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President's Message

Greetings LFA members! I hope you all had a fantastic summer and had a chance to enjoy the beautiful warm temperatures we had. Fall is always a busy time, gearing up for busy months ahead. With the change in seasons also comes the change in schedules – which brings me to some information that I would like to share with all of you.

Our LFA Executive would like to thank Gloria Richardson, Vice President, for all of her hard work and dedication to the Association. We wish Gloria well as she departs the LFA to pursue an exciting new chapter in her life as a student in the Education program at Lakehead University. Gloria's work ethics and organizational skills are sure to make her an A student! Thank you for all of your support and hard work Gloria.

We are very excited to introduce you to our new LFA Vice President, Lori Western. Lori comes to us as a new member of the LFA, but she is certainly up for the task of VP. With lots of great experience – as you will see in her bio, which is included in this edition of the newsletter – we are confident that she will do a fantastic job and will be a real asset to our Executive, and Association as a whole. Please join us in welcoming Lori when you see her at our meetings. Welcome aboard Lori, and we look forward to working with you!

Many of our LFA members value continued education and lifelong learning. I have also made the decision to continue on with my own education, and am returning to school to pursue a degree in Social Work. This condensed schedule will mean that our new VP Lori will be taking a leadership role and stepping in for me in my absence at times.

There are many exciting months ahead for us, be it special events, great guest speakers, or the Leadership Conference for Not-For-Profits coming up in November – stay tuned for further details.



Best Regards,
Laura Meisner

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Upcoming General Meeting

Next Lakehead Fundraising Association

General Meeting

September 23, 2010

12:00 to 1:30

Guest Speaker:

Ben Lucyk □ Social Networking - The next steps

RSVP to Laura Meisner: lmeisner@childrenscentre.ca

LFA Member Spotlight

What is the Member Spotlight?

Lakehead Fundraising Association member organizations will have the opportunity to see themselves profiled in future newsletters. Featured organizations will be drawn randomly from organization representatives present at LFA General Meetings (one per newsletter edition).



Featured Organization:

Lakehead

UNIVERSITY

Lakehead University is a comprehensive university with a reputation for innovative programs and cutting-edge

research. With a main campus located in Thunder Bay, Ontario and a campus in Orillia, Ontario, Lakehead has over 7,700 students and 2,250 faculty and staff, and is home to the west campus of the Northern Ontario School of Medicine. In 2006, Research Infosource Inc. named Lakehead University Canada's Research University of the Year in the undergraduate category.

Accomplishments attributed to Lakehead are as varied as they are numerous. Award winning student projects and groundbreaking research are just a few of the many activities that set Lakehead University apart from its contemporaries. Engineering students have consistently impressed judges in the internationally recognized "Steel Bridge" and "SAE Formula One Race Car" competitions and Lakehead's Paleo DNA Lab is only one of 2 in North America and 5 in the world.

The Office of University Advancement works diligently with alumni & other supporters whose reasons for giving are bound together by their mutual respect for higher education and the Lakehead brand. Aside from annual and monthly donations, the Office of University Advancement also facilitates:

In-kind donations of art, property and other valuables

Bequests

Donations for named scholarship & bursaries

Gifts of equities, securities and life insurance policies

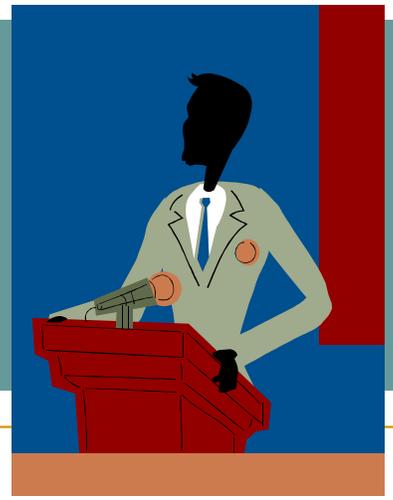
Planned giving

For more information on how to support Lakehead University and our students, please contact Meghan Hanbury at (807)343-8910 or via email: mhanbury@lakeheadu.ca.



