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## Leadership Park City September 2015

Over 20 Years And Still Connecting  
LIVE PC.....LEAD PC



### What's Up With Gerd-Holmsen Aguilar (13 ), Tania Knauer (11 ) and Madeline Knauer (21 )

Since Leadership Park City has been rolling for 21 years....we've now had the pleasure of instructing three generations of the same family. Meet **Gerd Holmsen-Aguilar (13)**, her daughter **Tania Knauer (11)** and granddaughter **Madeline Knauer (21)**. One of the activities all three generations enjoy doing together is traveling and they have taken many trips together. This spring they did a trip down the Danube and Rhine Rivers starting in Budapest and ending in Amsterdam.



#### **Meet Gerd (13)**

Gerd was born on an island called Hinnoy in the northern part of Norway, above the Arctic Circle, famous for the Northern Lights and Midnight Sun. She also lived in the capital city of Oslo and in the California Bay Area; Los Gatos and Foster City. She, and husband Tony, moved to Park City in 2004 to be close to Tania's family who'd moved here three years prior.

She has no regrets about the decision to move to Park City. ***"Park City is wonderful for people like me who prefer everything outdoors; hiking, skiing, bicycling and playing tennis with people my age who do not say 'I used to'! There are a lot of retired active people here."***

A few years after living here, Gerd applied to Leadership Park City. ***"I was part of the Lucky 13 Class. I was encouraged by my daughter and a few friends. I liked learning the workings of Park City and Utah local and state government."***

Both before and after her leadership experience, Gerd has been a great volunteer in our community. ***"I like to be part of our community so I am and have been involved with; Adopt A Native Elder, McPolin Elementary, Park City High School, Ski for Light, National Ability Center (skiing with the blind and visually handicapped), Board member of Friends of the Library, Park City Education Foundation, Summit County Election Judge, State and County Delegate for the Summit County Democratic party."***

Gerd still loves to travel and it's even better when all three generations travel together. ***"Being a bit biased, my favorite place to travel is on Hurtigruten (Coastal Express) up the coast of Norway from Bergen to the border of Russia. Other than that, I have loved trips with family and friends to several countries including Australia, New Zealand, South America, China, Vietnam, Cambodia and I always like Europe."***

#### **Meet Tania (11)**

Tania was born and raised in the Bay Area of California. She, along with her husband Peter, moved here in 2001 with their two kids Andrew and Madeline who were ages 6 and 3 at the time.

Tania, thinks the best part of her Leadership experience was all the relationships she formed during that special year. ***"I am still friends with many from my Leadership class and have worked with many alumni on various projects in the community over the years."***

One of the ways Tania has put her leadership skills to work is by serving as a member of the Park City School Board. Her children started and graduated from Park City School District and she has always had an interest in advocating for our system to be the best it can be. ***"My 'job' at this point is being President of the PC Board of Education. I ran for office and took on the position because I have the time to give the district right now."***

She is proud of what has been achieved so far. ***"We are fortunate to have one of the top districts in the state. What makes our district high-performing is many things including; great support from parents and the community as well as top notch teachers and staff. I'm proud of the students graduating from our"***

*system, not only are they high-performing and going to some of the best universities in the country, but they also display character and compassion. They are involved in our community in a variety of ways."*

What would Tania do if she could wave a magic wand and change something about our educational system? *"Education has been changing at lighting speed in the last 5 years-between the Common Core standards, new student assessments, new staff evaluations, more technology, dual immersion- I'm looking forward to our district settling into the changes and reaping the rewards."*

### **Meet Madeline (21)**

Next in line for LPC is Madeline, who has lived here since she was only 3 years old and is happy her parents chose to move here where they can ski and enjoy the outdoors. It's also been a bonus for Madeline to grow up in the same town as her grandmother. *"The best part of living near my Nannie is the fact that she is another huge part in my support network, whether that means picking me up from lacrosse practice, helping me with school work or making me a grilled cheese sandwich. My mom has always been involved in the schools and Nannie was a teacher for 40 years."*

She will graduate from PCHS in June of 2016 and is looking forward to being a senior, except for all the college applications. She is a member of the current Leadership class 21. and has some great reasons for her participation in the program. *"A lot of times I feel like students don't have much involvement in the community even though they play a large part in it. By being in LPC, I could potentially connect the younger generation with the people who have influence in the community."*

