Alumni Newsletter

Winter 2024 Edition

Hello LMH Alumni!

We hope this Winter 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, LEAD Reveal, Alumni Help Needed, 2024 Class start-up, First Friday's, and the newly added Leadership Corner.**

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 on December 4th, January 8th, and February 5th. Topics covered from these meetings are listed in this newsletter. Additional topics covered were Board/Committee Goals, events for 2024, financials, committee assignments, recruitment, and much more!
If anyone is interested in participating on the Board, please contact Steve Tate, stevetate@charter.net.

Board members also support several Committees such as Alumni, Marketing, Technical/IT, Recruiting, Community Leadership and Executive. If you have any interest helping out 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**

Alumni Survey – Please Respond

By now all LMH Alumni should have received a survey. The purpose of this 13-question survey is to help us better support our Alumni with current LMH information, events and help

needed. If you have not responded, please try to take just a few minutes provide your input and submit the form. Your responses will help us to do a better job of ***Communicating, Connecting and Engaging*** LMH Alumni.

Leadership Excellence Award Dinner (LEAD) "Reveal" Event

The annual LEAD "Reveal" event was held on February 1 at the Guglielmo Winery. This year's honoree, Terry Moriyama was announced with over 60 people in attendance. She is a long-time resident that has participated in over a dozen organizations in the community. She also is a recipient of many awards from the community. A special song "Air for Paws' the theme from Paw Patrol was sung by Tammy Parker (LMH Class of 2022) and Mike and Linda Withrow (LMH Class of 2010) to help introduce Terry. Also in attendance was Morgan Hill Police Sgt. Sergio Pires (LMH Class of 2018) and his police dog Basco. Additionally, the Santa Clara CDF Fire Dept attended to show case and thank Terry for her work on the Air Paws system for animal rescue. More details about Terry and her award will be highlighted in the upcoming Morgan Hill Times and Morgan Hill Life newspapers.

Leadership Excellence Award Dinner (LEAD) Event

The LEAD recognition event where this year's nominee, Terry Moriyama, will be formally celebrated is scheduled for Saturday, July 20th. Please save the date in your calendars. Opportunities exist for sponsorships and donations to support this event. Remember, LMH is a Nonprofit 501c3 Public Benefit Corporation Tax ID 77-0386749.

"The high-quality Leadership Morgan Hill program has made Morgan Hill an even better community. It is made possible by your generous donations and grants. We value our partners and supporters for enabling us to provide our great programs. Your sponsorship will be recognized at the event.
Thank you!"
—Steve Tate, Board President

If you are interested in sponsoring / donating contact Board President, Steve Tate, at stevetate@charter.net.

Alumni Help Needed

- ***Recruitment***

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 **www.leadershipmorganhill.com** to fill out an application.

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

LMH currently charges $1,500 per student for the Leadership Course. 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 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. Please let us know by contacting Mark Matthews at markmatt17217@gmail.com.

Marketing Committee Activities

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.







We have been working on an updated brochure and an elevator pitch (short and long), along with a call to action:

Join Leadership Morgan Hill

- For yourself, consider it an investment.
- For your job, consider it a career enhancer.
- For your life, consider it a way to make lifelong friends.
- For our town, consider it a way to improve Morgan Hill one class at a time

This looks to be a fun and fruitful year for LMH! As always, Thanks for your support!
--Tammy Parker, Marketing Committee Chair

New! Community Leadership Committee

We've formed a new committee called "Community Leadership."
The purpose is to build stronger relationships throughout Morgan Hill. While we have several good relationships throughout our community, we know that there is much more opportunity to connect with local businesses, non-profits, and public organizations. A good example of the kind of relationship we would like to replicate is Toray Composites. Over the past 5 years, they've become a donor to our program, then a participant in our Economic Development/Agriculture/Environmental Day, and now one of their senior management people is a member of our Class of 2024. We believe we should have many such relationships with companies in Morgan Hill. Through a strong fabric of connections, our vision is to build Leadership Morgan Hill into the go-to connector of organizations around Morgan Hill.

If you would like to help us in this initiative, please contact Tim Hansen at timothy.hansen@charter.net.

LMH 2024 Class has Started!

Board members completed interviews in December. The 2024 course began on Wednesday, January 3rd, followed by the retreat on January 6 and 7. This class has 18 members: Cindy Adams, Daniel Carlile, Bob Traina, Suzanne Farzaneh, Jana Diakova, David Dindak, Carol Ferri, Nick Gaich, Madhuri Ganta, Scott Geffre, Susan Hannah, Trey Kerr, David Mariano, Karen Davis, Calvin Nuttall, Iceymole Isaac Seth, Tanaya Rose, Jennifer Loesch.

The class is off and running and have already identified 20 candidates for their Project which recently was whittled down to 2 for final selection. The class will meet board members at an after-class event of February 23. Additionally, the class will be introduced at a Chamber mixer on March 21.



Leadership Morgan Hill Class of 2024

Don't Forget to Re-Connect at First Fridays at Bubbles



New! 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