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The 20 Year Club The Class of 1986

In 1986 The Golden Girls and Alf were hot but Oprah was not—not yet, anyway. The reality of the Challenger and Chernobyl disasters shocked, while Oliver Stone's Platoon awed. But in 1986, The Post made 54 outstanding

evening by welcoming everyone and jokingly musing, "It is true that the new members are getting younger every year." He then recognized employees who were celebrating their 40-year anniversary at The Post, including **Mike Najarian**, IT, who was present.

After sharing historic events of 1986, Jones concluded, "Of the 110 full-time employees who were hired in 1986, half still work at The Post today."

Mr. and Mrs. "Tommy K" (Tom Konisiewicz, Advertising, and wife, Suzanne) working the red carpet, which The Post rolled out for its new inductees.



Class of 2006



*Behind every good Post employee is an equally dedicated spouse: Imminent 20 Year Clubber **Vince Rinehart**, Editorial, with wife, Jessie.*

hires as evidenced by their combined 1080 years of commitment and faithful dedication.

This past Monday night, Chairman **Don Graham**, Publisher **Bo Jones** and over 250 other 20 Year Club members honored and welcomed the Class of 1986 into its cadre.

Jones opened up the

Testimonials

Prior to the ceremony, two inductees shared some of the changes they've seen and reasons they've remained at The Post 20 years and counting.

Tom Konisiewicz,

Advertising, said he was hired to help revamp the "Sunday magazine from the old rotogravure tabloid to its current format as a glossy magazine." Then explained, "Twenty years ago, [advertising] reps

were driving all over the area picking up ad materials — veloxes, paste-ups, etc." He contrasted it to the present where "materials are generally sent in electronically."

Vince Rinehart, Editorial, also admitted that the technological changes have been "beyond mind-boggling," but his pain was felt in researching stories at the copy desk by "combing through yellowing newspaper clips."

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Principals Leadership Institute is 10-Years-Strong

The tenth annual Vincent E. Reed Principals Leadership Institute (PLI) program kicked off at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Pentagon City on Sept. 19. In addition to welcoming 20

Washington metropolitan area principals selected from 100 applicants, the event also honored the program's namesake: retired Post executive and longtime educator, **Dr. Vincent E. Reed.**

To celebrate the 10-year anniversary of the program that has provided principals with leadership skills that emphasize self-motivation,

Chairman **Don Graham** gave the opening remarks.

After explaining that Reed could not be present due to complications from a 1996 stroke, Graham put the PLI program into context by detailing Reed's professional and lifelong dedication to improving education. "Vince is an awesome man," he said before adding, "None of this would be possible without him."



Chairman **Don Graham** greets Deputy Education Secretary Raymond Simon and PLI Class of 2007 student, principal Angela Robinson, from Sugarland Elementary in Loudoun County.

Graham detailed Reed's timely ascension in the D.C. Public Schools system and his tenure as superintendent during years plagued with controversy and devoid of leadership, which Reed helped correct. Graham explained, "Under Vince, there was dramatic progress in standardized testing in D.C. public schools, which was no small feat." He later added that Reed's perseverance led to the creation of a college prep high school that remains a "beacon of D.C. public schools to this day," referring to Banneker High School.

Graham then said cheerfully, "So years later, when we were able to bring Vince to The Post as vice president of communications, it was one of my happiest moments."

Though Reed didn't directly create PLI, it branched out from one of his landmark programs: the annual Distinguished Educational Leader-

ship Awards (DELA), which provides principals with an opportunity to attend a four-day media-training seminar in the Virgin Islands. It was during one of the DELA

sessions that a few principals conjured up the idea of PLI.

Graham concluded, "PLI is a program for principals by principals." ■



Bob McCartney, Metro Assistant Managing Editor, and **Cathy David**, Alexandria City Public Schools deputy superintendent and PLI advisory board member.



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Visionary educator and father of some The Post's most successful educational programs: **Dr. Vincent E. Reed.**



Post reporters (Left to right) **Monica Norton**, **Dion Haynes** and **Theola Labbé** with Superintendent Clifford Janey, D.C. Public Schools.