Not quite finished with her Leadership experience, so far, it has been a positive one. *"I've become closer to a lot of people in the group and I'm really enjoying working on our class project."*

She was very interested to learn about the process of Utah government and has had no trouble sharing her youthful perspective with her classmates. *"I feel like many of the other class members already have a youthful presence, so it makes it much easier."*

She hopes to soon put her leadership skills to work. *"In college, I see myself joining some sort of student government or politically-based organization, so hopefully, I can apply what I've learned in LPC."*

What kinds of things does Madeline have on her "6 Year Plan"? *"I plan on going to college fall of 2016. I'd also like to travel the world and get a dog of my own, preferably a lab."*

**We congratulate all three of these remarkable ladies  
who make up our first three-generation Leadership team.  
We thank them for their service to our community.**

### **Class XXI Project**



For this year's project, Class XXI has chosen to focus on strengthening neighbor relationships. Studies show that knowing one's neighbors increases longevity, decreases stress and chronic illness, improves safety, inspires volunteerism and makes for generally happier, more content communities.

Although many of Park City area neighborhoods maintain vibrant connections, we live in a place with a constant influx of new residents (and often...time-crunched established locals) which offers an ongoing

### **Kellogg Fellows Round Table....**

**All alumni are invited to**

**attend...** Park City is hosting the 30th reunion of the Kellogg Leadership Fellowship Class 6. At least



20 distinguished educators, scientists and nonprofit leaders will be attending.

A round-table discussion for Leadership Park City alumni will be held on **Friday, September 25 from 4-5:30 pm at Treasure Mountain Inn.**

**This is a wonderful opportunity open to all alumni and significant others.**

### **EVENTS CALENDAR**

opportunity to build and develop neighbor relationships. We aren't interested in telling people HOW to be good neighbors--that's up to each person. We just want to create a defined window...and if needed....an excuse for those who want to reach out and get to know each other better.

## PARK CITY NEIGHBOR DAY



We have established Park City's newest official holiday...**"PARK CITY NEIGHBOR DAY"** to take place on Saturday, September 26, 2015 and on the 4th Saturday of September in subsequent years.

To that end, Class XXI has created "**Park City Neighbor Day Bags**" (suggested donation \$1) which include a Neighbor Day info sheet, Hi-5 Park City book (**Thank you Class XXI!**) intro hang tag and local coupons/discount promotions within a sturdy canvas bag to be delivered in person to one's neighbors. There's room to add a personal gesture, like some tomatoes from the garden or a local babysitting list, etc. The dedicated day and ready-to-go packet creates an opportunity for people to introduce themselves or to deepen relationships with neighbors they know already by inviting them to take part in a neighborly gathering. Gatherings could be anything; a backyard BBQ, meet and greet at the park, homemade ninja warrior course, afternoon lemonade or tea on the porch or a chalk art play date with all the kids on the block. **The idea is to promote face-to-face interaction and to foster sense of shared resources, familiarity and easier communication.**

You can be a super neighbor on Neighbor Day--**first, take the "Three Neighbor Pledge"** and commit to getting to know three of your neighbors better. **Secondly, plan a neighborhood gathering** of whatever level you like and list the idea on our map on [pcneighborday.org](http://pcneighborday.org). **Lastly, if you're not on it already, check out and/or sign up for NEXTDOOR**, an app and site that helps verified neighbors communicate with each other. (It's free and there are no ads.)

For more info, to plan or list an event or to take the "3 Neighbor Pledge", please visit our site: [pcneighborday.org](http://pcneighborday.org).

To get Neighbor Day bags or to submit a stack of coupon/discount cards to the Neighbor Day bags, please contact:

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Since Neighbor Day doesn't take place until after City Tour, we welcome ideas and insights from alumni who've been down this project road before!



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September 9-13- City Tour.

Wednesday, September 16, 4-6 pm- Selection Committee meets

Friday, September 25; 4-5:30 pm- Kellogg Fellows Round Table at Treasure Mountain Inn

Wednesday, September 26- PC NEIGHBOR DAY

October 18; RSVP for Graduation/Download; [bbretz56@msn.com](mailto:bbretz56@msn.com)

Wednesday, October 21; 6pm - Graduation/Download Event

### Plug It



Leadership Alumni are active in a variety of community nonprofits. Get a plug in for upcoming events, to recruit volunteers or members. LPC Newsletter is published the fifth of every month so get your plug to be prior to that date.

