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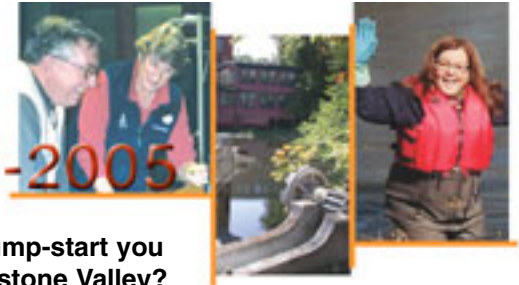
Alumni Connection

Linking the leaders of the Valley with knowledge and education

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LBV 2004-2005



Why wait until 2005 to get the jump-start you will receive in Leadership Blackstone Valley?

Now is your chance. We have created a series of seminars to inspire, motivate and support you in your efforts to improve your organization, community and region. There are only 30 seats in the upcoming class of Leadership Blackstone Valley. So apply today! The deadline for applications is Friday, September 17, 2004. The Class begins October 14th.

Read what alumni have to say about the role LBV has played in their success.

Sue Gustafson

Co-owner of Sign-A-Rama in Sutton

“Not being from the Blackstone Valley, I needed a quick orientation. I found it through the LBV classes. What would have taken me 2 to 3 years of networking was accomplished in eight months through the exposure I got in LBV.”

Diane MacKintosh

Resident of Northbridge

“There have been many times when I have felt it's me against the world. The connection to others has helped me have another prospective. I often think back to a class or something someone might

have said. LBV is a great place to share ideas. Many people have supported me this past year. They will really never know how much that support truly meant and how it helped.”

Christine Nowak

Northern Rhode Island Chamber of Commerce, Resident of Lincoln, RI

“Contacts, connections and consistency. These are these key components of Leadership Blackstone Valley. You meet like-minded persons from throughout the Valley who are committed to improving the area. You learn who are the champions of causes - from environmental policies to tourism promotion to business development. And now you have a network of people and agencies you can call upon to ensure the Valley grows into a cohesive area.”

Join these alumni and others in building and preserving the vision for the Blackstone River Valley. For an application go to the website at www.blackstonevalley.org/leadership/ or call Beckley Alley at (508) 234-9090 x107.

Puttin' On The Ritz

Whitin Community Center
hosts gala fundraiser

On Friday, September 17, 2004, from 7 PM to midnight, the 8th Annual Gala will transport party-goers to a time of "Puttin' on the Ritz". No detail will be spared to create a scene reminiscent of an era when glamour and glitz went hand in hand to create a suave and breathless aura - a time that has become the classic definition of smooth.

According to Phil Brown, President of UniBank, a long-time sponsor of the event, "There is nothing like it in the Blackstone Valley. The food is out-of-this-world with an all you can eat gourmet buffet featuring the finest delicacies, complete with gorgeous ice sculptures, unique flower arrangements, and extravagant details that set this event apart from all others. Sponsors cover 100% of the costs for the evening so all ticket proceeds benefit the Whitin Community Center, a recreational facility that serves the Blackstone Valley with a number of charitable programs."

This year one of the finest dance bands on the East Coast will be on board to entertain.



The band Cover to Cover features two extremely talented female lead vocalists who possess sophistication and

charm as well as incomparable vocal ability. Four seasoned musicians and vocalists will provide backup to this fabulous pair. Cover To Cover wows audiences with a mix of music that includes Big Band, Swing, Motown, R&B, 70's and Rock & Roll as well as the most contemporary dance music.

Tickets are on sale now at the Whitin Community Center (lobby desk) or by mail (call 508-234-8184 ext. 312). No tickets will be sold at the door. Tables may be reserved in your name or your company name with the purchase of 10 tickets. Tickets are \$100 apiece. Charge your tickets (Master Card, Visa, American Express), or pay by check (payable to "Whitin Community Center.") The suggested dress is semi-formal.

Alison Specter
LBV, 2004

Miss Fits

need your
support



The National Heritage Corridor's "Miss Fits" are competing again this year in the Dragon Boat Races that are part of the Taiwan Day Festival in Pawtucket on Saturday, Sept. 11, 2004.

Join LBV Alumni: Barbara Dixon, Sue Barker, Beckley Alley, Phyllis Nathanson, and Irene Blais in this fun event. The only criteria for participation on this team are that you are female.

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LBV Alumni and guests are cordially invited to spend an evening on the Blackstone River aboard the Blackstone Valley Explorer.

Date: August 24, 2004
Time: 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm
Cost: \$5.00 per person

Please meet at the docks in Central Falls. The Explorer will leave promptly at 5:30 and take us on a scenic cruise of the Blackstone.

A cash bar will be set up on board.

Spend time with old friends and enjoy a beautiful evening on the river.

RSVP: Beckley Alley 508-234-9090, or
balley@blackstonevalley.org

Alumni On The Move

Tony Pardee

Tony's company, Adams and Associates, has been awarded two new contracts. They received the Exeter Job Corps Center, Rhode Island and the Gadsden Job Corps Center in Alabama. They are tapping the local center for support. Tony has been going back and forth to Exeter for the last two weeks. He is just waiting to hear if they are going to be sending him to assist with the change in contract at Gadsden.

Irene Blais

Recently she was 1 of 7 people the Volunteer Center of Rhode Island chose to receive its "Outstanding Volunteer" award. Irene was chosen because of her volunteer work for the John H. Chafee Blackstone River National Heritage Corridor where she's volunteered since 1997. The seven recipients will also be honored at the annual "Tribute to Volunteerism" gala that will be held on November 13, 2004, at the Crowne Plaza in Warwick. At this event, one of the honorees will also be named as "Volunteer of the Year."

More on Irene's contributions to the Valley - One of Irene's most significant contributions to the Blackstone Valley is her work developing first-person, costumed interpretive programs. She performs a program about an

early mill worker going to work in the textile mills at Slater Mill Living History Museum and has also perfected and performed the "New Coat for Anna" story hour for first and second graders which is about pre-industrial life in the Blackstone Valley. Irene is a dedicated volunteer at the Museum of Work and Culture where she helps with special events, visitor services and is an actor in a play presented at the Museum that depicts the decision of people who left their farms to work in the mills in the Valley.

Congratulations Irene!

Herb Weiss

Come and experience the arts in Pawtucket, September 10 - 26. Check out the Pawtucket Arts Festival website:

www.pawtucketartsfestival.org.

Hope to see everyone there.

Gerry Noel

On Wednesday, June 30, 2004, the Woonsocket Rotary Club held its Charter Night also known as their installation banquet. During the evening, Gerry's son-in-law, David Soucy, was inducted as the new Club President.

Among the awards was "Rotarian of the Year" which Gerry was surprised with. He reports being "totally humbled by this recognition."

Congratulations Gerry!



It's Not Too Late To Participate In The Greenway Challenge

You don't have to be an LBV Alumni to join the LBV Team for the Greenway Challenge! Contact the team captain - Jim Bates Jr. and sign up: jimbates@lampin.com

The Greenway Challenge organizers and LBV alumni, Sue Barker and Barbara Dixon added another LBV Alum to their organizing team - Greg Maas.



Come out and support their efforts and our vision of the Blackstone Valley. Call today to talk with Barbara (401) 762-0250 and attend the Volunteer Meeting on Wednesday, September 1st at 6:00 pm at the River Bend Farm in Uxbridge. (Did I say meeting - I should have said pre-challenge party. These folks know how to have a good time.)

