



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **LEADERSHIP RENO SPARKS KICKED OFF ITS 25<sup>TH</sup> YEAR WITH AN OVERNIGHT LEADERSHIP AND TEAM BUILDING RETREAT**

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For Immediate Release (1-29-09) – Reno Sparks Chamber of Commerce’s Leadership Program is ringing in its 25<sup>th</sup> year of identifying and developing community leaders. The Class of 2009 met for the first time at the annual overnight retreat held January 22 & 23.

This year’s class of thirty-five learned about the functioning of their brains and communication styles from Chris Cox, owner of Amplitude, with her Emergenetics program. In addition, Deputy Chief Steve Pitts and Lt. Dave Evans of Reno Police Department provoked the class with current theories and trends in leadership with concepts derived from their work at the Harvard Institute.

The class will meet monthly throughout the year, delving into community issues and challenges. They will design and deliver a class project to help a needy segment of our community and will prepare for the project’s sustainability.

Class members include: Carol Bekker (Wells Fargo), Eddie Bonine (Nevada Interscholastic Athletic Association), Cheree Boteler (NV Energy), Patrick Brutsche (TEKSystems), Mark Cameron (Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority), Cary Chisum (Wood Rodgers), Jeff Clark (Washoe County Sheriff’s Office), Steve Cummings (KRXI/KAME TV), Rachel Curran (Wells Fargo), Timothy Davis (Dr. Pepper 7UP Bottling Co), Thomas de Jong (Colliers International), Vaungaylyn de Witt (Hire Dynamics), Robert DeLong (Parsons Behle & Latimer), Diana Dillon (AdSpec), Stephani Foust (UNR), Kelly Glenn (The Glenn Group), Lynn Heislein (Wells Fargo), Scott Higgins (Q & D Construction, Inc.), Alana Holland (Muckel Anderson CPAs), Robin Krueger (Disability Resources, Inc.), Robert Larson (City of Reno), Noreen Leary (Veterans Guest House), Tiffani Malley-Reboton (Signature Landscapes), Melissa Molyneaux (Colliers International), Kevin O’Reilly (OnTrac), Diane Parkinson (Grant Thornton), Sarah Poehland (Clark & Associates), Candace Powell (ELP Capital, Inc.), Jane Raley (Reno Philharmonic Association), Jeff Scheneman (Hometown Health), Nicole Shearer (Renown Health), Beverly Stockstill (Greater NV Credit Union), Steve Tafoya (TMCC), Tina Wheeler (Hometown Health), and Jocelyn Zarubi (First Independent Bank)

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