

Inaugural Class of LEAD Historic Triangle Celebrates 20th Anniversary with Scholarship Fund for Upcoming Classes

February 25, 2014: Alumni of the inaugural class of LEAD Historic Triangle gathered on February 21st at Williamsburg Landing to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of their graduation from the ground-breaking program. The group marked the occasion with the announcement of a \$3,000.00 scholarship fund to be used for selected applicants for the upcoming class, which will begin this fall or future classes.

Sponsored by the Greater Williamsburg Chamber and Tourism Alliance, LEAD Historic Triangle's mission is to enhance the quality of life in the Historic Triangle by developing, encouraging, and supporting community leaders. 20 years ago a group of community leaders conceived the idea of a structured leadership development program. They wanted to insure replenishment of the pool of people willing and able to serve the community. The program increases participants' community involvement and expands their leadership skills by educating them on regional issues. Members of the 1994 premier class have served on Planning Commission, City Council, countless Boards and Commissions.

Kerry Mellette, reunion coordinator said "My participation in the LEAD program has been one of the most meaningful and satisfying personal and professional experiences I have had since moving to Williamsburg over 25 years ago. I continue to work with many of my class colleagues in a variety of community service endeavors to enrich our wonderful community."

LHT is currently accepting applications for the class that begins this fall and graduates in May 2015. Selection of participants is very competitive, and class size is limited to 27 participants; each of whom has clearly demonstrated an interest in community service. The selection committee comes from the LHT Operating Board and is made up of LHT alums. The selection committee considers candidates who represent a cross-section of community sectors, such as: business, education, the arts, religion, government, community-based organizations, and ethnic and minority groups that reflect the diversity of the community. Interested applicants may also apply for the LEAD 20th Anniversary scholarship at the time of their application for the upcoming class.



Pictured above: Front: Linda Wenger, Ginny Hartman, Second row: Rick Overy (Scholarship Chair), Steve Montgomery (Reunion Host), Ken Johnston, Kerry Mellette (Reunion Coordinator), Carolyn Rhodes, and Karen Coltrane. Back Row: Joe Harrow, Channing Hall, John Bacon, David Otey, Bruce Keener, David Busch, and Lee Scruggs.