



Wedgworth Leadership Institute

Alumni Association Newsletter

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Final Message from David & Nancy McDonald (Class VI & Class III) as WLI Alumni Co-Presidents



Our alumni meeting, scheduled for August 13-15, 2010 at the Ritz Carlton, Grande Lakes in Orlando, is fast approaching and is shaping up to be another great event. Reservations can be made online at: <https://www.ritzcarlton.com/en/Properties/Orlando/Reservations/Default.htm?ci=8%3A13%3A2010&co=8%3A15%3A2010&nr=1&ng=1&cc=&gc=wedweda>. We will be square dancing again Friday night under the very capable tutoring of Bill "WT" Chesnut so put on your boots and bring the whole family out. We would like to extend our thanks and appreciation to those that step up every year with sponsorship and silent auction donations that help us defray the costs of putting this program together and keep the costs down. It is especially heartening during this tough economic time that the program means enough to warrant your continued financial support. Lyn Cacella is handling the silent auction this year and it sounds like it is going to be fantastic!

Nomination forms for Class VIII have been sent out and online nominations can be made at <http://wlianr.ifas.ufl.edu/nominate.html>. Get those nominations in and let's make Class VIII the best class yet (because we all know the next class is really the best class). All nominations must be in by July 16, 2010. And remember, the alumni member with the most nominations will get their room paid for at this year's alumni meeting!

It is hard to believe that we are approaching the midpoint of 2010 already as well as the end of our two year term as Co-Presidents of the Alumni Association. As it did during Class III and Class VI, time has truly flown by. Considering all the committees, associations and organizations we have had the pleasure to work with and represent the Wedgworth Leadership Alumni is without a doubt been the most rewarding and impactful to our lives. The networks and friendships we have developed are so powerful, and become so relevant to us. It has been a pleasure and an honor to be able to serve the alumni in this capacity and we thank you all for your support and help over the past two years.

This year's Alumni meeting is especially rewarding for us because "WE ARE ALL ALUMNI" with no class in session, WE ARE THE PROGRAM. We will be building bonds to help keep this coalition strong for years to come.

The McDonald's want to wish Jeff Lee all the best as incoming President. We know the Alumni are in very capable hands. Jeff, don't have too much fun. (Ain't no such thing)!

Thanks again and hopefully we will be seeing you at the Ritz!!

David & Nancy McDonald

**WEDGWORTH ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
2010 ANNUAL CONFERENCE
AUGUST 13th – 15th**

**Ritz-Carlton Grande Lakes
Orlando, Florida**

Plans are firming up for our 2010 Wedgworth Alumni Association Annual Conference. Please schedule your calendars now for the **August 13th-15th** Wedgworth Alumni Association Annual Conference to be held at the beautiful Ritz-Carlton Grande lakes in Orlando, Florida.

Discover for yourself how the true spirit and texture of the land have given birth to a world of endless inspiration. Discover the timeless charm of Florida as it was meant to be: 107,000 square feet of outdoor space with breathtaking panoramic views, more than 500 acres of tropical gardens, lakes and pristine wetlands, 15 minutes from Orlando International Airport and within minutes of the Orange County Convention Center and Orlando's world-famous attractions and theme parks.

The Ritz-Carlton Spa, Orlando, Grande Lakes featuring 40 treatment rooms, a 4,000-square-foot lap pool and a 6,000 square foot fitness center. Restaurants and dining await you where the cuisine is as diverse and vast as the property itself.

The Ritz-Carlton Golf Club, Orlando, Grande Lakes featuring an 18-hole par-72 Greg Norman Signature Golf Course, and a unique Golf Caddie Concierge program Grande Lakes Orlando offers you access to central Florida's most sought-after destination.

Two of the greatest names in hospitality, The Ritz-Carlton and JW Marriott, accommodate each moment with grace and comfort.

