

**ELGIN AREA CHAMBER  
OF COMMERCE**

# Elgin Area Leadership Academy

## **Annual Report**



**2008 - 2009**



## Thank You

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We express appreciation to the many individuals and organizations that supported the program this year. Thank you to all of the presenters who gave up a Saturday morning to share their experience and expertise and to the Elgin Area Chamber staff for their support. We are also fortunate to have so many people who contributed to the design of the program and we wish to recognize them.

**Steering Committee:**

**V. Lynette Bocage, Gordon Flesch Company**  
**Nathaniel Edmond, Second Baptist Church of Elgin**  
**Carol Gieske, Bob Malm, and Leo Nelson,**  
**Elgin Area Chamber**  
**Carolyn Kirk-Likou, Total Home Health**  
**Michael McKay, Edward Jones Investments**  
**Javier Montoya, American Family Insurance Agency**

**Organizations that Hosted a Session of the Class:**

The City of Elgin, Elgin Academy, Elgin Community College, Gail Borden Public Library, Grand Victoria Casino, Judson University, Provena Saint Joseph Hospital, Second Baptist Church, and Sherman Hospital.

**Session Planners:**

Mike Alft, Bus Tour Guide; Judy Cabrera, Retired, School District U-46; Wiley Edmondson, Retired, Kane County Circuit Judge; Kyla Jacobsen, David Lawry, Ray Moller, and Cherie Murphy, City of Elgin; Bob Malm, Leo Nelson, and Mike O'Kelly, Elgin Area Chamber; Sara Sabo, Gail Borden Public Library and Jackson Hartley, 3D Training.

Thanks to James Harvey Photography for the class photo.



Dan Fox, Co-Facilitator



Don Waters, Co-Facilitator

## Legacy of Leadership

The Elgin Area Leadership Academy was established in 1991 to help build an active corps of engaged, dynamic, and dedicated civic leaders. It quickly became and remains a signature Elgin Area Chamber member-service, community-building program.

EALA has graduated more than 400 individuals. They are now challenging themselves, serving their employers and our community in active community-building efforts.

### **Outcomes/Benefits of Elgin Area Leadership Academy**

#### **Benefits to the Employers:**

- *Your employee is educated about the community and linked to a new and growing network of leaders and professionals in the region*
- *Their leadership skills are strengthened, which enhances your enterprise and enriches your organization*
- *Your business is positioned as an organization that is committed to addressing community quality of life issues*

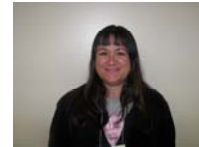
#### **Benefits to the Participants:**

- *Knowledge of the issues and challenges facing the community*
- *Discover leadership strengths and sharpen critical skills that are essential for effective, results oriented leadership*
- *Strengthen your sense of personal vision and power*
- *Reap the rewards of networking with an expanding and diverse group of community leaders*
- *Discover opportunities to make a commitment on behalf of the community*

#### **Benefits to the Community:**

- *An increasing source of informed and dedicated leaders*
- *Improved communications network among civic, social, educational, and business leaders*
- *The interests of potential leaders are matched with the needs of the community*
- *A leadership base with a broadened perspective that is prepared to more effectively guide the greater Elgin region into the future*

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**Oralia Braun**  
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School District U-46



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**Dana Vierck**  
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