

# THE LEADING *EDGE*

LEADERSHIP JOHNSON COUNTY—DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

## December Program Day—Economic Development



Thank you to our December  
Program Day Underwriter



**JOHNSON COUNTY**  
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## Jared Sabelhaus

### Director of Accounting at Franklin College

**Family:** Wife-Rachel, Daughter-Cora (3 years), Son-Evan (4 months)

**Where do you live:** Greenwood (Center Grove)

**Favorite LJC moment or lesson to date:** I enjoyed touring the farms and learning the impact our local farmers have with the many products we use every day.

**Favorite quote:** *"The good Lord gave you a body that can stand most anything. It's your mind you have to convince."* Vince Lombardi

**Last book you read. Do you recommend:** To my daughter: *"Pete the Cat and His Four Groovy Buttons"* – Great book and video that goes with it! For myself: *The Legacy Journey* by Dave Ramsey – great interpretation on generosity & stewardship. I recommend any Dave Ramsey book!

**What movie are you looking forward to seeing and why:** I'll go see anything if it involves movie theatre popcorn and isn't named "The Polar Express" or "Frozen."

**Hobbies and interests outside of work :** Watching/Playing sports, anything outdoors (hiking, biking, gardening), traveling, visiting local breweries.

**What is your favorite restaurant:** The Clay Oven – chicken tikka masala, veggie korma, and some garlic naan.



## Caleb Drake

### Planning Engineer at Johnson County REMC

**Family:** Single. Parents live in Rushville, IN. My older brother in St. Paul, MN.

**Where do you live:** Franklin, next to the Main St. roundabout

**What is your favorite LJC moment or lesson to date:** My father's side of the family all grew-up working at the grain elevator in the heart of Manilla, IN. Exploring Crystal Springs rekindled my appreciation for the vitality agriculture sustains within our community and bridged that gratitude with the nostalgic tales of my ancestors. In but an hour, my roots forged deeper with family, community, and history.

**Last book you read. Do you recommend:** Check-out Takashi Matsuoka's *Cloud of Sparrows*. This epitome of historical fiction harrows through the final years of Japan's Edo period, marking an end to the age of Daimyo rule and Samurai. Set about with Okumichi no kami Genji as he travels his wistful path of foretold death whilst engaging, often comically, with The Newcomers and their Western ways.

**Hobbies and interests outside of work:** I'm a Yes Man for adventure. Any opportunity to experience the unknown is my cuppa' tea. Favorite hobbies: Studying linguistics & foreign cultures, pushing culinary art to the brink, swimming, cycling, tumbling, and running.

**Something on your bucket list:** Freediving to the bottom of a blue hole: plunge hundreds of feet underwater, explore for a (very) short time, then back to the surface on a single breath of air.

**Name of a local business you utilize personally or professionally that provides an outstanding service:** Dolphin Papers. Purveyors of the finest papers from around the globe with a wealth of knowledge to match. I thought one sheet was actually leather until I touched it. Fantastic source of art supplies as well. Having an event? Dolphin also specializes in bulk and large-dimension orders.

**Name one word to describe yourself:** Offbeat



## **Regina Harvey**

### **Optometrist/Owner at South Grove Eye Care**

**Family:** Husband Will (married 14 years), Daughters Morgan (age 11) and Lily (age 7), Family dog Daisy the boxer, not pictured (age 2).

**Where We Live:** Between Franklin and Bargersville in the Hopewell area.

**Favorite LJC Lesson to Date:** I am amazingly impressed by all of our classmates and their passion. We will all do great things!

**Last Book I Read:** *Hillbilly Elegy* by JD Vance. I recommend it. It's a social commentary on a large section of our US population that many may not understand.

**When I've been most satisfied in life:** Now, with everything! I have so many great things happening...Our kids are a great age, and my husband and I love hanging out with them. We both own flourishing businesses but are doing well balancing work and family. Life is good!

**Perfect Pizza:** Cheese, cheese and more cheese, with some bacon.

**Game Show:** I would like to be on (but would probably never try out for) Jeopardy because I have a vast reservoir of very useless knowledge and trivia.

**Superpower:** I think it is a mom superpower. I can visualize where objects are located in my house when children are looking for them. "Mom, where is my \_\_\_\_." I close my eyes and know where I last saw it.

