Leadership Palm Beach County's Adult Program is an interactive leadership development experience that prepares at least 45 participants annually for more active leadership roles in our community. The program supports existing and emerging leaders who make long-term commitments to leadership across Palm Beach County by providing them with a comprehensive foundation of local knowledge and contacts. The Program's curriculum encourages participants to develop their capacity to lead effectively within the context of current and local issues.

Building on last year's success revising both the curriculum and the Adult Program Committee structure, the 2008-2009 Adult Program Chairs chose to further refine both, ensuring that the best and most relevant information was delivered to the Class of 2009 while engaging as many alumni volunteers as possible in the process. Overall evaluation scores and feedback on the core program continued to be very positive, but Program Chairs gleaned valuable suggestions which will be applied to improve the overall class experience and quality of learning for the Class of 2010.

The Class of 2009 tackled the year with gusto, applying their talent and energy to establish high expectations for both individual learning outcomes and class project deliverables. The class also contributed to some very lively "Second Wednesdays", setting the bar as the first class to enjoy this new addition to the session days.

On graduation, the Class of 2009 elected Sean Alveshine of Stries Construction and Andrew Baumann of Lewis Longman & Walker, P.A., to represent their class on LPBC's Board of Governors. Lucy Carr of PNC Bank will serve with Noemi Coltea of Boys Town as the 2009 Class Ambassadors. A list of Class of 2009 graduates is included at the back of the directory, with the rest of the class graduate lists.

The Adult Leadership Program is generously supported throughout the year by sponsors and in-kind donors. For a list of Adult Program supporters, visit the Adult Leadership link under the Programs tab on LPBC's website: www.leadershippbc.org.

Interested in serving as or just contacting your Class Ambassador? See the LPBC website for a list of Ambassadors, or contact David Greene or Tammy Clarke - Alumni Relations Committee Co-Chairs.

**2009 ADULT CLASS PROJECT**

For the Class of 2009 Projects, a formal RFP was once again distributed countywide to solicit Project proposals. Proposing organizations were able to refine their proposals through formal "Proposers Workshops", set up to improve the process for organizations & LPBC alike. After reviewing a record number of proposals, the Class of 2009 narrowed their choices to three organizations and projects: the "Hire-Ability Project" with The Arc of Palm Beach County, the "Rise & Shine" Food Co-Op with the Boys & Girls Club; and infrastructure support, strategic planning & a gleaming project with The Food Alliance of Palm Beach County. Visit www.leadershippbc.org/adultleadership for overviews of each project.

Have a great idea for a class project? Download the 2011 RFP from our website early summer 2010, or call us: 833.4321.

**FOCUS**

FOCUS provides an opportunity for 45 executives to fast-track their education about our county while taking a significant step towards civic engagement. FOCUS consists of an evening orientation highlighting Palm Beach County history, demographics and governing structures, and two full session days, which cover education, economic development, agriculture and the environment, health care, public safety and more. On-site learning experiences and presentations by business, government and non-profit leaders increase participants' knowledge on a diverse set of issues.

The FOCUS team executed strong recruiting efforts and an exceptional program. Several new topics were covered - including the issue of ethics - and evaluations returned very positive feedback on the content and quality of the experience. The committee also secured a record number of sponsors in support of the program and receptions, including Datura Auto, Delray Medical Center, Florida Atlantic University, IBI Group, Legacy Bank, Palm Beach County City Managers Association, Proffitt Management Solutions, South Florida Fair and Zen Rabbit.

FOCUS 2009 went above and beyond in the "class spirit" department, building camaraderie that extended well beyond the sessions. The class held a reunion at Leadership Excellence 2009, narrowly losing to the Adult Class of 2009 in a competition for the most class members attending. A significant number of FOCUS 2009 grads were accepted into the Adult Class of 2010. Visit www.leadershippbc.org/FOCUS for general information on the 2010 FOCUS program, scheduled for 1/21, 28 & 29, 2010.