



Michigan Political Leadership Program Alumni Herald

News from the MPLP Association of Fellows

Summer 2003

Dee Dee Myers and Karen Hughes Prove to Be Hits

On February 20th in Livonia the MPLP held its 8th Annual Fundraising Dinner attracting nearly 700 people including a who's who of Michigan politics. The Inaugural West Michigan Breakfast was kicked off in Grand Rapids the following morning, February 21st, at the Frederik Meijer Gardens before a capacity crowd of 300. Former White House Insiders, **Karen Hughes**, special advisor to President George W. Bush, and **Dee Dee Myers**, former White House press secretary to President Bill Clinton, were the headliners.



The discussion between the speakers was thought-provoking and very entertaining. Some of their humor included a comment from Dee Dee about her former boss and how the media would have handled it if he would have had the infamous mysterious gash that appeared above President Bush's eye. "Can you imagine if he'd emerged from a room all alone with his dog, watching a football game, with a gash above his eye, and said "I got this eating a pretzel. Ask my dog! No way would he have gotten away with that. He would have gotten impeached all over again." Hughes responded: "In the Clinton White House, they had sex. In ours, we have pretzels. That sums up the difference." She added, "Mrs. Bush says "in our White House, we practice safe snacks."

Serious issues were also debated such as tax plans, war with Iraq, the economy, and 2004 Democratic presidential hopefuls to name a few.

TAX POLICY

Myers: "Bush's tax plan is dead on arrival. It is one of a series of things that remind people that the biggest question they have of this president is does he care about issues important to me."



WAR WITH IRAQ

Myers: "Clinton would have brought the international community together. Clinton and Bush have a difference in style, a different view of America in the world. Clinton believes the international community is like an extended family. And they absolutely loved him."

2004 PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

Myers: "U.S. Senator John Kerry will be the Democrats' nominee in the 2004 election, and if Bush wins, U.S. Senator Hillary Clinton will run for President in 2008."

More fundraiser highlights inside.....

TAX POLICY

Hughes: "Working-class folks want a program designed to grow and create jobs."

WAR WITH IRAQ

Hughes: "I think the previous administration wished this problem (Saddam Hussein) would go away for eight years and it didn't. This is a problem that has to be confronted. The best way to address it is for the world to be united and strong."



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Fundraising Events: The Facts and Figures

by Pan Godchaux (Fall '93)

We are not sure whose brilliance it was but MPLP anticipated the economic downturn better than either the folks in Lansing or Washington. Adding the Grand Rapids Breakfast this year helped our 2003 MPLP political fundraising gross almost 10% over the single event in 2002. Without the GR edition, we would have been down 8% from last year. Remember a second event adds more overhead and thus we believe the GR event may hold us even. Thanks goes to the folks in GR for helping pick up the slack generated by the economy.

Now as to how we did as Fellows in supporting this MPLP event, once again GR added value. Over all as Fellows, we again were responsible for generating about 10% of the proceeds from the two fundraisers. But it is time as Fellows we found a way to increase this percentage, which was almost the same as last year. The board of the Fellows Association would like your input. Please fill out the data update sheet you will be receiving and if you have any ideas please pass them on!

For those of you that like dollar figures instead of percentages, the gross total for both events was \$215,000 up from \$209,000 last year. As Fellows we were responsible with our own ticket and sponsorships for \$20,350 for both events. Start selling your tickets for next year's events, today.

Thanks to all those that supported both events and especially to the crowd in GR that have helped MPLP add a wonderful new event. Welcome aboard.



Governor Jennifer Granholm joined the festivities at the Laurel Manor. Pictured with Co-directors Jim Agee and Anne Mervenne, guest speakers Karen Hughes and Dee Dee Myers, and MPLP Advisory Board Chair Pat Laughlin

Congratulations MPLP 2002 Class

Nancy Banks, Southfield - Southfield City Clerk.

William Barnett, Cadillac - Attorney in private practice and Wexford County Commissioner.

Zena Biocca, East Lansing - Grant and Development Coordinator, Department of Telecommunication at Michigan State University.

Kevin Bowman, Jackson - Mapping Supervisor for Consumers Energy and Supervisor of Blackman Township.

Robert Brackenbury, Ann Arbor - Tribunal Judge, Michigan Tax Tribunal and Washtenaw County Commissioner, District 7.