**Something on your bucket list:** Vacation to Alaska.



## **Heather Suzanne McManus**

### **Probation Officer (Adult Department)**

**Family:** Husband - Dan (Speedway Fire Department), Son - Rhett Jacob (3), Daughter - Scout Manilla (1 ½), 2 crazy rescue dogs... Tiger & Ginger, and a super huge extended family - parents and in-laws all still living and married, 4 siblings and their spouses, 2 brothers in law and their spouses, 4 nieces, 6 nephews, and 1 more nephew on the way!

**Where we live:** Franklin, Indiana

**What is your favorite LJC moment or lesson to date:** I love the overall experience of brainstorming, networking, and becoming inspired by all of the LJC crew and 2017 class members. It is a true pleasure to learn their stories, passions, and zest for life...

gives me so much hope for a healthy, happy community!

**Last book you read. Do you recommend:** *Love Does* by Bob Goff - definitely recommend it! It gives warm and fuzzy feelings and inspires the heart to think of others.

**Something on your bucket list:** There are so many things, but there is one that particularly scares and thrills me and therefore is a super priority... cage diving with sharks.

**If you could appear on one game show, what would you choose and why?** The Price is Right, Host Bob Barker preferable! I love the unpredictability and surprise of it all... what game will you get to play, what prize could you win, who will make it to the final showcase? It is all so exciting!

**Name of a local business you utilize personally or professionally that provides an outstanding service:** Toodleydoo Toys!!!! I don't know what I would do without that store! My children love it more than going to the park, because they get to try out the merchandise. I am a sucker and almost never leave empty-handed... who doesn't enjoy buying toys, books? The staff is so helpful in picking out birthday and special occasion gifts for all of the kiddos in my family!

**Name one word to describe yourself:** Although I think it is a polite way of saying "high strung", many people have described me as "Passionate." I tend to agree.



## **Larry Noonan**

### **Retired**

**Family:** Married to LaTheda Noonan for 42 years, 2 sons, 2 grandchildren

**Where do you live:** Whiteland, IN

**What is your favorite LJC moment or lesson to date:** getting to know my community project team members.

**Number one skill you practice that makes you successful:** Teamwork

**What movie are you looking forward to seeing and why:** "Inferno" because it combines action, history, puzzles and ethics.

**Hobbies and interests outside of work:** Reading, learning and analyzing an issue or situation.

**Something on your bucket list:** Vacation to Alaska.

**Name one word to describe yourself:** Logical



## **Lisa Lintner Valenzuela**

### **Library Director, Johnson County Public Library**

**Family:** Husband Nick, two children – Chris and Irene, dog Nepal

**Where do you live:** Franklin

**What is your favorite LJC moment or lesson to date:** The civil discourse discussion with another LJC member. I love that when two seeming ends of the spectrum of a topic are actually quite close, and you only learn this by talking respectfully and listening well with another individual.

**What is innovative in your field of work:** Libraries are continually improving on providing resources electronically so access to lifelong learning can happen both inside and outside the walls of the library.

**What or who inspires you:** Pretty much any person who is resilient and has made progress in their life.

**Number one skill you practice that makes you successful:** I'm good at creating a positive sense of urgency to get work accomplished.

**Favorite quote:** "Know thyself" (Plato)

**Last book you read. Do you recommend:** *The Thing about Jellyfish* by Ali Benjamin; yes, I heartily recommend...

**Hobbies and interests outside of work:** travel, collecting vintage costume jewelry, baking and of course reading!

**Something on your bucket list:** Visit Africa and Australia

**When have you been most satisfied in your life:** While birdwatching in Ecuador

**What's your superpower, or what's your spirit animal:** Spirit animal – according to [www.spiritanimal.info](http://www.spiritanimal.info), I'm a butterfly. (LOL)

**So, Lisa, what's your story:** Grew up poor, but loved. Had a 4th grade teacher who inspired a love of books in me. Wanted to be an actress, but at 16, was level-headed enough to discover I could "act" as a children's librarian and be passionate about that career. Born in Indiana, lived in Kentucky for 17 years for work and moved back to Indiana last year – to be closer to my dad and father-in-law. Grateful for being able to be a stay at home mom and get a master's degree when my kids were preschoolers. Proud to watch how my kids are becoming adults. Excited every day to envision the future needs of the Johnson County Public Library. Adore Johnson County and the people here.

