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Over Twenty Years And Still Connecting



What's Up With Shirin Spangenberg (13)

If you've done any research on fun things to do in Park City, you've already discovered PC FOOD TOURS and THE ESCAPE ROOM. We have Leadership Park City alum **Shirin Spangenberg (13)** to thank for those innovative businesses.

In 2001, Shirin and husband, Dirk started a recycling company, CURB IT RECYCLING. ***"Curb It Recycling is a commercial collection service for Summit and Wasatch counties. We also have a recycling center where we process materials collected in Heber City, UT which is open to the public."***

At one point, Curb It Recycling, held a contract with Summit County to service residential recycling in certain areas of the county. There was also a community education component where Shirin would hold lectures for schools, businesses, fairs and more. When the contract ended, many of the lecturing opportunities also disappeared.

Shirin has always liked being in front of the public so she volunteered at KPCW and as a docent for the Park City Museum, however, she wanted more. She started Park City Food Tours which was recently voted one of the "25 Best Things To Do In Park City" by Dream Vacation Magazine and "Best Food Tours Worth Traveling To" by Trip Adviser. PC Food Tours combines things like a tour of historic Main Street or a nature hike with visits to local restaurants.

"Through Park City Food Tours," explained Shirin, ***"I realized people were looking for something stimulating to do besides the usual outdoors activities. Our town has a lot of recreational opportunities but it doesn't have as much creative thinking/intellectually fun opportunities. Opening up an adventure game room, Escape Room Park City, seemed a no-brainer for us. The idea was to bring in a fun, engaging and brain stimulating activity to the area for people to enjoy, and, its working!"***

Open To Adventure

Shirin grew up in Southern California. ***"If you would have told me I would raise my kids in Utah, I would have said you were crazy. I didn't know about Park City back then."*** Shirin has lived in Park City for over 23 years and feels it's a great place to raise kids, mostly because it's nature's playground. ***"I love feeling safe and comfortable enough for my 13 year old son, Axel to take the bus all over town by himself. I also have a 17 year old son, Kailer, who has embraced the Park City athletic lifestyle. In fact, just recently he was voted NSCAA Player of the Week in soccer for Park City High School. I couldn't be more proud of the young men they are both becoming."***



As you might imagine from the fun and creative business ideas generated by this family...they manage to make their leisure time exciting too. **"As a family, we love to travel and have adventures with each other. The family bickering seems to disappear and we have a lot of fun. For example, we went to Kauai last year and decided to do a hike. Of course, we were leaving that day and there was traffic so we were running late. We said to ourselves....we'll try to hurry and do the entire hike....instead of being sensible and just doing part of it. All four of us were literally running by people, jumping over trees, scaling rocks and having the time of our lives. We did the entire 4 hour hike in about 2.5 hours and just barely made our plane. It's a wonderful memory. Just thinking about it makes me smile."**

A Great Match for Park City



With two kids, three dogs and three businesses, Shirin and Dirk tend to be busy all the time. The majority of their discussions seem to be about work, kids or household stuff. **"Every once in a while, when its just the two of us, we have these amazing conversations about life, the human condition, the declining environment or whatever...and I just think to myself....Wow.....I really like this guy! I think the perfect time away is when we don't have computers, phones or other distractions and just have a great conversation no matter where we are."**

When Shirin heard about Leadership Park City, she was up for the experience. **"I loved the idea of the program because I loved the thought of improving my skills as a leader. I didn't realize I would meet such incredible people and make some life-long friends."**

LPC helped Shirin expand her awareness beyond Park City to the whole state of Utah. **"Leadership Park City helped open my world up to some of the incredible opportunities in Utah. I have become much more involved in state politics and feel comfortable becoming involved in the broader conversations."**

Shirin would love to invite all of Leadership to enjoy an Escape Room Park City adventure. **"Our signature room is 'The Mine Trap', where you and your fellow tour-goers find yourselves trapped in a silver mine with oxygen running out and you must work together to try and escape in time. We are very proud of this room and really stayed true to our mining roots as much as possible. An Escape Room is an immersive experience where you play games and puzzles with a goal of finishing all of the puzzles within an hour to 'escape the room'. The feeling of achievement you experience after completing the room is like no other. You'll be thinking and talking about it for days afterward."**

Shirin, Dirk and their family have been a great match for Park City and so have their businesses. Thanks for making Park City even a MORE fun and interesting place to be!

For more information on Shirin's business ventures, check out their websites:

<http://www.parkcityfoodtours.com/>

<https://www.escaperoomparkcity.com/>

<http://www.curbitrecycling.com/>

Myles Has a New Right Hand Man!

Myles has a new 'right-hand man' and her name is Minda Stockdale! Minda came on board a couple months ago to serve as support to the Leadership Park City Program and also the Executive and Sustainability departments. Minda was raised in Monterey Bay, CA and Albuquerque, NM. Her grandfather was a fan of Park City skiing as early as the 60's so when she was looking for a job...fresh out of college in 2010, she thought of Park City and came to work at the Kimball Art Center. **"I moved away for a few years but couldn't stay away."** Minda returned in 2015.

