



INSPIRE

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From the Executive Director

The year 2020 is a big one for LGS. We are celebrating our 30th anniversary! Thanks to your participation in our surveys, we know that our graduates are having a positive impact on CNY. As of today, we have trained 1,300 citizens who have provided time and talent to more than 850 volunteer positions. Even better, 85 percent of our LGS grads still live in CNY.

To commemorate our anniversary, we are choosing graduates, at random, for a very short profile for our Facebook and LinkedIn pages. The goal is to highlight at least one person from every class throughout 2020. Please like us on [Facebook](#) and join our [LinkedIn](#) alumni network page so you can check it out. They will start later this month.

We also want your help, too! Please share an LGS memory on your Facebook or LinkedIn page and tag us. We can't wait to see the variety! For those who graduated during the '90s and aughts, pull out that LGS yearbook and grab a photo that meant something to you. It will be fun to see all the places we have been over the years.

We will officially celebrate our 30th anniversary at our April 30 Let's Get Social event. It will be a birthday party! We are excited that we will be at the Empire Room at the NYS Fair. It is undergoing a transformation as I write. We want everyone to come and check out this newly renovated venue and celebrate with us. Please SAVE THE DATE! We are working on a couple of announcements for that night, too. It is going to be a very special occasion.

In the meantime, we are excited about the LGS Class of 2020. We have 16 new-to-us organizations in the class. Upon review of the DiSC assessment, we had almost exactly even representation in each quadrant – quite a phenomenon. This means that they are already saying that they are the best class ever!



Pam Brunet
LGS Executive Director
Class of 1998

Welcome to Our New Board Members

LGS is excited to welcome two new individuals to its Board of Directors. They are:



Rebecca Hoda-Kearse
SUNY ESF
Class of 2015



Ryan McDermott
M&T Bank
Class of 2011

We would also like to thank Tim Duffy, Teracai; Jamie Lloyd, M&T Bank; Kevin Magdon, Hilton Worldwide; and Steve Coker, Pike Companies, whose board term has ended and served the organization proudly.

We also want to recognize our new slate of board officers:

President – Kathleen Bennett, Bond, Schoeneck and King

Treasurer – Ryan McDermott, M&T Bank

Vice President – Amy Lawler, CenterState CEO

Ex-Officio – Jeanette Flowers, UMR

Secretary – Jennifer Smith, C & S Companies

Congratulations to the Class of 2019...



In November of 2019 LGS graduated a class of 53 individuals who are ready to lead Central New York into the future. [Click here](#) to see the full list of graduates and check our Facebook page to see additional pics from the ceremony.



...And Welcome to the Class of 2020

The 53 members of the Class of 2020 kicked off LGS's 30th year at its opening retreat at the White Eagle Conference Center in Hamilton, N.Y. [Click here](#) to see the full list of classmates and check out our Facebook page to see additional pics from the two-day event.

The Snow WILL Melt (Really!)



While we expect the April 30th Let's Get Social event to be a fantastic birthday party (registration to open soon), we want our golfers to save the date for the annual LGS Golf Classic! **It's Thursday, June 18, at The Pompey Club.** The popular (it always sells out!) captain and crew event again includes 18 holes of golf, cart, lunch, course beverages, and full dinner reception with one-hour open bar.

Tickets are \$600/foursome for the 12 p.m. shotgun start. Several sponsorship levels are also available. For more information, contact Robin Macaluso at robin@leadsyr.org.