**If you could appear on one game show, what would you choose and why:** Jeopardy; I love trivia.

**Name one word to describe yourself:** Sparkly



# ALUMNI IN THE

# News

- Congratulations to **Davin Kolderup ('13)** who will be managing the Marketing and Communications Department for the Johnson County Public Library beginning in January.
- Congratulations to **Theresa Matthews ('99)** who was recently awarded the Sagamore of the Wabash, the highest civilian honor given in Indiana, for her work treating victims of addiction at Tara Treatment Center.
- Congratulations to **Tandy Shuck ('01)** who will serve as Franklin Chamber of Commerce Board President beginning in January!
- Congratulations to **Stacy Wheeler ('17)** who was promoted to officer at First Merchants Bank.
- Congratulations to **Regina Harvey ('17)** who will move into a new building for her expanding business—South Grove Eye Care.
- **Kim Smith ('17)**, executive director of Johnson County Senior Services, reports that they have raised \$81,000 toward their goal of \$360,000 to purchase a new building to house the nonprofit. Keep up the great work Kim!
- Many thanks to **Kim Henderson ('17)** who coordinates the intake letters for the Good Cheer Fund. With the help of many volunteers, this year the team has prepared 820 families to receive food baskets.
- Congratulations to the following LJC grads for their years of service to Franklin College. Ten Years: **Maureen Pinnick ('09)**; Fifteen Years: **Keri Ellington ('08)**, **Brooke Worland ('14)**; Twenty-Five Years: **Tom Patz ('12)**; Thirty Years: **Tim Garner** (LJC Board Member).



## Leadership Johnson County

# Wine Event

Presented By:  **OLD NATIONAL BANK**

*You are invited to attend A Tour of Spain, featuring fine wines and cuisine, live and silent auction, wine pull, raffle and more.*

**Saturday, March 11th, 2017**

Reception: 6:00 p.m. / Dinner: 7:00 p.m.

**Barn at Bay Horse Inn**

1468 West Stones Crossing Rd  
Greenwood, IN 46143

**Tickets**

Individual \$100.00

Sponsorships available

For more information, contact Tandy Shuck at [tshuck@franklincollege.edu](mailto:tshuck@franklincollege.edu) or 317-738-8264

Come and join LJC for our signature fundraising event of the year. [Tickets on sale now!](#)

## LJC Alumni Spotlight —by Mark Richards

**Name:** Donald “Don” Cummings – Don uses the word “sadly” when describing his official given name.

**Title:** Manager of Technical Talent Development

**Place of Employment:** Endress+Hauser (37 years)

**What is new professionally?** Don assumed the title of Manager of Technical Talent Development after serving as the Training Manager for E+H for many years. This year he co-authored technical papers with engineering professors at Purdue University and Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology (go Engineers!). One of the papers is titled “Industry and University Collaboration on Student Learning.” Don just had to get that “C” word in to earn points with LJC. Don is also part of the effort at E+H to formalize its philanthropy; and has also been thrilled to lecture in the class room at his alma mater (Purdue).

**What is new personally?** Don recently took the plunge from being a tent camper to a non-tent camper yet still satisfies his outdoor bug by purchasing a mini travel trailer. In the photo (right) you will see both Toni Traylor and Don’s “Toney Trailer.”

**Do you have any current community commitments/involvement?**

Perhaps the better question is “what has Don not been involved in?”

This year he was appointed to the Greenwood Redevelopment

Commission by the Greenwood Common Council. During 2016 Don

had to say good-bye to the Leadership Johnson County Advisory Board

and the Johnson County Community Foundation Board of Directors. Two highlights this year were being part of the JCCF’s “Color the County” public mural program; and finally transferring Journey Johnson County (his 2009 LJC project!) to ASPIRE Jo Co.

**Do you have any hobbies?** Don’s favorite outdoor leisure activities include “Human powered adventure”, i.e. hiking, biking and kayaking. Indoors, he and Toni also enjoy listening to music in small venues, particularly blues. He’s been known to pick up the harmonica in clubs and join in for a jam session. Don and Toni’s “Guilty Pleasure” is carryout food and Netflix binging.

**What is your idea of a perfect day in Johnson County?**

Pick up Toni and stop at Ann’s for breakfast;

Visit consignment and antique shops in Franklin;

Lunch at Taxman;

Walk trail systems in Franklin and Greenwood; and

Enjoy an afternoon/evening at Mallow Run for music and time with the grandkids.

**What is your favorite form of social media? How do you stay in touch with family, friends, LJC classmates?** “Facebook. It’s for old people.”