For more information please go to the Ritz-Carlton website: http://www.grandelakes.com/?cid=sd-google_ritz%2520brand_orlando&key=ritz+carlton+orlando

To reserve your room on-line, go to:

<https://www.ritzcarlton.com/en/Properties/Orlando/Reservations/Default.htm?ci=8%3A13%3A2010&co=8%3A15%3A2010&nr=1&ng=1&cc=&gc=wedweda>

RATES

	Friday	Saturday
	08/13/2010	08/14/2010
Rate	\$129.00	\$129.00

CUT-OFF DATE

The "cut-off date" for accepting reservations into this guest room block is July 16! Reservation requests received after **5:00 p.m.** local time at the Resort on the cut-off date will be accepted at Resort's prevailing rate, based on availability

We are looking forward to seeing each of you August 13th and 14th, 2010 at the Ritz-Carlton Grande lakes in Orlando, Florida! If you have any questions, please contact WLI Alumni Association President David McDonald at DMcdonald@farmcreditfl.com or 352-267-9658.

Calling All Sponsors

We rely on sponsors each year to put together outstanding programs at our alumni meetings. If you, your company or one of your suppliers would be interested in a sponsorship this year it would greatly appreciated. All of the sponsors' names will be displayed on the Sponsor Board at all events and acknowledged during the Annual Banquet. In addition, all of our sponsors will be recognized in the Annual Meeting literature, WLI website and the Alumni Association newsletter.

Sponsorships are available at the following levels:

Platinum	\$2,000
Gold	\$1,500
Silver	\$1,000
Bronze	\$500
Contributor	\$250

Please contact WLI Annual Alumni Meeting Sponsorship Chair Richard Schwab at Richard@marigoniinc.com. Richard's mailing address is: Richard Schwab c/o WLI Alumni Association 2365 North US 19 Perry, FL 32347

Annual WLI Alumni Meeting Highlights

Intelligence Leader Jim Olsen to address Alumni

Former counterintelligence chief Jim Olsen has agreed to be the keynote speaker at this year's Alumni meeting. Mr Olsen offers ag leaders a unique perspective on leadership, international espionage and other subjects that dot today's international headlines.

Born in LeMars, Iowa, Olsen earned a B.A. (mathematics and economics), University of Iowa, and a J.D. (international law), University of Iowa. He is a member of Iowa Bar and has attained the rank of Lieutenant Commander in the U.S. Navy Reserve.

He is also a career officer in the Directorate of Operations of the Central Intelligence Agency, serving mostly overseas in clandestine operations. He served as Chief of Counterintelligence at CIA Headquarters in Langley, Virginia and had overseas assignments in the U.S.S.R., Austria, and Mexico. He speaks several foreign languages including: French, German, Russian, and Spanish.

Mr. Olsen is a recipient of the Intelligence Medal of Merit, the Distinguished Career Intelligence Medal, the Counterintelligence Excellence Medal, the Donovan Award, and several distinguished achievement awards. He was awarded the Silver Star Award at the Bush School for excellence in teaching.

Olsen has extensive experience in international affairs, economics, trade negotiations, intelligence support to the military and the law enforcement community, counterintelligence, counter terrorism, counter narcotics, and technical collection systems and has been senior intelligence advisor to several U.S. ambassadors; extensive liaison with the State Department, Treasury Department, FBI, Pentagon, NSC, NSA, DEA, INS, and U.S. Congress.

Senior faculty member at the Joint Military Intelligence College, Washington, D.C, 1997, he taught courses on

counterintelligence and military intelligence.

The CIA assigned him to the George Bush School of Government and Public Service in College Station, Texas, as an officer-in-residence in December 1997. While there he taught courses on Cold War Intelligence, U.S. National Security, and International Crisis Management and was a frequent guest lecturer at other courses, conferences, and symposia. He was appointed a permanent faculty member of the Bush School in August 2000.

