



Sauk County Institute of Leadership 2005-2006 Annual Report

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

An Investment in Our Future

One of the things I have been most honored to be a part of in my tenure at the Sauk County Development Corporation is helping to create and nurture the Sauk County Institute of Leadership. Every year we give birth to a new class of Sauk County leaders who are excited to share their new-found knowledge and skills. It is so rewarding to help make an investment in Sauk County's future that will pay dividends for years to come. This year's program and class did not disappoint. I just finished reading the class evaluations. The graduates gave the program a big thumbs-up and also had many thoughtful suggestions for the future.

The SCIL program helps participants to become "informed, civic-minded leaders." We help teach them skills to translate their visions into reality and to broaden their knowledge and perspective of key issues facing the county.

It was very clear that class participants' eyes had been opened on many subjects and that they now have a much greater appreciation of all Sauk County has to offer.

One of the 2005 graduates observed, "Sauk County is a great way to live." This statement really captures the essence of our extraordinary quality of life. Sauk County is not just a great place to live – but a cherished way of life."

Another participant said, "I've learned that some of the most valuable components of a community (schools, community services, conservation) are sometimes the most misunderstood or undervalued, which indicates there's a huge need for the education offered through SCIL."

Participants in the program also gained confidence in their own abilities and insight into their unique personalities. Class members made new friends and were introduced to broad cross section of people to use for networking on a wide range of topics.

Congratulations to the SCIL class of 2005 and a big thanks to Jenny Erickson, our SCIL Executive Director, the SCIL Board of Directors and all of the people who helped to teach our day-long seminars.

Karna Hanna
SCIL President

*"Developing informed,
civic-minded leaders"*

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THE 2006 SCIL CLASS

Julie Andrews (Sauk Prairie Memorial Hospital)
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2006 SCIL PROGRAM CURRICULUM

Leadership Concepts & Team Building – September
State and Local Government – October
Community & Economic Development – November
Justice, Civil Liberties and Security – December
Family and Community – January
Agriculture and Natural Resources – February
Health Care – March
Education – April
May – Celebration of SCIL



Let the learning begin! SCIL Team building exercise at Session 1, September 2005

THOUGHTS ON THE SCIL EXPERIENCE FROM TWO '06 GRADUATES

I enthusiastically enrolled in the SCIL program hoping to motivate new interests in my community.

I was not disappointed.

I expected to be informed on area issues and meet talented interesting leaders. I received insight into my own perceptions on area topics and gained new growth to service.

I was not disappointed.

I learned about compassion and passion. I learned that leaders are supporters, partners and providers. I learned that everyone is a leader when they do and share what they love.

A year later I am a renewed spirited individual confident to take on new challenges at work, home and community.

I highly recommend SCIL to everyone. I am grateful for the new friends I made and the opportunity to attend. I especially thank Jenny for all the hard work. Each session was a spirited informational retreat.

Jackie Bodette,
Transportation/Volunteer Coordinator
Sauk County Commission on Aging

I would recommend SCIL to anyone who has an interest in learning about Sauk County's resources, government and people. In the last week I have recommended SCIL to some new neighbors in my subdivision from Prairie du Chien and my hairdresser.

I joined the SCIL class expressly to help me find experiences for a Community Medicine rotation that I coordinate for our family medicine residents. I did find some people in the Health Department who would be interesting and thought provoking for my next class. When I plan for Community Medicine next spring I will definitely revisit all the sessions to see what else I can incorporate into the curriculum. I found all of the sessions had something thought provoking and new to think about. I learned a lot about the county that I have lived in for a total of 17 years by now.

The other and co-equal part of SCIL in my view is the opportunity to meet my amazing classmates and learn about their lives and jobs. I appreciate making new friends from all parts of the county. It was a great year and I will miss getting together and learning!

Linda Damos,
Medical Associates

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WHAT A DIFFERENCE A YEAR MAKES: ONE PERSPECTIVE FROM A SCIL ALUMNUS

Two years ago my supervisor approached me about participating in SCIL. Little did I know where that request would lead me? Like many, all I could think of was “how can I take on one more thing?” I debated, and quite frankly tried to think of a valid reason why I couldn’t take on this commitment. As our discussions continued somewhere, sometime, something inside me became interested. Before I knew it I was excited about this new adventure and where it could take me.

Our first session and overnight retreat fed into my enthusiasm and for the next 8 months I could hardly wait for the next session and what I could learn from it. Soon after starting I made an “internal commitment” to get the most out of every session and possibly open up doors that I had never opened before. Everything became more interesting to me. The Presidential election was in full swing and for the very first time I really became involved in the issues being debated. I started to see my own community through different eyes. I literally drove my husband and family nuts at my newfound interests. Soon I realized that instead of this being a “have to do” it was a “want to do”.

