



# VIRGINIA LEADERS

Linking leaders with a statewide view

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## Opening Session Class of 2007

The LEAD VIRGINIA 2007 Opening Session took place April 19-21 in Williamsburg and was met with great enthusiasm by the 44 members of the Class of 2007. The session began with a luncheon for LEAD VIRGINIA Board members, alumni and new class members featuring Colin Campbell, Chairman, President & CEO of the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation as the keynote speaker.

That afternoon, the class members participated in an introductory session entitled "Building Relationships for Social Capital" led by faculty from the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service. The group especially enjoyed this opportunity to interact with their classmates, who one member described as "a wide variety of folks with different experiences, both work-related and personal."

On Friday, the Class of 2007 was surprised by a visit from one of Virginia's most prominent leaders, Thomas Jefferson. According to one class member, Mr. Jefferson's lecture "gave me pause to reflect back on what our founding fathers envisioned for this nation, the people and what it means to be a citizen." This introduction set the stage for the rest of the day's presentations focusing on the issues of education, transportation and the economy in Virginia. Speakers included **Hugh D. Keogh**, President & CEO, Virginia Chamber of Commerce and **The Honorable Whittington W. Clement**, Former Secretary of Transportation, Commonwealth of Virginia, both members of the LEAD VIRGINIA Board of Directors, as well as **Barbara Reese '05**, newly named Deputy Secretary of Transportation for the Commonwealth.

The following day, the class heard from two experts on Virginia's economy and fiscal future. They then had time to break into small groups to reflect on their experiences from the session. "First rate program!" exclaimed one member of the Class of 2007. "I am looking forward to the six remaining sessions."



**Kevin Allison '07**, Counsel, Commander, Navy Region, Mid-Atlantic and **Joan Moore '07**, Executive Director, Industrial Development Authority of Brunswick County at the Opening Session in Williamsburg

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## Announcing LEAD VIRGINIA 2007

LEAD VIRGINIA launched its third class with its Opening Session in Colonial Williamsburg in April. Members of the Class of 2007 represent the richness and diversity of the entire Commonwealth and all of its regions.

Class members include:

- Dave Aldrich**, President & CEO, Tchrizon, LLC, Sterling
- Kevin Allison**, Counsel, Commander, Navy Region, Mid-Atlantic, Norfolk
- Colonel Dan Anninos**, Commander, Norfolk District, US Army Corps of Engineers, Norfolk
- Paula Autry**, Executive Vice President/Administrator, Bon-

Secours Richmond Community Hospital, Richmond

**Angela Blackwell**, Vice President, Leadership Programs, Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce, Norfolk

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**LEAD VIRGINIA has begun compiling a list of prospective candidates for its Class of 2008**

**Application Deadline:**

**January 15, 2008**

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**Stuart Fauber '05**, President, SunTrust Bank - Lynchburg and member of LEAD VIRGINIA's Board of Directors

## Profile: Stuart C. Fauber

A feature in each issue of **VIRGINIA LEADERS** is a profile of one of the leaders comprising LEAD VIRGINIA's Board of Directors, alumni and participants.

This issue's profile is of **Stuart C. Fauber '05**, President, SunTrust Bank - Lynchburg, and member, LEAD VIRGINIA's Board of Directors.

Stuart Fauber, a native of Lynchburg, has spent much of his professional life building a successful career in banking while simultaneously devoting a great deal of time to community activities and service. After graduating from Washington & Lee University,

he entered the Naval Officer Candidate School and served three years active duty. He later received his MBA in 1981 and his Masters of Personnel Administration in 1982, both from Lynchburg College.

Stuart began his banking career with First & Merchants National Bank in 1974 as a management trainee and later joined United Virginia Bank as Vice President. In 1998, he was named President of SunTrust Bank in Lynchburg. Stuart also served for 33 years in the U.S. Naval Reserve, retiring as a Captain in 2000.

Stuart's community activities consist of service on numerous

boards, including Lynchburg College, Centra Health, Central Virginia Community College Foundation, National Conference for Community and Justice and Step With Links, Inc. He previously chaired the board of the Lynchburg Regional Chamber of Commerce. Stuart was elected to the Lynchburg College School of Business and Economics Hall of Fame in 2000 and received the Lynchburg Mayor's Award of Excellence in 2003.