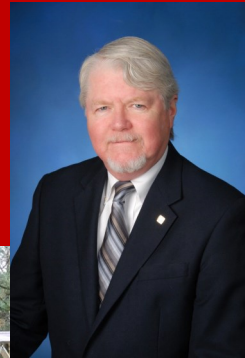
**What do you like to read? What was the last book you read?** *Monkeyluv*, by Robert Sapolsky, what we can learn about ourselves by observing animals. I gravitate towards non-fiction that has some scientific bend to it.

**Favorite quote:** “It is never too late to be what you might have been.” George Eliot.

**Name your favorite LJC class memory:** The class wore umbrella hats on the last day because it rained every program day that year.

**What is innovative in your field right now?** A single Ethernet protocol for plant control systems to communicate with measurement devices. Also applying the power of statistics and computation to improve manufacturing processes. English next time, Don!

**What are your plans for the future/upcoming opportunities/etc. – personally or professionally?** Don plans on retirement before the end of this decade so he “can say no to fewer civic projects.” This will certainly be a boon to Johnson County!





# Good Cheer Fund Thank you!



The following LJC alumni volunteered their time to ensure that families facing food insecurity over the holiday would receive a basket of food. We are grateful for your help with the application intake process!

- Karen Rumble
- Bea Northcott
- David Clendening
- Donna Sipe
- Emily Wood
- Adam Treibic
- Jill Jackson
- Jobea Trefny
- Dawn Truster
- Jenny Meyers
- Betsy Schmidt
- Kim Henderson
- Sara Fisk
- Mark Richards
- Kelsey Kasting
- Tandy Shuck
- Kate Taylor
- Jake Sappenfield

## Catching Up with Eric Klinkowski, LJC Class of 2012

### So Eric, we just heard you received a promotion...tell us all about it!

I was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant serving the Greenwood Police Department on Oct 23, 2015. I successfully completed my probationary rank on October 23, 2016, and now hold the Merit Rank of Lieutenant. I currently manage one of the four Road Division shifts of our department and answer directly to Deputy Chief James Ison and the Administration of our department. The Greenwood Police currently has 62 police officers and expects to grow to 65 with the addition of new positions in 2017.

I recently completed the Six Sigma Lean Green Belt training this past summer (just for fun) and recommend the free courses that are offered through Ivy Tech Franklin to anyone who wants to become more productive and efficient.

I frequently reflect on my time in LJC during 2011-2012, and find myself using many of the concepts of servant leadership to elevate and motivate my officers. I have discovered that a person can be promoted into a position, but real authority is earned. I strive to earn it every day that I work with our officers by using servant leadership concepts. I may have created my opportunity and position through studying, testing, interviewing and competing; however, I never take for granted the authority and trust that others have in me as their leader. I look forward to 2017!

## Nominations for the Class of 2017-2018—Share Your LJC Story

Each year LJC strives to bring together a group of dynamic and diverse leaders from across the county to participate in the LJC Signature Program. It is time to start nominating the leaders you know to apply to participate in the next “best” class. Send names and emails to Kate at [ktaylor@leadershipjohnsoncounty.org](mailto:ktaylor@leadershipjohnsoncounty.org) and an informational email and the application will be sent along with your name as the referral. Spread the word that information sessions will be held on January 19th (6 p.m.) and February 21st (8 a.m.) at Franklin College in the Henderson Conference Room. Contact [Kate](#) for more information!

## Whiteland Forming Group to Look at Development of Trails

Are you interested in the development of more walking, running, hiking and biking trails in Johnson County? Join a group of citizens who are working to develop a plan to help areas in Whiteland to connect with other areas of the county. Contact [Michele McNeil](#) for more information!



# LJC 2.0—Infrastructure & Effective Communication



## *WOMEN* in Leadership Workshop

Join Leadership Johnson County for a full day of learning geared toward issues facing women in the workplace. A dynamic line-up of speakers will address issues around career planning and management, executive professionalism for women, the importance of a male mentor and how to learn/do/grow/develop your career.

