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Dear Marty Dodge,

Many changes have occurred since the last edition of the Leadership Kalamazoo eNewsletter and we are excited to share them with you! Please read below for details regarding changes in the program and information about upcoming Leadership Kalamazoo events.

Leadership Kalamazoo would like to congratulate the [Class of 2009](#) and welcome the [Class of 2010](#)!

LK Class of 2010 Retreat, Help Needed

Thursday, September 17, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

We are in need of one or two LK alumni to assist with activities at the LK Retreat at Brook Lodge in Augusta. Interested individuals need to be available all day on Thursday, September 17 from approximately 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and be able to attend a brief training session on Monday, September 14 at 9:30 a.m. at Brook Lodge.



Contact Ginger Koester at (269) 381-2977, ext. 3244, or via email at gkoester@kazoochamber.com for details.

Spotlight on a Leader

Andrew Vorbrich, Class of 2004, LK Advisory Council Chair



My name is Steven Vorbrich and my dad, Andrew Vorbrich, was recently asked to describe his leadership style and experiences.

My dad started his long life of leading as a youngster in the Boy Scouts. In Boy Scouts, he was the Senior Patrol Leader of his troop and achieved Boy Scouts' highest rank, Eagle Scout.

Through the next nine years or so, he was an officer of his high school and college choirs, and an officer of his fraternity while he was in law school.

As a leader, my dad has a calming and stabilizing effect on the people around him. He is also very supportive and liked. These traits of his help him get the job done with everyone's approval. He strives to be prepared for everything, whether it is a meeting, an event, or a project. He believes that a leader's preparation makes everybody's job easier, makes people feel appreciated, and improves the outcome. Another one of my dad's favorite methods of leading is by delegating, for instance, he got me to write this article for him.

After graduating from Leadership Kalamazoo in 2004, my dad has gone on to be the Chairperson of the Board of Constance Brown Hearing Centers, the Vice President of the Downtown Kalamazoo Kiwanis Club, the Cubmaster of my old Cub Scout Pack (Pack 256), the Vice President of Gryphon Place, and the Chair of the Leadership Kalamazoo Advisory Board.

He has also led some committees at the First United Methodist Church and for the Boy Scouts of Troop 205 and the Southwest Michigan Council.

I am sure that my dad has no intention of stopping his career of leadership. Neither does he plan to stop serving our community. He believes that by serving others in this way, our community will be stronger, more connected, and a happier place to live for everyone.

Thank you for letting me tell you a little bit about my dad. I think he's a pretty nice guy.

Sincerely,
Steven Vorbrich

LK Fall Reception

Wednesday, October 28, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.



Meet the Leadership Kalamazoo Class of 2010 and reconnect with your fellow alumni. The event will be hosted in the offices of Miller Canfield located in downtown Kalamazoo. Official invitations will be sent soon. RSVP via the Chamber's website by clicking [here](#).

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LK Staff Announcements

Ginger Koester, Kalamazoo Regional Chamber of Commerce



The Chamber has hired Ginger Koester as its events and program director to serve as the lead staffer for organizing and executing the Chamber's events, programs, and meetings. One of Ginger's key functions is to provide logistical and administrative support for the Leadership Kalamazoo program. Ginger will be the primary contact for the Leadership Kalamazoo and can be reached at (269) 381-2977, ext. 3244. For further information about Ginger, please click [here](#).

Michael Srodes, Crux Move Consulting

Many of you are familiar with Michael through his facilitation of the Leadership Kalamazoo Retreat. This year, Michael is expanding his participation in the program and is acting as the facilitator for the Retreat and all of the class sessions. Michael brings more than 25 years experience in people and organizational development to the program. To learn more about Michael, please click [here](#).



Donate to Leadership Kalamazoo

Leadership Kalamazoo offers you the opportunity to make an online gift to the Leadership Kalamazoo Scholarship Endowment Fund at the Kalamazoo Community Foundation.

Make a gift online by [clicking here](#) using your Visa or MasterCard. Please be sure to select "Other" from the drop-down list and type "Leadership Kalamazoo Scholarship Endowment Fund" in the appropriate box.

Make a gift by mail by making checks payable to Kalamazoo Community Foundation and mail to:

Leadership Kalamazoo
Kalamazoo Regional Chamber of Commerce
346 W. Michigan Ave.
Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Your gift to an endowment fund may be eligible for a state income tax credit of up to 50 percent. Please consult your tax professional for further information.

Volunteer Opportunities

Class Representatives

Interested in being the communicator for your class? If so, there are several classes that are without representation. If you volunteered to act as a class representative in the past but are no longer interested, please let us know. Click [here](#) to review the current list of class representatives and available vacancies.

Leadership eNews Writer

We are looking for a few volunteers to help write and publish the Leadership eNews. If you have an article that you would like to submit, please contact Ginger.

Grant Writing

If you are an experienced grant writer, or if you just want to expand your skill set, please consider working with the Leadership Kalamazoo program to secure additional funding for future scholarships and program expenses.

If you are interested in any of these opportunities, please contact Ginger Koester at (269) 381-2977, ext. 3244, or email gkoester@kazoochamber.com for more details.

Class Announcements

If you have any announcements that you would like to share with the program and the Leadership Kalamazoo alumni, please contact Ginger Koester at (269) 381-2977, ext. 3244, or email gkoester@kazoochamber.com.

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