Stuart is an alumnus of the LEAD VIRGINIA Inaugural Class of 2005 and currently serves on its Board of Directors.

**"I came away with an entirely different view of the diversity and richness of the Commonwealth. I am now encouraged to approach local issues with this broader context in mind."**

- 2007 Participant

## Welcome New Board Members

LEAD VIRGINIA welcomes new members to its Board of Directors:

**Huey Battle**, Area Manager, Virginia Public Affairs, Washington Gas

**Steve Clementi '06**, Director - External Affairs, Verizon Communications, Inc.

**Hon. Bill Mims**, Chief Deputy Attorney General, Commonwealth of Virginia and former State Senator

**Dr. David Prior**, Chancellor, The University of Virginia's College at Wise

**Lynn Strader '05**, Vice President and CFO, HCA Richmond Division

**Bill Thornton '06**, Executive Vice President, Marketing, LandAmerica Financial Group, Inc.

**Susan Timmons**, Vice President of Institutional Advancement, Mary Baldwin College

## Introducing LEAD VIRGINIA's New CEO



**Susan Horne**, LEAD VIRGINIA's new President & CEO and alumnus, Class of 2006

Susan Horne's history with LEAD VIRGINIA goes back to its origins. In her then current role as President & CEO of Leadership Fairfax, Inc., Susan was one of a number of individuals and organizations who came together to form a Steering Committee to create a state leadership program. As plans progressed and the Steering Committee evolved into a formal Board of Directors, Susan served as Secretary to the Board, then submitted her application to become a member of the Class of 2006.

"Through my actual participation in the LEAD VIRGINIA class, I appreciated so much more fully the rich diversity, attributes and challenges

of each region," Susan stated. "The LEAD VIRGINIA experience offers a very clear picture of how we are all stakeholders in Virginia's future, and how collaborative approaches and respect for the obstacles each region faces can truly result in positive outcomes," she added.

During Susan's 15-year tenure with Leadership Fairfax, Inc. (LFI), two programs were launched, the LFI Signature Program focused on the issues and challenges of the Northern Virginia region, and the Emerging Leaders Institute (ELI), aimed at rising young professionals and built around skill development, mentoring support and community service. In addition to Susan's professional

life, she was elected to public office in 2004 to the Leesburg Town Council, then elected as Vice Mayor in 2006. She has centered her Council work in the areas of economic development, historic preservation and neighborhood and community infrastructure projects.

Susan holds a BA in Political Science and Master's in Public Administration from the University of Texas at El Paso. She is a 1999 Fellow of the Sorensen Institute for Political Leadership. She and her husband Bob are the parents of two daughters.

## Class of 2007 continued

**Nancy Gansneder**, Director, Academy for Civic Renewal, Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service, UVA, Charlottesville

**Jorman Granger**, Vice President, Client Accounts, Northrop Grumman Corporation, Herndon

**Pat Harvey**, Director of Institutional Effectiveness, Richard Bland College, Petersburg

**Lee Higginbotham**, Administrator, Levinson Heart Hospital, CJW Medical Center, Richmond

**Alan Hill**, Director, Legislative Affairs, XO Communications, Reston

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**Sharon Johnson**, Senior Associate Policy Division, SRI International, Harrisonburg

**Debbie Jones**, President, Prince William County - Greater Manassas Chamber, Manassas

**Rob Leitch**, Senior Vice President, Commercial Banking Group, SunTrust Bank, Richmond

**Carl Levander**, President, Columbia Gas of Virginia, Chester

**Dean Lynch**, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, Virginia Association of Counties, Richmond

**Jack Marshall**, Manager, Government Affairs, Philip Morris USA, Richmond

**Ned Masee**, Vice President Corporate Affairs, MeadWestvaco Corporation, Glen Allen

**Keith McCrea**, Manager, Air Service and Policy, Virginia Department of Aviation, Richmond

**Art Mead**, Assistant Director - Southwest Virginia Office, Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service, The University of Virginia's College at Wise