"I have always known and heard great things about Leadership from living in town," explained Minda. **"I'm excited to support the program from the administrative side as part of my position in the Executive department at PC Municipal. I transitioned to that position in April after working at the library for about a year and a half."**



It's exciting for Minda to work with Myles and Leadership Park City. "It's unique that the city provides leadership training for current and future community leaders. It's one of the aspects of Park City that make me feel fortunate to work and live here. Technically, I live in Oakley," explains Minda. "The fact the program is approaching its 24th year is a testament to its relevance in the community, and to Myles-I feel like I'm learning from the best. I've attended two sessions so far and I can tell it's a fabulous program. I'm excited to support it."

Like everyone in Park City, Minda has her passions. ***"I was trained as an art historian and am passionate about the histories of things, where a piece or collection comes from and why it is considered important. I recently joined the Summit County Public Art Advisory Board and enjoy being part of the process that's bringing art into shared spaces."***

She's been in Park city long enough to pick a favorite season. ***"I love the fall here, when the days are cooler, town is sleepy and the snow is on its way. It's a magical time."***

Minda's local family is made up of great friends and her real family visits often from New Mexico. She looks forward to meeting alumni and taking part in upcoming events. Be sure to introduce yourself if you stop by her office or see her at a function. She is pleased to be part of LPC and thanks everyone for the warm welcome to the Leadership alumni community.

Welcome to Leadership Park City, Minda!

Annual Alumni Picnic



Join us for the annual Alumni Picnic in Rotary Park on **Monday, July 10 at 5:30 pm**. Meal and drinks will be provided but everyone is encouraged

to bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Look forward to seeing everyone!

City Tour 2017 To Bolder, CO



City Tour 2017 will be **September 6-10** to the lovely mountain town of Bolder, Colorado. Approximate cost of the trip is \$800 with \$400 payable in advance. Due to limited space, applications will be accepted and placed on a waiting list. Applicants will be notified of status by July 15. Contact Minda Stockdale for more information. minda.stockdale@parkcity.org or 435-615-5186.

Alumni News

Kick back and enjoy retirement from KPCW, **Larry Warren (11)**.

Dana Williams (2) has tossed his hat back into the ring for Park City Mayor. Go Dana!

THE CLOCK IS TICKING.... LEADERSHIP ALUMNI!



Class 23 has challenged all of us as Leadership Alumni, with a \$20,000 matching grant challenge to help them save Bonanza Flat.

Dig deep and donate what you can to help meet the challenge. The deadline of **June 8** is fast approaching.

What: Donate \$50 (or what you can afford or desire to contribute)

How: To ensure we can keep track of the donations to this matching grant, there will be two steps to the donation process. If you have already donated through Summit Land Conservancy and would like to apply it to this matching grant, email Sara Jo and she can get that information updated in the records at Summit Land Conservancy.

STEP 1: Donate online at

<http://wesaveland.org/donate/save-bonanza-flats/> or by check to Summit Land Conservancy (PO Box 1775, Park City, UT 84060). Be sure to click the Leadership Park City Box online.

STEP 2: Email Sarajo at sarajo@wesaveland.org to let her know you made the donation as part of Leadership Alumni.

Grant will be announced on June 9th via social media and through our partners. If we do not make a 100% percent match, Class 23 will announce what percent of the auction funds will be matched as a group

Events Calendar

Volunteers Needed For Selection Committee

We need about 30 alumni to serve on the selection committee for Class 24 which will meet on Wednesday, September 13 from 4-6 pm in the Community Room at Park City Library.

Anyone interested can contact Minda at minda.stockdale@parkcity.org.



A list of those interested will be made and 30 from the list will be notified by the beginning of August. Committee members will receive applications for review two weeks prior to the meeting. Reading and scoring the 100+ applications is time consuming so be prepared to devote 8-10 hours to reading, rating and scoring. The committee meeting is efficient and take only a couple hours.

This is a super interesting process for anyone who hasn't served.....please consider it.

JOIN LPCA

\$25 annual membership runs from October 1 through September 30. Your contribution allows LPCA to offer an annual CITY TOUR SCHOLARSHIP to a member of the current class. Join by emailing us at leadershipalumni@pc@gmail.com

***SUPPORT** the Leadership Park City Program.

***PROVIDE** on-going education for graduates.

***PROVIDE** on-going networking opportunities.

***UNDERTAKE** activities benefiting our community.



Thursday, June 8- Last day to donate to SAVE BONANZA FLAT for Leadership Park City Alumni Challenge Grant

End of June- Applications for Class 24 will be available on line. See July newsletter for details

Monday, July 10, 5:30 pm- Alumni Picnic at Rotary Park.

September 6-10- City Tour

Wednesday, September 13, 4-6 pm- Selection Committee for class 24 meets in PC Library Community Room.

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A great leader takes people
where they don't necessarily want to go,
but ought to be."*

Rosealynn Carter

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