Dale Copedge, Lansing - Engineer for the State of Michigan. Core member of the Michigan Democratic Party Black Caucus and Chairperson of the Ingham County Democratic Party Caucus.

Arthur Espey, Detroit - Principal of Pinnacle Group International, LLC (a Detroit based Private Equity Group) and Managing Director of Emerging Entities, Inc.

Shaula Johnston, Grand Rapids - Technology trainer for area school districts and adjunct professor at Grand Rapids Community College. Member of the Grand Rapids Planning Commission, Board of Directors for Habitat for Humanity, President of the Republican Women's Forum.

Jonathan Kreger, Westland - Director of Public Policy and Advocacy, Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce.

David Lambert, Troy - Senior Consultant, Michigan Credit Union League and Troy City Councilman.

Christine Leary, Decatur - Legal Assistant for the Prosecuting Attorney for Van Buren County. Hamilton Township Trustee and member of the Planning Commission.

Colleen Levitt, Royal Oak - Owner of LAT/USA. Candidate for the Michigan State Senate, District 13, 2002 general election.

Michael Marcelli, Southgate - Secretary of the Southgate Board of Education.

Janet Metsa, Houghton - Principal of JCM Environmental. Treasurer, Houghton County Democrats. Serves on the Portage Township Zoning Board of Appeals and the Houghton County Planning Commission.

Sheryl Mitchell, West Bloomfield - Senior Analyst, Oakland County Board of Commissioners.

Rebecca Morgan, Grand Rapids - Vice President of the John Vall Park Project, Vice President of the South West Area Neighborhood Association, and Co-Chair of the Kent County Green Party, and Information Clearing House Coordinator for the local Greens.



2002 MPLP Class

Bottom Row (L-R) Jim Agee, Michael Marcelli, Jon Kreger, Colleen Levitt (L-R) Shannon Horvath, Chris Winans, Tim Ross, Anne Mervenne (L-R) Janet Metsa, Sheryl Mitchell, Rebecca Morgan, Bill Barnett (L-R) Cathy Schmitt, Dave Lambert, Robert Brackenbury (L-R) Kate Segal, Maurice Russell, Tina Leary, Kevin Bowman (L-R) Shaula Johnston, Harvey Santana, Greg Ostrander, Nancy Banks Top Row (L-R) Dale Copedge, Zena Biocca, Art Espey

Greg Ostrander, DeWitt: Graduate student in the MSU Department of Resource Development working on a fellowship in Nonprofit Management.

Timothy Ross, Silverwood: Former Lapeer County Commissioner. Serves on the Executive Committee of the Lapeer County Republican Party.

Maurice Russell, Flint: Maurice is a Senior Legal Assistant for the Legal Affairs Department of the Detroit Medical Center.

Harvey Santana, Ypsilanti: Community Planner with The Corradino Group's Michigan office in Detroit.

Catherine Schmitt, Bloomfield Hills: National Director of the GM/UAW Health Care Program at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan.

Katherine Segal, Battle Creek: Health Policy Analyst for the Michigan House of Representatives Democratic Caucus. Newly elected to the Calhoun County Commission, District 1.

Christine Winans, Birmingham: Member of the Birmingham Rotary Club and Chairperson of the Leadership Oakland Alumni Committee. Candidate for the Michigan State House, District 40, 2002 primary election.



Friends and family members gather at the 2002 MPLP Class graduation ceremony held February 20, 2002



Alumni on the Move

Jim Agee (MPLP Co-director) - Appointed to the Blue Cross Blue Shield Board of Directors. Served as Chair of Appointments for the Granholm transition team.

Craig DeRoche (Fall 92) - Elected State Representative, District 38-Nov. Former Novi City Councilman.

Bill Barnett (02) - Re-elected to the Wexford County Board of Commissioners.

Nannette Bowler (99) - Appointed Director of the Michigan Family Independence Agency.

Robert Brackenbury (02) - Offered position by Attorney General Cox as Assistant Attorney General in the Finance Division. Elected to the Wastewaw County Commission, District 7. Served out appointment made by Governor Engler as a Tribunal Judge on the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

Phil Cavanagh (98) - Re-elected to the Wayne County Commission.