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It's time for the **FRIENDS OF THE PARK CITY LIBRARY'S** annual Used Book Sale. Members' Preview is Saturday, Sept 5, 9-10:30.

General Book Sale is Saturday, Sept 5, 10:30am to 3pm

Sunday, Sept 6, 10:30am to 3pm

### BARGAIN BAG DAY

Monday, Sept 7, 10:30am to 2pm  
Bring a bag and fill it for \$5!

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The membership drive is on for **NEWCOMERS OF GREATER PARK CITY**

Annual memberships are \$35. Our own Myles Rademan is featured speaker at the luncheon to be held on Tuesday, September 8 at Stein Erikson Lodge. Tickets are \$41 if purchased at the door. For more information on Newcomers' membership and events go to: [www.parkcitynewcomers.org](http://www.parkcitynewcomers.org)

### We'd Like You To Like Us

We can work for you!

Let the FB page help you promote what you are doing.



**PLEASE** feel free to post on this page.

Thanks,  
Mary Beth Maziarz & Class XXI

### Graduation/Download Event

The third annual LPCA  
**Graduation/Download  
Party** will be held on  
Wednesday, October 21  
at 6 pm.



Members of class 21 will  
be on hand to give an  
overview of their project  
and Myles will review the 2015 City Tour to  
Breckenridge and Grand Junction, CO.

Please join us to show your support for Class 21.  
Attendees are requested to bring a heavy appetizer to  
add to the buffet and BYOB. **Spouses are welcome!**

The event will be held in a private home in the Trailside  
neighborhood. **Please RSVP to [bbretz56@msn.com](mailto:bbretz56@msn.com)**  
**by October 18 and you will be given the**  
**address.**

### Alumni News

**Congrats to Kym Meehan (2)** on her successful Hope  
Alliance Haiti projects. Your efforts have had amazing  
results.

**Congrats to Meeche White (2)** who will be inducted  
into the Intermountain Ski Hall of Fame on Thursday,  
September 24 at 6 pm at the Joe Quinney Winter  
Sports Center at the Utah Olympic Park.

Reception is at 6 pm in the Alf Engen Ski Museum,  
followed by dinner at 7 pm in the tent on the museum  
patio. Costs are \$85 per person for the reception,  
drinks & dinner. Table of 10 can be reserved for  
\$1000.00. Contact Connie Nelson, Executive Director;  
435-658-4240 or [cnelson@uolf.org](mailto:cnelson@uolf.org).

*The first responsibility of a leader is to define  
reality. The last is to say "Thank you". In  
between, the leader is a servant.*

Max de Pree

### Alumni Checking In

Are you a Leadership  
Alum who has left the  
Park City area? Please  
shoot me an email to  
"check in". Let us know  
where you are and what  
you are up to.



### September is Membership R & R... Renewal and Recruitment

LPCA is moving into their 4th official membership year.  
We are grateful to our Charter Members who joined us  
that very first year. **Kim Carson (9)** is one of them. Kim

Whether you have a business venture, non profit or  
just a piece of interest, Leadership Alumni is here to  
help you keep networking.

Look for the group **Leadership Park City Alumni**  
on Facebook...like us and join us.

### JOIN LPCA

**Use your credit card to join LPCA!** \$25 annual  
membership runs from October 1 through  
September 30. Join by emailing us at  
[leadershipalumnipc@gmail.com](mailto:leadershipalumnipc@gmail.com)

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

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

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

**\*UNDERTAKE** activities benefiting our  
community.

joined LPCA because it provides her with continued access to key relationships within the community, interesting discussions and social



events. ***"I always meet someone new, learn a new perspective or gain insight,"*** observes Kim. ***"I still have several continuing relationships from Class IX. I consider my classmates to be friends and, in many cases, mentors."***

We hope you will consider joining LPCA this membership year. Details on how to join in column to right. If you aren't sure if you've renewed.....check with Treasurer at [leadershipalumnipc@gmail.com](mailto:leadershipalumnipc@gmail.com)

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