Far too soon the program was over. My new friends and I would go our separate ways. For some reason I did not want to end this new experience, and somehow I wanted to keep it alive. I communicated this to Jenny Erickson and before I knew it I was asked to be on the SCIL Board to replace some members whose terms were up. Since then I have taken on the SCIL Alumni Committee as the chairperson and have great helpers with good ideas. I have also spread my wings into my community by joining the local Rotary. I applied for the Wisconsin Rural Leadership Program and have been accepted into the next session. So in May I begin another new adventure.

I have still managed to keep up with all of my work and personal responsibilities and I can honestly say that I look at my “job” differently. I have realized that I want to help make a difference, if to no one else but to myself. I feel that my employer has gotten a return on their investment and I hope to continue to keep giving back to them. I will be eternally grateful for their encouragement, support and the opportunity to have been involved in such a program.

Terri Langer, SCIL Class of ‘05 (and now serving on the SCIL Board of Directors)

2005-2006 Sauk County Institute of Leadership FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Revenues

Tuition Fees \$6,154.50

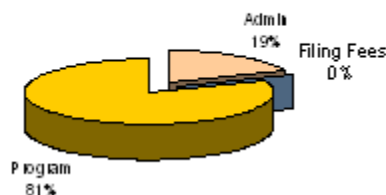
Expenditures

Admin \$922.06
 Filing Fees \$10.00
 Program \$3,960.96
 Total \$4,893.02

Year End Balance Increase

Revenues-Expenditures \$1,261.48

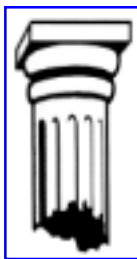
2005 - 2006 SCIL Expenses



Bank Balance

6/1/2006 \$10,425.97

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Class of 2005

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Kathy Blum	Jason Khodadad	Joe Spitz
Louy Danube	Terri Langer	Brandon Wegner
Carolyn Davis	Steve Lundin	

Class of 2004

Marianne Baumgarten	Vern Fowler	Maureen Kirk
Paul Beagan	Brad Hinz	Chris Mueller
Michelle Brizman	Bev Hoege	Stephen Plaisance
Karen Cook	Brenda Holloway	Cheryl Shanks
		Tara Zitzner

Class of 2003

Carol Anderson	Teresa Hays	Laura Nedeau-Owen
Arline Beagan	Tammy Koenecke	Lynn Olson
Diane Bindl	David Loether	Roger Pescinski
Derek Cowan	Patrice Luer	Michael Rogers
Jolene Gruber	Jim Marsdesn	Paul Wolter
		Jan Zechel

Class of 2002

Linda Bormann	Gabe Jenson	Bob Parkhurst
Ron Frye	Leslie McFarlane	Scott Sidell
Carla Gorski	Pearl McGuire-Hadlock	Robin Smelcer
Mark Graupman	Carolyn Novak	Bev Vaillancourt

Class of 2001

Ken Carlson	Melani Guentherman	Carol Olson
John Crowley	Staci Hunt Ramsey	Kathy Schauf
John Deitrich	Marcy Huffaker	Teresa Searock
Patti Farber	Pam Maxwell	Pete Shrake
Judy Fowler	Connie Molberg	Jim Tobakos
Tom Grunwald	Wayne Morse	Lerna Mae Wiese
		Cindy Zimgible

Class of 2000

Shelly Bomkamp	Joan Kenney	Larry Schroeder
Mike Clague	Shirley Koehler	Janice Schyvinck
Jim Daniels	Pat McSweeny	Bruce Stewart
Buddy Huffaker	Donna Neuwirth	Maxine Worman
Laura Jelle	Steve Schmelzer	Bob Zirngible

Class of 1999

Barb Bair	Tim Lueck	Jen Stewart
Joe Cognac	Larry Marlette	Susanne Stoeckmann
Paul Empey	Carla Mercer	Char ter-Beest Kudla
Jean Klang	Mo Reilly	Tom Williams
		Suzanne Wipperfurth

Class of 1998

Heidi Accola	Shelley Granberg	Tim Miller
Mark Bostwick	Pat Gudenschwager	Judy Stoeckmann
Beth Bradley	Ann Helwig	Dale Turner
Larry Clifford	Sandi Holt	Theresa Wimann
Kevin Fitzgerald	Alice Hutter	