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Leadership Carlsbad Announces Graduates

CARLSBAD, N.M., May 14, 2010 – After months of intensive study, discussion and observation, 17 local residents have successfully completed the Leadership Carlsbad program. The leadership program culminated in a graduation ceremony at the Stevens Inn on May 14.

“This group shows just how much leadership talent we have in this community,” said Mark Schinnerer, who served as the program’s facilitator. “I’m so proud of what they have achieved as individuals and also impressed by what they have accomplished as a team.”

The program’s day-long monthly meetings began in October and the program also included additional activities and projects. Several members were involved in discussions with legislators and other state officials during the Chamber of Commerce’s Bat Brigade, in which local residents travel to Santa Fe during the legislative session to promote issues important to Carlsbad.

Leadership Carlsbad participants were also involved in community enhancement projects. One notable example was that the group raised \$3,500 to purchase a new stove for the Carlsbad Community Kitchen.

Started in 1990s, Leadership Carlsbad is sponsored by the Carlsbad Rotary Club and the Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce to provide a foundation for a lifelong commitment to effective leadership. The course curriculum educates and challenges participants on key issues affecting political, business, human service and cultural activities in the area, while encouraging and facilitating positive change through volunteer involvement.

Below is a list of this year's graduates and their employers:

- Debbie Charlet (Engineered Products Department)
- Kathy Cox (Carlsbad Insurance)
- Catherine Dyck (New Mexico State University – Carlsbad)
- Gibi George (Western Commerce Bank)
- Pam Hester (URS Washington TRU Solutions)
- Kesha Holt (Carlsbad National Bank)
- Chad Ingram (Wells Fargo Bank)
- Tricia Johnson-Chace (Intera Inc.)
- Lisa McAvoy (URS Washington TRU Solutions)
- Cathy Muncrief (Springtime)
- Dave Rogers (CARC, Inc.)
- John Safin (Carlsbad Department of Development)
- Stephanie Shumsky (City of Carlsbad)
- Sheila Walterscheid (La Bella Boutique)
- Zachary Walterscheid (The Garden Mart)
- Connie Willie (Carlsbad Medical Center)
- Alan Wood (Denton Wood Funeral Home)

The Carlsbad Rotary Club is affiliated with District 5520 of Rotary International. The organization meets each Wednesday at noon at the Stevens Inn.