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### 2014 Leadership Cayman Opening Retreat – A Satisfying Experience

Leadership Cayman (LC) is in its fifth year and the newest class members successfully covered the requirements of the Opening Retreat at The Reef Resort in East End on January 17 and 18. The Opening Retreat is designed to introduce participants to the philosophy behind the programme. This has been developed to enhance leadership skills and allow graduates to assume more effective roles in meeting community needs. With a cadre of 21 class members, the group was warmly welcomed by Steve McIntosh, Leadership Cayman Chair for 2014. Mr. McIntosh was very satisfied with the interactions and engaging conversations which took place within the retreat setting.

*"The Opening Retreat lays the foundations for the entire Leadership Cayman program. It is designed to be a fun and enlightening bonding experience. I think everyone involved had an absolute blast. It was a great start to the LC calendar and everyone is looking forward to the first Seminar in a few weeks' time"* commented **Steve McIntosh, 2014 Leadership Cayman Chair.**

Visiting facilitator for the two-day retreat was **Dr. Peter K. Hammerschmidt, President of Leadership Consulting Services, Inc.** Dr. Hammerschmidt has been advising executives in leadership, innovative problem-solving, and teamwork for three decades. 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.

Dr. Hammerschmidt remarked *"Leadership Cayman Islands is to once again be commended for assembling a diverse class of motivated and talented individuals who have now gelled into a high performing team prepared to learn about and serve The Cayman Islands. It was my very real pleasure to guide these wonderful people through their Opening Retreat in preparation for the year ahead."*

The retreat consisted of a series of presentations, problem solving and team building activities, and included the provision of customized reports on each member's leadership style. Participants were all engaged and expressed a high level of satisfaction with the retreat content.



Finely Josephs, 2014 LC Class member, commented “*The Leadership Cayman opening Retreat was an awesome experience. I loved how much I was able to learn about myself and my classmates. It was very refreshing to be in a room with like-minded individuals.*”

The programme could not survive without committed sponsors and the Chamber of Commerce and the LC Planning Committee acknowledges major sponsors this year: **Dart Enterprises Ltd.** and **Cox Lumber**. Seminar sponsors confirmed to date are **Deloitte**, **Tower Marketing**, and **KPMG**. The Chamber is actively seeking sponsorships for the seminars in 2014 and persons or organizations interested in becoming a sponsor for the Leadership Cayman programme are encouraged to contact [tiffany.ebanks@caymanchamber.ky](mailto:tiffany.ebanks@caymanchamber.ky) or visit [www.leadershipcayman.ky](http://www.leadershipcayman.ky) for further details.