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Alumni Group Targets Fun and Continuing Service to Fluvanna

Graduates from 15 Fluvanna Leadership Development Program classes are forming an alumni group to further serve the community. The Fluvanna Leadership Alumni Group (FLAG) aims to advance sustainable Fluvanna County projects, recruit potential county leaders and to have fun. The first FLAG event is 6:30-9 p.m. Saturday, March 9 at St. Peter and Paul's Catholic Church in Palmyra.

"Many of us thought there should be more ways to continue to serve Fluvanna, and learn more about it, after we completed the leadership class," said Linda Staiger, one of the organizers. "We think this is a way to do both, and to remain in contact with other interested and motivated county citizens who have taken the class."

The Fluvanna Leadership Development Program offers a series of non-partisan classes on county issues such as economic development, schools, budgets and social services, along with a chance to get to know county officials and ask them direct questions. The goal is to prepare attendees to become knowledgeable citizens and to get involved in county activities.

To date, the more than 300 FLDP graduates have held more than 200 county positions, including at least 70 current county leaders. Three members of the county board of supervisors and one school board member are graduates, and two of the county's constitutional officers, along with dozens of members of county boards and commissions and senior county employees. Information is at fluvannaleadership.org.

The March 9 event will include a brief business meeting to formalize the alumni group, and some presentations. All Fluvanna Leadership Development Program Alumni are welcome.

"We hope to make the alumni group fun, as well as a way to continue serving the county," Staiger said.

More information about the alumni group is available by emailing fldp.alumni@gmail.com.