Rinehart offered a memorable experience and one of the main reasons he remains at The Post: "I was the National copy desk chief on Dec. 14, 2000, the night Al Gore conceded to George Bush after the marathon Florida recount. I had an amply staffed National copy desk that night and two superb deputy slot editors, **Bryant Snapp** and **Nikki Guyer**. I got a call from home midway through the evening that my grandson Marcus was about to be born, and my wife, who was at home watching two toddlers, asked whether I could be at the hospital for our daughter. My able deputies told me they could take care of things. I went over to tell **Len Downie** what was up. He grinned and pumped my hand and told me to go. I was in time to see Marcus arrive and to cut his umbilical cord. When I look back on that, I think of The Post's sense of humanity toward its people, and the strength of a staff that makes such things possible." ■



Chairman **Don Graham** and Publisher **Bo Jones** welcome Vice President **Lionel Neptune**, Affiliates, to the club.



Carrie Morse, Public Relations, pins commemorative flower on the lapel of inductee **Michael Wells**, IT.



Ninety-year-old **Margaret Rucker Shannon Miller**, Obituaries, retired from *The Post* in 1991 after 23 years. Apart from being a 20 Year Club member she is also the great-great-granddaughter of Louisiana Territory explorer **William Clark**.



Bo Jones and **Don Graham** congratulate inductee **Lawrence Johnson**, Springfield Mailroom, and his wife, **Karen Johnson**, for their 20 years of service.



(Left to right) Twenty Year Club member turned Geico employee, **Amil Raswant**, congratulates new fellow 20 Year Clubber **Don White**, IT, and wife, **Linda White**.



New 20 Year Club member **David Jenkins**, College Park Pressroom, and **Ms. Gita** enjoying a glass of wine after dinner.



Three very sharp-dressed gentlemen: retired *Post* employees and 20 Year Club members (left to right) **Walter Fletcher** (33 years at *The Post*), **Thurman Harris** (22 years) and **Joseph McCree** (22 years).



Congratulations Class of 1986!

Ramon Alvarez
David Barie
Amy Bradfield
Jacqueline Bridge
DeNeen Brown
Katherine Carlisle
Peter Carlson
Kathleen Day
Nancy Dickerson
Faith Durrer
Marc Fisher
Sandy Fleishman
James Forsythe,
Alemtsehay Gebru,
Barbara Jackson
Perry Jackson,
David Jenkins,
Kjell Johns,
Lawrence Johnson,

Thomas Jones,
Edward Jones
Michael Jones
Thomas Konisiewicz
John Lancaster
Don Richard Legeer
Clarence Lemons
Brian Leroux
John Lipp
Tanya Loving
John Mallory
Gregory Mangum
James Marshall
Nancy McKeon
Lionel Neptune
Douglas Perkins
Judy Peters
Dana Priest
Sheila Rainey

Anthony Reid
Vincent Rinehart
David Robie
Theodore Roorda
Linwood Shiflett, Jr.
Yvonne Shinhoster
Lamb
Robert Smith
Edna Squire
Ngo Tran
William Turque
Vinh Hoang Vo
Joseph Walker
Cecelia Watkins
Michael Wells
Frank White
Donald White

Hispanic Festival

On Sunday, Sept. 17 Prince George's County celebrated the start of Hispanic Heritage Month with its 25-year anniversary Hispanic Festival at Lane Manor Park in Adelphi, Md. Post Columnist and Colombian-born **Marcela Sanchez** stopped by with her baby daughter, Sophie Ana Bender, to meet and greet festival attendees. After accepting a sponsor's memento on behalf of The Post, **Aurora Gonzalez**, Public Relations, welcomed the crowd and told them in Spanish: "The Washington Post, as you can see, is also very interested in being involved in the Latino community." **Jackie Alvarado**, Sports News, also greeted folks and answered questions at The Post table.

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Vendor Expo and Employee Discount Summary

Jennifer Hughes from The Washington Post Company would like to thank everyone who participated in the 2006 Shared Services Vendor Expo and Employee Discount Fair on Sept. 12. Over 350

employees stopped by the fair held in the multi-purpose room in the Northwest Building. Over 30 prizes were raffled including digital cameras, printers and various gift cards.

ShopTalk Archives: 1986

In honor of 20 Year Club, which is celebrating employees who joined The Post in 1986, two memorable ShopTalks from that year will be available this week via *Intranet*.



Marketplace

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Post columnist **Marcela Sanchez** with her three-month-old baby, **Sophie Ana Bender**, who's sporting a pink, fashionable "The Washington Post" T-shirt, greeting the Latino community at the Hispanic Festival.

of the African American Leadership Institute, will offer the community an opportunity to ask questions and provide comments about The Post series that was originally published on June 2 and will conclude in December. The event is free and open to the public and will take place at the ARC at 1901 Mississippi