A prolific writer he is author of books including: "The Ten Commandments of Counterintelligence," *Studies in Intelligence* (Unclassified Edition), Fall-Winter 2001. "Fair Play: The Moral Dilemmas of Spying" (Potomac Books, September 2006).

His outside interests include: church, tennis, bicycling, baseball (avid fan), foreign languages, history and literature.

Educational Session on "Moving Forward and Making Progress in a Heated Environment"

The Center for Public Issues Education in Agriculture and Natural Resources will be presenting a workshop that will provide tools for communicating effectively when you are faced with contentious situations.

Dancing with the WLI Stars – Square Dancing Style!



Polish your boots and get ready to do-si-do on Friday night with Bill Chesnut. Bring your families to what has become a highlight of the weekend and a first for the Ritz Carlton Grande Lakes.

WLI Alumni Association Silent Auction

We will be having a silent auction in the hospitality suite again this year during the weekend. We are asking everyone to donate at least one item. It can be something they make, a commodity they grow or something special they pick out. It really livens up the weekend and it helps us to raise funds to support our association. For more information please contact Lyn Cacella at LCacella@farmcreditsfl.com or call 1-800-432-4156.

Nominations for the Eugene Trotter Leadership Award

The Wedgworth Leadership Institute Alumni Association is proud to sponsor the Eugene Trotter Leadership Award, an award for leaders in Florida's agriculture and natural resources industry. Created as a tribute to Dr. Eugene Trotter, founding director of the Wedgworth Leadership Institute for Agriculture and Natural Resources (WLIANR), the Eugene Trotter Leadership Award is intended to:

1. Honor leaders in the agriculture industry who have exemplified personal values, performance, and achievement in Florida;
2. Recognize high standards of conduct, leadership, innovation, and accomplishment for agriculture;
3. Publicize and build more awareness for excellence in agriculture, while establishing role model's for young people entering the industry; and
4. Promote more individual leadership, innovation, and desire to excel in the agricultural field.

Any individual who has been involved with the agriculture and natural resources industry for a minimum of 10 years is eligible for this award. Nominees should have made significant contributions to Florida's agricultural and natural resources industry, beyond the local level and beyond the nominee's paid profession. Candidates will be evaluated in three areas: contributions to agriculture, civic contributions to the state, and statewide or national recognition.

The award winner will be recognized with a plaque during the awards banquet at annual meeting.

If you would like to nominate someone for this award,

please email a brief description of the individual's contributions to Hannah Carter at hscarter@ufl.edu or call her at 352-392-1038. The deadline for nominations is July 9, 2010.

International Leadership Alumni Conference Dates Set

The International Leadership Alumni Conference will be hosting its annual meeting September 28-October 1st. To date, I don't think any WLI alums have attended. It's open to all alumni from agricultural leadership programs. It's being held in Fort Worth, TX and being hosted but the Texas Ag Leadership Program. Details can be found at <http://www.ilac10.com>.

Class VIII Nominations

Class VIII – The nomination packets have been sent out and the nomination form is also available at <http://wliandr.ifas.ufl.edu/nominate.html>. Nominations will be accepted until July 16th. Nominate early and nominate often! The Alum with the greatest number of nominations will get their room paid for at this year's alumni meeting.

New Program Coordinator/Graduate Assistant for WLI – Meet Avery Culbertson!



Bienvenidos- I hope this newsletter finds you well. I am very excited to have the opportunity to introduce myself and address you in it! I will be moving to the Sunshine State come August from the "dry heat" state.

After working for the New Mexico Ag Leadership Program, I have decided to further my education at UF. As directors, we always encourage class members to submit themselves to constant improvement. Not one to avoid taking a dose of my own medicine, I'm sure I am getting ready for quite a transition! But I am looking forward to being a Florida Gator, working with the new Wedgworth Class and working with all of you during my tenure in Florida.

