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Leadership Cayman Exceeds Expectations at the Start

The Reef Resort in East end was all a buzz last weekend with the Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Cayman (LC) Opening Retreat which took place over two days on January 20th and 21st. This extraordinary programme is in its third year and has once again attracted an exceptional group of men and women from a variety of industries and backgrounds.

The Opening Retreat is designed to introduce participants to the philosophy behind the programme which has been developed to enhance leadership skills and allow graduates to assume more effective roles in meeting community needs. It is designed to be a dynamic, intensive, and interactive six-month experience that will leave participants with a deeper understanding of social, economic, business and political issues as well as assist them in realizing their own potential and leadership skills.

The 25 LC members were welcomed by Leadership Cayman chair for 2012, Mr. Simon Garnett. The retreat consisted of a series of presentations, problem solving and team building exercises, and included the provision of customized reports on each member's leadership style. Visiting facilitator for the two day retreat was Dr. Peter K. Hammerschmidt, President of Leadership Consulting Services, Inc. who has been advising executives in leadership, innovative problem-solving, and teamwork for three decades. His practice areas include leadership development and high performance teaming. He makes frequent presentations on economics, leadership, and decision-making to business and civic groups. He conducts training in a range of leadership disciplines including the Franklin Covey "Seven Habits of Highly Effective People," "Principle-Centered Leadership," and "First Things First."

Peter is also a Professor of Economics at Eckerd College and a Senior Trainer and Research Associate on the faculty of the College's Leadership Development Institute: an affiliate of The Center for Creative Leadership. He was formerly the Director-in-Residence of the Eckerd College London Study Centre and a professor at Lewis & Clark College.



"This year's leadership class exhibited a high level of commitment. It was quite clear to me, as I observed them interact that they will apply their diverse talents, styles, and perspectives to collaboratively create a better Cayman Islands community. The Chamber and the Planning Committee is to be commended for their work in creating and supporting this ongoing programme. Well done! All the best to you and the Leadership Cayman Class of 2012." said **Dr. Peter K. Hammerschmidt**

Simon Garnett, Leadership Cayman Chair had this to say *"The Opening Retreat at The Reef resort exceeded my expectations once again. Dr Hammerschmidt is a fantastic facilitator – his job made easier by having a great class to work with. I am excited and thrilled to be working with such an interesting and diverse class on their 6 month 'Leadership Cayman' journey"*.

Teritia Peart of the 2012 LC class commented, *"I thoroughly enjoyed the Opening Retreat. It exceeded all my expectations and I certainly am looking forward to all future seminars within the programme"*.

Richard Scrivens of the 2012 LC class added *"The opening retreat exceeded my expectations in a number of areas. I thought Dr. Hammerschmidt was motivational and introduced me to a few ideas that I had not come across before in my career. I hope to be able to build these into my daily work life. The sessions were designed to get everyone in the class working together and it was a great opportunity to interact with new people."*

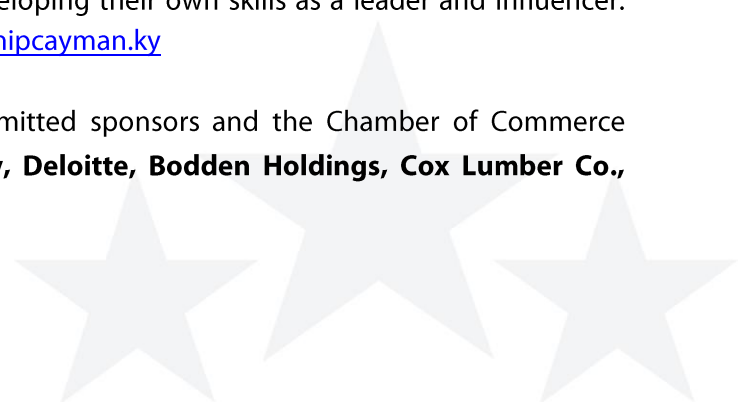
About Leadership Cayman

The LC programme typically involves two evening seminars a month (every other Wednesday) and class members must attend nine out of the eleven seminars in order to graduate. Seminar topics include Media in our Community, Criminal Justice, Education & Workforce Development, Sister Islands Perspective, Small Business & Entrepreneurship, Cayman Islands Government, Human Services & Health Care, Financial Services, Stay over & Cruise Tourism, Infrastructure & The Environment, and Arts, Culture & the Performing Arts.

Seminars will include expert guest speakers from the Cayman Islands. The first seminar will be on February 1st and will focus on Media in our Community. It will look at the power of the media and their various methods of operation. It will also look at the influence they have on our business and personal lives and how strategizing cooperation could enhance the socio-economic well-being of the community.

Upon graduation, participants will be invited to join the Leadership Cayman Alumni Association which will allow them to network with other alumni from the Cayman Islands and also other Leadership programmes from North America. This is an excellent opportunity for anyone interested in playing a more active role in our community as well as developing their own skills as a leader and influencer. More information can be obtained at www.leadershipcayman.ky

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The Chamber is actively seeking sponsorships for the seminars in 2012 and persons or organizations interested in becoming a sponsor for the Leadership Cayman programme are encouraged to contact tiffany.ebanks@caymanchamber.ky. END

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- 1) Leadership Cayman group at their Opening Retreat

