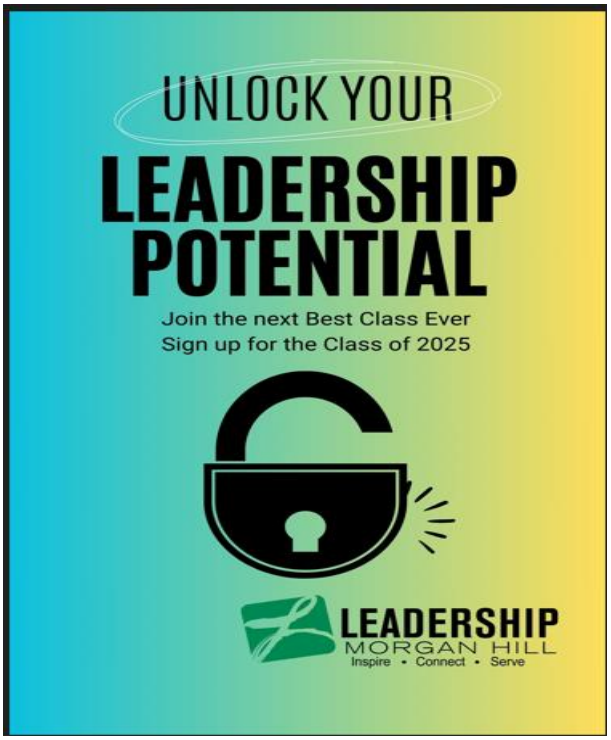
A couple positive events since our last newsletter:
1. Awarded $1500 Grant from Rotary. We joined several other grant recipients at Rotary's March 20 meeting. We were able to share some words about Leadership Morgan Hill and learned that close to half of the Rotarians in attendance were LMH Alumni. That leaves half to go!

2. We sponsored the Chamber of Commerce breakfast on May 2nd . It provided us an opportunity to meet members of the Chamber and breakfast attendees and provide an overview of Leadership Morgan Hill. In addition, our Class of 2024 presented a summary of their class project. Once again, several in attendance were LMH Alumni, and there were others in attendance who showed interest in joining the Class of 2025.

Help requested: We are receiving a monthly report of new businesses in Morgan Hill. We want to reach out and let them know about Leadership Morgan Hill as a great way to learn about the community. We could use some helping hands in this endeavor.
If you're willing to help us make connections, please contact Tim Hansen at **timothy.hansen@charter.net.**

Marketing Committee Activities

Recruiting season is in full swing. We need help from everyone to fill the Class of 2025.
We have placed some advertisements in the local papers and on social media, using the following image.



If you are in attendance at the July 4 parade, let those standing near you know about our great program when we walk by.

Our theme for the parade is: "We Want You in the Class of 2025" with an image of Uncle Sam.

Also, we could use some ideas/help on how best to utilize our LinkedIn account.
I can be reached at **tkp624@gmail.com**.

Thanks for your support,
--Tammy Parker, LMH Class of 2022, Marketing Committee Chair

The Marketing Committee is all about collaboration this year. We are working closely with the Alumni and the new Community Leadership Committees. The goal is to focus on establishing stronger connections.
Our Instagram, Facebook and LinkedIn social media sites will be more active this year.
Please follow them if you have any of these accounts.







--Tammy Parker, LMH Class of 2022, Marketing Committee Chair 2023

LMH 2024 Class Progress and Project Status

The 2024 Leadership MH Class is picking up steam as we move forward with our (approved!) project. We are all very excited about our choice of project and we are on track with City approvals. We are happy to report that we have ALMOST reached our fundraising goal! Be on the lookout for us at local events starting this month and, of course, feel free to contribute to our project - you could be the one that pushes us over the top!

In April our class met at the CRC for our Leadership Development session which centered on the "challenges" of Leadership. It was a lively discussion and we left with, not only tools to face the rough spots, but a great sense of support from our fellow classmates. On April 19 we had an "adventure" - our Connection Retreat. This was held at the unique Alma Bonita Animal Rescue facility. Owned by our own facilitator, Sheila Murphy, this amazing property serves as a shelter for older or injured farm animals. It is their "retirement home"! We toured the property and enjoyed some great games designed to establish connections with one another. It was a wonderful outing and we are truly starting to see ourselves as a talented, fun, and unique unit.

May took us on a wonderful local adventure as we discovered how to "Nurture our Economic Future". We started our day at the Community Center hearing from Matt Mahood and Brittney Sherman from the City of Morgan Hill. It was fascinating to hear how the city development plan is achieved and we got some hands-on experience as we tried to plan out a large retail area in Morgan Hill (on paper, of course!). After that we were on the road for the rest of the day visiting a diverse array of local businesses. Our first stop with the Kinetic Performance Institute (KPI) on Church Street. This is a very unique and state-of-the-art training facility for baseball pitchers and catchers at the high school and college level. Electronic training programs and assessments, coupled with nutrition and health programs helps KPI reach their goal of developing the best in high-quality athletes.

Our next stop we visited one of the largest corporations in Morgan Hill, Toray Advanced Composites (TAC). Located at the north end of Morgan Hill, Toray is a multi-national producer and supplier of advanced composite materials, particularly for use in the defense and space industries. It was a fascinating "look into the future"!

Our last stop of the day took us back to the roots of Morgan Hill as we visited Chiala Farms. This 38-year-old company is now run by the 3rd generation of the Chiala family on a large farm and processing facility in southeast Morgan Hill. Here they grow and process many food products but now specializes in garlic. This was a fascinating stop as we enjoyed seeing the true "roots" of Morgan Hill.

Back to the CCC for the rest of our day! Here we heard from Nick Perry from Santa Clara Valley Open Space with a very eye-opening presentation about the Coyote Valley, the challenges they're facing and the plans they have and challenges they are facing for keeping it as a home for native plants and animals. We ended the day with a short talk by Joe Raineri who presented a very interesting plan for a farm-to-table market and restaurant on the large piece of land on Tennant Avenue at 101 North. His vision for this and his plan for development was fascinating. It will be interesting to see if this comes together. It was a long, but fascinating day. - We will never look at Morgan Hill the same way!

Join us at First Friday's

Instead of our normal First Fridays at Bubbles in **May**, we held an Alumni and Recruiting gathering at Craft Roots. In addition to LMH Board members and Alumni, 7 interested folks came to find out about LMH. Approximately 30 people attended and enjoyed free appetizers, good times, and good discussions.



In **June** we had our usual gathering at Bubbles on June 7.

The July First Friday on July 5th is cancelled due to the 4th of July holiday.

The next Alumni and Recruiting gathering will be at Bubbles on August 2nd

Leadership Corner





Please let us know what you think of our newsletters via Facebook or email to Mark Matthews at markmatt17217@gmail.com so that we can provide useful and interesting information for LMH Alumni.

You can also follow us on Instagram, Facebook (X) and LinkedIn

2023/2024 LMH Alumni Committee Members:

Mark Matthews – Alumni Committee Chair LMH Class of 2022
Daniel Sanidad - Alumni Committee Vice Chair, Board Vice President, LMH Class of 2018
Don Moody – Alumni Committee Member, LMH Class of 2023
Jeff Schumacher - Alumni Committee Member, LMH Class of 2023