Friday, February 24th, 2017

9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Franklin College

\$99.00 per person;

group discounts available

[Register here!](#)

For more information,  
contact Kelsey Kasting at

317-738-8794 or

[kkasting@franklincollege.edu](mailto:kkasting@franklincollege.edu)



**Caroline Dowd-  
Higgins**

Indiana University  
Alumni Association,  
Executive Director



**Kelly Watkins**

Indiana University,  
Kelley School of  
Business



**Dale Reborn**

Franklin College,  
Director of  
Leadership  
Curriculum



**Carolyn Goerner**

Indiana University,  
Kelley School of  
Business



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# JOHNSON COUNTY *PRESENTS...*

Explore new places and meet new faces, support great nonprofits and enjoy food, fun and community!

## Upcoming Events

# GROUNDHOG DAY CELEBRATION!

### JOIN US FOR FOOD, FUN, AND NETWORKING!

Feel free to bring a potential applicant for the class of 2018!

Thursday, February 2nd, 2017

Open house from 4:30 – 6:30pm

RSVP to Kelsey Kasting  
([kkasting@franklincollege.edu](mailto:kkasting@franklincollege.edu))

Johnson County  
Community Foundation  
398 S. Main Street  
Franklin, IN 46131  
(Additional parking to east in  
prosecutor's parking lot)

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## LJC NETWORKING LUNCH

Join the LJC Alumni Relations Committee for the first networking lunch of the New Year!

Friday, January 20th  
11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.  
Hoosier Brewhouse

RSVP to Kelsey at  
[kkasting@franklincollege.edu](mailto:kkasting@franklincollege.edu)



## *Johnson County CAN Build*

Join the **Cantastic 7** LJC Project Group as they raise funds for local charity and food for local food banks. Gather a team, imagine a design, and solicit or buy non-perishable food. In January, you'll have a chance to build your structure with your team on-site at the Johnson County boys basketball tournament held at Whiteland High School. The community will vote for their favorite! Winner gets bragging rights and a monetary donation to a nonprofit of their choice! Johnson County food pantries receive all of the food donations.

Open to youth in three grade brackets: K-5, middle school, and high school. Registration is now available -- get your team signed up, by visiting [here!](#) Registration closes on December 16th! You'll need to have a tentative design outline, team name, and identified the nonprofit of your choice for the prize money to be awarded to.



# FRANKLIN COLLEGE



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## Roberts Honored with Champion of Diversity Award

Terri Roberts-Leonard, the college's director of diversity and inclusion, has been chosen as a 2017 Champion of Diversity award honoree by the Indiana Minority Business Magazine.

The award is presented to individuals who or companies that have transcended racial and/or gender barriers, exemplified the essence of diversity through outreach efforts and programs, and served as a defender of inclusiveness. Congrats Terri!

## End of Year Giving Helps LJC Fulfill Mission

Leadership Johnson County is grateful to our supporters who enable us to fulfill our mission to cultivate and develop informed and involved citizens working to make our community better.

Donations to LJC for end-of-year giving can be made on our website, by check (101 Branigin Blvd., Franklin) or by phone at 317-738-8264.

Through the help of our donors, Leadership Johnson County continues to add expanded programming, in addition to the nine-month Signature Program. [Donate Today!](#)

## Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Celebration

Each year Franklin College hosts a day of activities in celebration of the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. These activities include: community service opportunities, a commemorative march, a Chapel Service and a keynote convocation lecture speaker. These events are all free and open to the public. MLK Day for 2017 is January 16, 2017.

For more information on how to volunteer, please contact Terri at [troberts@ranklincollege.edu](mailto:troberts@ranklincollege.edu)

# LJC Holiday Toast





# Thank You to December Signature Program Day & LJC 2.0 Underwriter



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## What's Happening at YOUR Local Chamber

### Franklin Chamber of Commerce Monthly Luncheon

Tuesday, January 12th, 2017  
11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Franklin College Napolitan Center, Branigin Room  
101 Branigin Blvd.  
Franklin, IN 46131

Cost to attend: \$20.00 per person, [RSVP Here!](#)

Join the Franklin Chamber of Commerce for their monthly luncheon featuring Starla West, executive presence and business leadership coach.

### Greater Greenwood Chamber of Commerce Legislative Luncheon

Friday, January 13th, 2017  
11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Valle Vista  
755 East Main Street  
Greenwood, IN 46131

Cost to attend: \$20.00 per person, [RSVP Here!](#)

The Greater Greenwood Chamber of Commerce invites you to attend the first Legislative Luncheon of 2017. Join your state legislators for a panel discussion on important issues within our community and the state.



Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for a Happy New Year!  
Click on Facebook and enjoy our little [“Happy Dance!”](#)



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