Coming from New Mexico I have a strong background in Agriculture. I was raised on a family beef cattle ranch, was heavily involved in FFA, and have worked for the state department of agriculture and the NMSU College of Agriculture, Consumer and Environmental Sciences the past 9 years. My background gave me a desire to not only work in agriculture, but also play a role in seeing the industry thrive. Working for the Wedgworth program, I hope to contribute to the success of agriculture through encouraging and facilitating strong leadership and policy development. Though I loved working in New Mexico, I could not pass up the opportunity to work in Florida for Florida Agriculture and to further my education. When we started the New Mexico Ag Leadership program, I sought the help of mentors and state directors, including Gene Trotter. I had so much respect for that man and it feels good to come full circle and serve the program he established.

I look forward to working with you, Class VIII, as well as Janice and Hannah. If I can do anything for you, please do not hesitate to call on me! I will see you in Orlando.

Avery Culbertson

Alumni In The News

FIND THE WLI GRADUATE



One of our WLI program alumni graces the latest cover of Florida Trend. Who is it?

Toby Basore (Class V) Ties the Knot!



Congratulations to Toby Basore and Tamara Gerber on their recent marriage. Toby and Tamara were married in West Palm Beach, Fl. Friday, May 28th!

Stephen and Krista Basore (Class VI & Class V) welcome a new addition!



Juliet Elizabeth Basore arrived on June 16, 2010. She weighed in at 5 lbs, 2 oz. Krista and Juliet are doing well and we look forward to meeting Juliet at future WLI events!

Ed Pines (Class IV) To Compete in a Triathlon for Charity

Ed Pines (Class IV) is training and competing in the FORD IRONMAN LOUISVILLE, on August 29th, 2010. Ed is taking on a huge personal challenge by the enduring 2.4 Mile Swim, 112 Mile Bike and 26.2 Mile Run. Along with his personal challenge he will be raising money for "Our Children's Academy and Rehab Center" in Lake Wales.

"Our Children's Academy" is a non-profit special needs school and rehabilitation center in Polk County, Florida serving students with a variety of developmental disabilities. OCA is a place where children with special needs and their family members are supported. OCA's unique model combines an individualized educational program with a medical program that meets both the educational and therapeutic needs of the child. Please support Ed and his cause by making a donation. Remember the money will go directly to the school and it will make a huge and direct impact for the children. You can follow the link below to make a donation on line at

the Janus Charity Challenge website. Ed has a personal page to earmark these donations for the school.

<https://www.kintera.org/faf/donorreg/donorpledge.asp?ievent=327166&supID=291798061>

If you are not comfortable paying on line, you can make a check payable to "Our Children's Rehab Center Inc." and mail it Steven Callahan, 303 Hamilton Shores Drive NE, Winter Haven, Florida 33881.

on sustainable agriculture practices and biorational pesticides. Adair is chairman of the Indian River Agricultural Advisory Committee and Soil and Water Conservation District board.

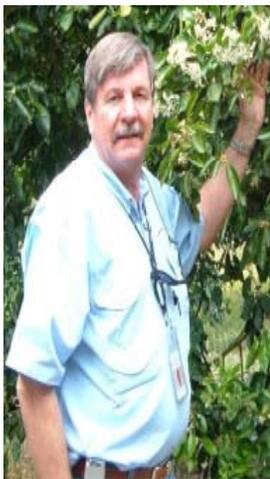
(From the TCPALM.COM June 17, 2010)

Billy Butterfield (Class VI) Receives Award



At the 2010 FNGLA Convention, Billy Butterfield was named the 2010 Outstanding Division Member - Congratulations Billy!

Bob Adair (Class II) Receives State Citrus Award



Robert C. Adair Jr., executive director of the Florida Research center for Agricultural Sustainability in Vero Beach, received the 2010 Florida State Horticultural Society's Best Paper Award for Citrus.

His paper, "Demonstration of a Sustainable Approach to Citriculture within a National Wildlife Refuge in the Indian River Area," also was selected for the President's Industry Award at the society's annual meeting.

The Florida Research Center conducts research