Darren A.T. Elliot (formerly Tetens) (Fall 93) - Recently commissioned as a Navy Intelligence Officer. Living in California.

Lynn Jondahl (former MPLP Co-director) - Appointed by Governor Granholm as Chair of the Ethics Commission. Served as Chairman of the Granholm transition team. Recently awarded the Frank J. Kelley Distinguished Service Award by the American Society for Public Administration-MI Capital Area Chapter.

Tonya Johnson (Spring 94) - Recently served as Community Development Director for the Ehrlich for Maryland Campaign. Won a seat on the Republican Central Committee for the State of Maryland.

Wayne Kuipers (96) - Elected to the Michigan State Senate, District 30. Former State Representative, District 90 (96-02).

Lynn Mason (01) - Elected to the National Education Association Board of Directors.

Sara Linsmeier-Wurfel (99) - Public Information Officer for the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

David Lossing (Fall 94) - Works as Associate Director, Office of State Outreach, University of Michigan. Ran for Mayor of the City of Linden. Serves on the Linden City Council.

Michael Marcelli (02) - Elected Vice President of the Southgate Board of Education.

Rusty Merchant (96) - Joined McAlvey & Associates. Formerly with the Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce.

Anne Mervenne (MPLP Co-director) - President of Mervenne & Partners, a governmental consulting firm. Appointed by Governor John Engler to the Michigan Humanities Council.

Ken Ross (01) - Elected to the DeWitt City Council. Promoted to Vice President of Regulatory and Legal Affairs, Michigan Credit Union League.

Nida Samona (99) - Appointed by Governor Granholm to the Liquor Control Commission.

Kate Segal (02) - Elected to the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners, District 1.

Felix Sharpe (Spring 93) - Appointed as a federal liaison for the Michigan Family Independence Agency.

Kyle Stack (00) - Re-elected Trenton City Clerk.

Jacquie Steingold (Spring 93) - Works as Chief of Staff for State Senator Martha Scott.

David Yardley (Fall 92) - Chief of Staff for State Representative Michael Nofs.

Chris Winans (02) - Elected to the Board of Directors for the Southeastern Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Bill Zaagman (96) - Joined Governmental Consultant Services, Inc. Formerly worked as Director of Government Affairs for the Michigan Restaurant Association.

View Current/Former MPLP Elected & Appointed Officials

Meet the 2003 Fellows

Teresa Bingman, Okemos: Deputy Legal Counsel for Governor Jennifer M. Granholm. Member of the Budget Committee for the Union Missionary Baptist Church, member and Social Action Commissioner for Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, and a member of the Representative Assembly and Open Justice Commissioner for the State Bar of Michigan.

Michelle Brant, Wixom: Legislative Aide in the office of State Representative Chris Ward. Volunteers at the Livingston Area Council Against Spousal Abuse (LACASA), working specifically with the children's support group.

Beverly Brown, Flint: School and Business Liaison for the Flint Community Schools. Vice President of the Board of Directors for Girl Scouts of Fair Winds, Golf and Public Relations Committees for Grace Emmanuel Baptist Church, Founder/Facilitator of the Dream Team Networking Club.

T.J. Bucholz, Lansing: Public Information Officer for the Michigan Department of Education. President-elect of the Michigan School Public Relations Association, founding member of the Grand Ledge Educational Foundation, member of the Waverly Public Schools Curriculum Advisory Council.

Susan Burton, Ada: Precinct Delegate for the Michigan Republican Party. She served as President, Vice President, and Treasurer of the Republican Women's Forum and is also a past member of the Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce where she served on several committees and councils.

Daniel Cherrin, Berkley: Director of Federal Public Policy for the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce. He is a Board Member for Berkley DDA and the Jewish Community Council, and is on the Executive Committee and Ad Hoc Committee on the Establishment of Business Courts for the Michigan Bar Association.

Ronald Cischke, Imlay City: Supervisor and Assessor for Goodland Township. District 13 Director for the Michigan Townships Association and the Building Committee Chairman of his church.

Ron Evans, Lansing: Recently retired from the Michigan Supreme Court as a Purchasing Agent. School Board Treasurer for the Waverly Community Schools, council member for the Lansing Regional Council of the American Lung Association, and member of the Greater Lansing Area Affiliate of the National Alliance of Black School Educators.

