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Committed to developing community leaders

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Mission Statement
To provide proven leaders with a unique opportunity to learn firsthand about the issues and needs in Collier County and to encourage the use of their skills in bettering the community.

The Masters Program

The GNL Masters Program educates highly accomplished men and women about the issues in Collier County through a series of 10 in-depth sessions covering all major aspects of community life. Each year, GNL accepts a class of 42 individuals, many of whom are new to this area, and exposes them to sessions focusing on history, culture and communication, healthcare, education, environment, growth, human services, government, Immokalee and law. Sessions include presentations, panel discussions, on-site visits and field trips, which are planned by members of the previous Masters Class and overseen by the Class Leaders, who are also members of the GNL board.



The Alumni Program

Throughout the year, the Alumni Committee of GNL hosts a wide variety of events for members, providing continuing education about the issues facing Collier County as well as opportunities for members to socialize.

Topics vary from local concerns to national issues that affect Collier County. Formats include luncheon seminars, as well as partial-day and full-day sessions. Question-and-answer periods with panelists and presenters are always part of the program.



Community Service

GNL alumni are actively involved in using their skills and knowledge from the Masters Program to help more than 200 Collier County nonprofit organizations achieve their missions. These alumni efforts touch virtually every aspect of life in this community — from healthcare, education and human services to arts and the environment.

CANDIDACY FOR MASTERS PROGRAM

Eligibility Criteria

- **Record of accomplishment.** The ideal candidate is a proven leader in his or her field of endeavor – whether in the for-profit or nonprofit sector.
- **Commitment to the Greater Naples community.** Candidates should be proven leaders seeking ways to apply their skills to community service.
- **Career and life status.** Candidates must have the time, interest and capability to participate in day-long programs and, thus, are generally retired or semi-retired. They are also required to be proficient in, and utilize, e-mail and the Internet.
- **Residency.** Candidates are most likely recent residents of the area and must reside in the community at least half the year in order to contribute fully to the program and the community.

Selection Guidelines

- **Husband/wife applications.** Spouses of GNL alumni may participate if they meet the criteria, are nominated by another alumnus or alumna and apply for a class held a year or more after the first spouse's participation.
- **Paid employees in the same organization.** Only one paid employee of a given organization can be accepted in a single year.
- **Gender balance.** GNL's goal is to achieve gender balance in each class and the wait list.

Requirements to Participate

- **Class attendance.** Masters Class members are expected to attend all sessions. One full-day excused absence or two half-day excused absences are allowed with prior arrangement. Attendance at Retreat Day and Evaluation Day is essential.
- **After graduation commitment.** Each class member, as part of a team, is required to help design and run a session for the following year's class. Members are also actively encouraged to use their newfound knowledge to serve the community.

Application Process

A member of GNL must sponsor an individual for admission to the program. The application process occurs in January and class selection for the coming year is announced in February.

For more information about GNL and the application for membership, visit www.GNLwebsite.org.

MASTERS PROGRAM CLASS XV Session Dates 2010-2011

October 13, 2010 Opening Retreat	October 20, 2010 History	October 27, 2010 Government	November 3, 2010 Education	December 1, 2010 Culture & Communications	January 5, 2011 Environment	January 19, 2011 Economic Development	February 2, 2011 Human Services	February 16, 2011 Healthcare	March 2, 2011 Immokalee	March 16, 2011 Law Day	March 23, 2011 Evaluation & Planning	March 24, 2011 Graduation	April 18, 19, 20 Session Day Team Meetings
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