



Justice Day

**L**eadership Charlotte begins with an evening orientation followed by a full day workshop entitled: "Simulated Society," an enlightening experience conducted by Dr. Larry Peppers of Clemson University.

*I was hesitant at first to apply to Leadership Charlotte, but after finding out I was chosen I was excited and couldn't wait to get started. During the course of the program I developed relationships with people from different sectors of the community that will stay with me for many years to come. No matter how long you live here there is still so much to learn about the things that are important to our community, local economy and way of life.*

Rick Ilmberger, 2014

*Leadership Charlotte is a tremendous program and a must do if you are employed in Charlotte County. I have only been in Charlotte County for 6 years and I thought I had a good grasp on what the County had to offer, but I was astounded by the number of organizations I have never heard of. This program will certainly help you perform in your current profession at a higher rate, and the life-long connections that come about make this program essential for any motivated professional in Charlotte County.*

Mike Beane, 2014

**C**ourse requirements for graduation include mandatory attendance at the "Simulated Society" session (Friday, October 17). Attendance is also expected at each of the monthly sessions (generally, the second Thursday of the month), unless one is excused for special circumstances.



Environmental/Agriculture Day

*I have been living in Charlotte County for 26 years and thought I knew everything. Leadership Charlotte gave me the opportunity to gain a much deeper understanding about the different industries that are engines of our community. Beyond that, it gave me the opportunity to create a remarkable friendship with other leaders in the community. I am proud and honored to be part of Leadership Charlotte.*

Faiza Kedir, 2014

**T**he Leadership Charlotte program began in 1988 and now has approximately 625 graduates who, together as alumni, continue to lead many of the community service efforts in Charlotte County. Alumni include bankers, clergy, lawyers, paralegals, accountants, small business owners, educators, realtors, artists, sales managers . . . the list goes on and on.

Monthly day-long sessions focus on environment, government, education, agriculture, arts and humanities, health care, media, local economy and justice.

To apply, follow the directions on the reverse. For more information, call 941-639-2222.

*The opportunity to serve in the 2014 Leadership Charlotte Class is an honor for me. I love where we live and I love it even more now. Learning about each sector of our community has given me a whole new perspective on society and how we all can affect change for the good of others. The Simulated Society workshop was a life changing experience for me and I will continue to use what I learned on that one day alone. The LC14 Class members are incredible people and leaders in our community. I am blessed to have learned from them and look forward to lifelong friendships. Thank you!*

Angie Matthiesen, 2014

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# APPLICATION 2015



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# Leadership Charlotte Confidential Application

- Selection of Leadership Charlotte participants is anonymous and is based solely upon the answers to the questions on this application, so please be thoughtful and sincere.
- There is special emphasis on seating a representative group of persons involved in a variety of businesses, professions, government and community service.
- Class size is limited to twenty-five students.
- Participants are selected through an anonymous process. Try to avoid revealing your identity through your answers to the questions.



Arts Day

**Please type your answers on plain sheets of paper. Be sure to answer every question completely. Number your answers to correspond with the questions and staple your answers to this form for submission.**

- 1** Tell us about yourself, such as employment history, extracurricular activities, education and special interests.
- 2** During your business career, what do you consider your most significant contribution or achievement?
- 3** List, in order of importance to you, as many as five community, civic, professional, business, or other organizations in which you are or have been a member, and include number of years as a member and offices held.
- 4** To date, what do you consider your most significant community contribution?
- 5** How much time each month do you commit to community, civic, professional and other organizations and activities in Charlotte County?
- 6** Describe an important ambition in your life. Tell what you hope to accomplish or achieve and what position you hope to attain.
- 7** What do you consider to be your major strengths and qualifications for participation in the Leadership Charlotte program?
- 8** Describe your reason for wanting to participate in Leadership Charlotte. What benefits to the community do you feel are likely to result from your participation in Leadership Charlotte?
- 9** Write a paragraph discussing one specific problem that you have observed within Charlotte County. Make one suggestion for assisting with this problem by either yourself or the Leadership Charlotte class as a class project.

**I understand the purpose of the Leadership Charlotte program and, if I am selected, I will devote the time and resources necessary to complete the program, including my participation in the class project. I understand the monthly attendance requirements and have the full support of my employer for the time required to participate. I hereby commit that, if selected, I will use the knowledge acquired and relationships developed in Leadership Charlotte for the good of the entire community by becoming, or continuing to be, actively engaged in civic and community work, including with the Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce.**

*Leadership Charlotte has been an amazing experience. What a great way to see and experience Charlotte County with an inside view of how our local economy and government works. Our class was filled with smart, energetic movers and shakers with a great sense of humor. It was a privilege to be part of this incredible program. I have met friends for life and look forward to working with my classmates in future endeavors.*

Phyllis A. Walker, 2014

Program participants must be Chamber members, and membership dues must be current. Cost of the program is \$545 and is payable at the time of acceptance. Scholarships may be available. If needed, please advise when applying.

Applicant's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

— Please print or type. —

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Nick Name \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Do you reside in Charlotte County? \_\_\_\_\_ If "yes," for how long? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you applied to Leadership Charlotte before? \_\_\_\_\_

**The application deadline is 4:00 p.m., Thursday, July 31, 2014.** Return completed application to:  
Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce, 2702 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte, FL 33952.