Daniel Feinberg, Flint: Regional Representative for United States Senator Carl Levin. Member of the Genesee County Democratic Party and the MDP Platform Development Committee.

Kristine Franko, Farmington: Former Congressional Aide to Congressman Joe Knollenberg. Committee Member of the St. Fabian School PTO. Volunteered on Joe Knollenberg's Congressional campaign and Valerie Knol's campaign for State Representative.

Stella Greene, Plymouth: Development Director for the Plymouth Arts Council. City Commissioner for the City of Plymouth and serves on the Board of Directors for the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth.

Kimberly Harbus, Clinton Township: Law Clerk for the Michigan Court of Appeals. Member of the State Bar of Michigan, Macomb County Bar Association, the Incorporated Society of Irish/American Lawyers, the Women Lawyers Association of Michigan and the Fraternal Order of Eagles. Volunteers time to the Salvation Army, Macomb Literacy Partners, and Citizens for Better Care.

Joel Hondorp, Byron Center: Clerk for Byron Township. Chair of Deacons for the Corinth Reformed Church and Trustee and Board Treasurer for the Kent District Library.

Cynthia Israels, Grant: UAW International Appointed Health and Safety Representative for Lear Corporation (formerly GM-Delphi). Recording Secretary for the Kent County UAW CAP Council, Vice President of the Region 1D Education Council, and Co-Chair of the UAW-Lear Health and Safety Committee.

Rose Jones, Detroit: Financial Services Manager for the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute. Vice Chair and Area Chairperson for the 14th Congressional District of the Democratic Party, the Secretary and Newsletter Editor for P.L.U.S., and Eastern Region President of the Davenport University Alumni Association.

Terrie Junkin, Madison Heights: Self-employed. Secretary of the Lamphere Schools Board of Education, member and past president of the Lamphere Council, and member and past president of the Lessenger Elementary PTO.

Dale Martin, Linden: City Manager for the City of Linden. Post Commander for the American Legion and a Committee Member of the Michigan Municipal League.

Gregory Moore, Battle Creek: District Representative for United States Representative Nick Smith. County Commissioner for Calhoun County, Planning Commissioner for Emmett Charter Township, Advisory Board Member of Character Unlimited.

Thomas Owczarek, Warren: Employed at Emhart Fastening Technologies. Newly re-elected to the Fitzgerald School Board, current member of the Emergency Medical Services Board for Macomb County, and a Deacon, teacher, and Treasurer for his church.

Todd Perkins, Detroit: Engineer for SBC Ameritech. Precinct Delegate for the Michigan Democratic Party, a Deacon at Gracious Savior Church, and Vice President of the BWLCCG Neighborhood Association.

Ann Marie Raduazo, Lansing: Fundraiser for The Sterling Corporation. Member of the Alumni Association Board for James Madison College and Secretary to the Executive Board for the Eaton County GOP.

Anthony Stackpoole, Sault Ste. Marie: Owner of Cup of the Day. Treasurer of the Chippewa County GOP and Director of the Sault Ste. Marie Chamber of Commerce.

Carol Vernon, Ithaca: Court Administrator/Recorder/Assignment Clerk for the Gratiot County Circuit Court. Secretary of the Gratiot County GOP, Membership Chair and Young Careerist Award Chair of the Alma Area Business & Professional Women's group, and Secretary and Membership Chair of the American Association of University Women. Active with the Alma-St. Louis Rotary Club and the Alma Optimist Club.

Justin Winslow, Royal Oak: External Affairs Director for Michigan State Senator Shirley Johnson. Formerly served as Campaign Manager and Grassroots Coordinator for Citizens for Shirley Johnson.

MPLP Alumni: We Want to Hear From You!

Do you have a new position? Are you running for office, re-election, or serving on a new board? We would like to share your good news with your fellow alumni in the next edition of the *Alumni Herald*.

Please let us know of your recent accomplishments, challenges, special events, or open job positions. You may also forward special event pictures, upcoming event information, and job openings for posting in the newsletter or release to alumni via email.

Send your updates, photos, event or open job position details to: Shannon Horvath, Michigan Political Leadership Program, 321 Berkey Hall, East Lansing, MI 48824-1111. This information may also be forwarded by email to horvath4@msu.edu. Your photos will be returned.

