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Leadership Cayman hosts Orientation Dinner - 2011 participants announced

Leadership Cayman (LC) welcomed 18 participants for its 2011 programme with an Orientation Dinner held at Grand Old House on Wednesday (December 1). Candidates were selected based on their existing roles in the community, business and professional involvement, skills and assets, along with their passion for knowledge.

The successful candidates for 2011 are: **Ms. Christina McTaggart**, Associate, Campbells Attorneys-At-Law, **Mr. Martin Ruben**, Audit Manager, C.I. Government, Office of the Auditor General, **Ms. Sheena Thompson**, Regional Head Caribbean, Operational Risk Royal Bank of Canada Trust Company (Cayman) Limited, **Mr. Michael Keesee**, General Sales Manager, WestStar TV - Cayman 27, **Ms. Elaine Whitefield**, Executive Assistant to Directors of Bank, Butterfield Bank (Cayman) Limited, **Mr. Steve McIntosh**, CEO, CML Offshore Recruitment, **Ms. Aubrey Bodden**, Freedom of Information, Policy Analyst, C.I. Government, Cabinet Office, Freedom of Information Unit, **Mrs. Jane van der Bol**, Sales and Marketing, Autohaus Ltd., **Ms. Ruth Myles**, Public Relations Officer, Cayman Islands Monetary Authority, **Ms. Lillian Curbelo-Bush**, Administrative & Finance Manager, C.I. Government, Judicial Department, **Ms. Michele Miller**, Financial Controller, Phoenix Ltd., **Mr. David Kirkaldy**, President, Massive Equipment Rental and Sales Ltd., **Mr. Collin Anglin**, Acting Director of Sports, C. I. Government, Department of Sports, **Mr. Neil Rooney**, Managing Partner, Exeter Property Development, **Mr. Dayne Brady**, General Manager, Home Gas Ltd., **Mr. Mark Edmunds**, Senior Trust Manager, Rawlinson & Hunter Ltd., **Mr. Christian van der Bol**, Owner/General Manager, Autohaus Ltd., and **Mr. David Chestnut**, Entrepreneur.

The Chamber's LC programme was developed in answer to a need to ensure men and women of all types of backgrounds could access the information and experience to help them develop as leaders within our community. The 6-month intensive programme is designed to allow participants a deeper understanding of social, economic, business and political issues affecting us all, whilst they develop their own personal leadership styles and nourish their community spirit.



Class members interact with diverse, high-level community leaders and decision makers by organising and attending a series of seminars and retreats in areas ranging from business, government, education, media, social services, criminal justice, diversity, the arts and more. A trip to the Sister Islands also introduces the group to some of the unique issues facing Cayman Brac and Little Cayman as our smaller and less developed communities.

The Orientation Dinner was attended by members of the 2011 LC Planning Committee, made up from LC alumni and the new 2011 programme participants. Sandy Cram, Chairperson of the LC Planning Committee acted as MC for the evening and welcomed everyone to the dinner. She gave her thoughts and some background on the programme, sharing her own experiences with the group. Then each new participant introduced themselves and shared something about their own backgrounds and why they had applied. Throughout the evening participants were introduced formally to LC and were provided with an overview regarding seminars and dates, guidelines, procedures, the Class Project, and the expectations of the role they'll play over the next 6-months.

The next time the group will meet will be for the Opening Retreat on January 14 & 15 at The Reef Resort. Dr. Peter K Hammerschmidt of Eckerd College will be the guest facilitator. Peter is a Professor of Economics at Eckerd College and a Senior Trainer and Research Associate on the faculty of the College's Leadership Development Institute. He was formerly the Director-in-Residence of the Eckerd College London Study Centre and a professor at Lewis & Clark College. He brings with him nearly 30 years experience advising executives on leadership, innovative problem-solving, teamwork, and economic issues. His practice areas include leadership development, training, and team building. He makes frequent presentations on leadership, decision-making, economics, and banking to business, civic, and student groups. He also conducts a wide range of leadership-related training on contemporary topics critical to organisational success. The group will then begin their 6-month journey meeting typically every other Wednesday of the month from 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. Each graduating class will be invited to join the LC Alumni Association and use it to network both here in the Cayman Islands and also with similar overseas programmes.

The programme could not survive without committed sponsors. We would therefore like to acknowledge SteppingStones and CML Offshore Recruitment for pledging their support for 2011. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor for the Leadership Cayman programme please contact leadershipcayman@caymanchamber.ky