**Brenda Mead**, Market Executive/Senior Vice President, Bank of America, Richmond

**Ed Merkle**, Director of Port Security and Emergency Operations, Virginia Port Authority, Norfolk

**Jeff Merriman**, Manager - Economic Development & Government Affairs, Verizon Communications, Inc., Richmond

**Joan Moore**, Executive Director, Industrial Development Authority of Brunswick County, Lawrenceville

**MG Bob Newman**, Adjutant General, Commonwealth of Virginia, Richmond

**Bernie Niemeier**, President & Publisher, Virginia Business Magazine, Richmond

**Leslie Peterson**, Partner & Director of Operations, Chmura Economics & Analytics, Richmond

**Steve Rosenberg**, Augusta County Attorney, Verona

**Doug Staebler**, Vice President of Engineering & Construction, Washington Gas, Springfield

**Donna Stanley**, Vice President for Institutional Advancement, Mountain Empire Community College, Big Stone Gap

**Stanley Taylor**, Vice President for Metropolitan Relations, George Mason University, Arlington

**Andres Tobar**, Executive Director, Shirlington Employment & Education Center, Arlington

**John Wells**, Leesburg Town Manager, Leesburg

**Don Zacherl**, CEO, T3 Technologies, LLC, Reston



**Ed Merkle '07**, Director of Port Security and Emergency Operations, Virginia Port Authority and **Sharon Johnson '07**, Senior Associate, Policy Division, SRI International at the Williamsburg Inn

**"I have seen pieces about transportation, education and economics—but never put together so clearly. I feel that I am much better prepared to ask intelligent questions regarding the issues that impact our state."**

- 2007 Participant

## Alumni in the News

### Congratulations to LEAD VIRGINIA:

#### Class of 2005

**Charlie Agee '05** who eloquently accepted the Bridge Builder 2007 Award presented to Philip Morris USA at the Virginia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Gala in Richmond.

**Hope Johnson '05** has been named to the Virginia Chamber of Commerce Committee on Management Relations, the George Mason University Advisory Board for the College of Education and Human Development and the National Peace Corps Association Advisory Board.

**Julien Patterson '05** and his company, OMNIPLEX World Services Corporation in Chantilly, were honored by **Governor Kaine** with the 2007 Governor's Community Service and Volunteerism Awards for giving back to the community with the philosophy of "Right people, Right values."

**Julien** is the current Chairman of the Virginia Chamber of Commerce and serves on the Board of Directors for LEAD VIRGINIA.

**Barbara Reese '05**, former Chief Financial Officer for the Virginia Department of Transportation, has been named by **Governor Kaine** as Deputy Secretary of Transportation effective July 1.

#### Class of 2006

**Dr. Brian Bates '06**, Longwood University, has been accepted into the Sorensen Institute for Political Leaders 2007 Program and its 2007 Candidate Training Program.

**Dr. John Downey '06**, Blue Ridge Community College, co-authored a chapter in the publication, *New Directions for Community Colleges: Community College Missions in the 21st Century*.

**Dr. Bela Sood '06**, has been honored by VCU as 2006 Woman of the Year; Bela was also recently appointed by **Governor Kaine** to the Virginia Tech Response Task Force.

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**Stanley Taylor '07**, Vice President for Metropolitan Relations, George Mason University and **Dean Lynch '07**, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, Virginia Association of Counties during the Opening Session for the Class of 2007



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### LEAD VIRGINIA's Mission

LEAD VIRGINIA links diverse proven leaders to promote a statewide perspective and improve the quality of life in the Commonwealth.

## Sustaining Leadership for Virginia's Future

LEAD VIRGINIA especially appreciates all of the Contributing Sponsors whose support helps sustain our work of building social capital and creating a statewide perspective among proven leaders across the diverse regions of the Commonwealth. We are particularly pleased to announce the long term commitment of **Philip Morris USA** with a four-year commitment and \$100,000 gift to LEAD VIRGINIA as a Sustaining Sponsor. **Philip Morris USA** has also demonstrated its commitment to the mission of LEAD VIRGINIA through the participation of **Charlie Agee**, Director of Community Affairs, in the Inaugural Class of 2005; **Cheryl Comes '06**, Senior Manager, Community Initiatives; and **Jack Marshall '07**, Manager, Government Affairs.

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