You may also submit updates by email through the alumni section of the MPLP website.

2004 Fellowship Applications Are Available

The recruitment process for Michigan Political Leadership Program Fellowships is currently underway. Applications for the 2004 Class are being accepted until **September 5**. Your assistance in identifying potential candidates would be greatly appreciated.

Applications are available to download and complete on-line at www.ippsr.msu.edu/mplp.

Our strongest appeal in candidate recruiting is asking you to identify co-workers, colleagues and other people in your networks to discuss why MPLP would be beneficial. Alumni are the best recruiters because you already have gone through the program and have the ability to promote its best assets.

To request applications, schedule an MPLP presentation, or to forward names and addresses of potential candidates, please contact the MPLP office by phone at 517/355-6672 ext. 116 or by email at horvath4@msu.edu.

Join the MSU Alumni Association

MPLP graduates are eligible to join the MSU Alumni Association. Whether you are an MSU graduate or not, because of your affiliation with a Michigan State University program, you are eligible to join.

This is a tremendous benefit. MSU Alumni Association members receive many advantages including the MSU Alumni Association Magazine, free lifetime email address with forwarding service, discounts on a variety of hotels and rental car companies and many more. Visit the MSU Alumni Association website to check out all of the great savings opportunities and benefits of becoming a member. The address is www.msualum.org.

Fees are \$45 single, \$55 joint Annual Memberships; \$700 single, \$750 joint Life Memberships; or \$400 single, \$450 joint Life Memberships for seniors (age 65 or older).

If you are interested in joining, you can register on-line at www.msualum.org or contact the MSU Alumni Association office toll free at 1.877.MSU.ALUM.

Where are they now?: Missing MPLP Alumni

Do you know where your classmates are? Below is a list of MPLP graduates with whom we are missing contact information.

We are asking for your help to locate information on these individuals to get back in touch with them. We also ask for updates on your contact information (i.e. employer, e-mail, phone numbers, and home address).

Please forward your contact information updates or information on your classmates by e-mail to horvath4@msu.edu or by phone at 517/355-6672 ext. 116.

Thank you for your assistance.

Angela Allen (96)

Myra Aurelio (96)

Tim Bracey (Fall 93)

Pat Collins (Fall 93)

Robin Ferriby (Fall 93)

Nathan Ford (Spring 94)

James Frederick (Spring 94)

James Howard (Spring 94)

Kurt Lopez (Spring 94)

Dennis Oakes (Fall 92)

Armondo Perez (99)

Shirley Perkins (Fall 92)

James Ribbron (Spring 94)

Richard Robinson (Spring 93)

Elroy Sailor (Fall 93)

Justina Vargas (Spring 94)

On Tap At IPPSR

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Alumni of the Michigan Political Leadership Program are an important part of the Institute for Public Policy and Social Research (IPPSR) family. We encourage you to utilize our recently renovated web site as a resource and to participate in our events.

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IPPSR Annual Report & Resource Guide - View research, publications, and programs conducted in 2002-2003.

Land Use Efforts at MSU - View information on land use resources and activities at www.ippsr.msu.edu/PPIE/LandUse.htm

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Calendar Of Events

July 18-19, 2003 - Weekend VI -- Courtyard by Marriott, Downtown Grand Rapids, *Deciding to Run*

August 15-16, 2003 - Weekend VII -- Kellogg Center, East Lansing *Politics and Media*

September 5, 2003 - 2004 Fellowship Applications Due

September 19-20, 2003 - Weekend VIII -- Radisson Hotel, Downtown Lansing
How We Create Change

October 17-18, 2003 - Weekend IX -- Ashman Court Hotel, Midland
Translating Knowledge Into Action

November 14-15, 2003 - Weekend X -- Kellogg Center, East Lansing
Effective Governance

MPLP 2003 PUBLIC POLICY BRIEFINGS

Friday, July 18 - Health Care -- 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Downtown Courtyard by Marriott, Grand Rapids

Friday, September 19 - Education -- 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Networking Reception -- 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Radisson Hotel, Downtown Lansing

Registration is free.

For more information, go online to www.ippsr.msu.edu/MPLP/edtraining.htm or email Brian McGrain at m McGrain@msu.edu.



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