Guest Speaker Bio

Ben Lucyk



Ben Lucyk has difficulty writing his own bio. :) He considers himself an Innerpreneur, which is an entrepreneur using business for creative, spiritual & emotional fulfillment and to effect social change. He is interested in everything from software start ups to the emerging "Cultural Creatives" paradigm.

As past Founder and CEO of an RIA software development company located in San Jose, San Francisco and Cambridge he guided the development of Enterprise Scale Rich Internet Applications (ESRIA) for high-profile media consumer sites including Adobe, Boeing, BT, CBS, CNET, Disney, Fidelity, Gomez, Hyundai, Intuit, Kodak, NFL, Ribbit, SearchMe, Viximo and other stealthy Web2.0 firms.

During his time as CEO, Ben also started public speaking at Adobe Flex developer conferences offering technology training.

His supporting experience in the Computer Software and Information Technology industries includes various RIA consulting contracts (utilizing Adobe Flex and other AJAX technologies) and IT Systems Analysis for the Agricultural/Chemicals and Oil & Gas industries.

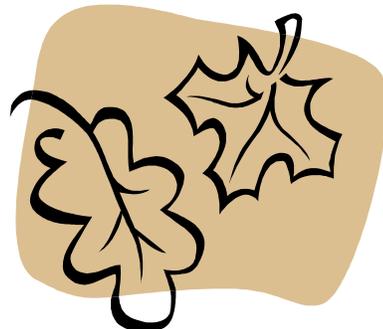
Before receiving his training in mobile, eCommerce, software programming, system analysis, web design at the Advanced Technical Training Academy in Calgary, Alberta, he completed his Electrical Engineering diploma at Lakehead University in Thunder Bay, Ontario.

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Meet the LFA's New Vice President

Lori Western



Greetings fellow Association members. My name is Lori Western and I have recently joined the Executive of the Lakehead Fundraising Association replacing Gloria Richardson as your Vice President.

I am employed with The Children's Aid Society of the District of Thunder Bay in the capacity of Executive Assistant. I truly believe in giving back to our wonderful community. I am an alumni of Leadership Thunder Bay, Class of 2007-2008 and currently volunteer on a number of Boards. I currently hold the positions of Corresponding Secretary, Leadership Thunder Bay; Board President, Thunder Bay and Area Victim Services; Treasurer, John Howard Society of Thunder Bay & District; and Director, John Howard Society of Ontario.

In my free time, I enjoy cooking, entertaining, great wine, working out, and any activity that gets me out in the fresh air. I have one daughter, Kara, who is attending her first year at Lakehead University in the concurrent education program.

I look forward to my work on the Executive and being involved with the Lakehead Fundraising Association.

SAVE THE DATE!

The City of Thunder Bay and the Lakehead Fundraising Association would like to present

Leading Edge

A conference for not-for-profit Leaders

November 24th

&

November 25th

(More details to follow)



A great opportunity for anyone involved in fundraising.

Fundraising Blog

Highlight

Check Out!

Future Fundraising Now

<http://www.futurefundraisingnow.com/>

A great Blog about how as fundraisers our main focus should be on donors. This blog highlights how to understand donors to become more effective at our jobs.



Fundraising Guidance and Receipting Workshops!

October 4th, 2010—Travelodge Hotel Airline

Understanding CRA's Fundraising Guidance and More

(9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.) - \$25

The Dos and Don'ts of Charitable Receipting

(1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.) - \$25

How to register: Go to the online address below to see the brochure and registration form

<http://www.capacitybuilders.ca/clip/documents/FundraisingandReceiptingBrochureThunderBayOctober4.pdf>



As autumn is a very busy time for new fundraising initiatives, make sure you take a moment or two to enjoy the season and watch the leaves change colour.



Join The LFA Executive

Whether your new to fundraising or a well seasoned fundraiser that has a lot of great experience to share the Executive could be right for you.

With the Annual General Meeting in November we are looking for anyone that would be interested in joining

It's a great opportunity and learning experience for anyone working in the field of fundraising

If your interested or have any questions, please contact any LFA Executive member, or LFA President

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