



2021-2022 PROGRAM YEAR CALENDAR

CLASS ORIENTATION

Wednesday, August 24th

Short overview of class expectations and procedures by the LGJ Board of Directors and Project Manager and a chance to meet your fellow classmates.

FALL RETREAT

Friday/Saturday, September 17th & 18th

This overnight session serves as an introduction to the year's program, to various leadership techniques, and to the purpose and operation of the community action teams. Through a series of both large and small group exercises, participants will examine their own attitudes and experiences and develop strategies for more effective leadership.

HISTORY, MONEY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Wednesday, October 13th or 20th

This program will examine Jackson's past in order to learn about the future. Participants will explore the current economic status in the greater Jackson area. Insight will be given to help participants understand the greater Jackson area's approach to economic development and plans to address the challenges and opportunities. This program is designed to provide insight into the business profile of greater Jackson and to review the role of business, industry, and employment in the community.

CULTURAL DIFFERENCES: HOW TO MAKE IT WORK!

[TBD] Tuesday/Wednesday, November 5th & 6th

This program is designed to give participants an opportunity to examine and understand the issue of race as it pertains to us individually and as a society. The group will also explore how to use diversity as a positive influence in building personal and community wealth.

- Needs: RFP, date to be determined by speaker availability

THE CRIMINAL AND CIVIL JUSTICE SYSTEM AND THE LAW

Wednesday, December 15th

Our justice system is charged with implementing political decisions made by the legislative and executive branches of our government and resolving social problems when the political process has not provided guidance. What are our expectations of our systems of justice? How well do our systems work? This program will explore the problems, frustrations, and concerns of the law and our justice systems in greater Jackson.

MID-YEAR RETREAT: LOCAL GOVERNMENT & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Friday/Saturday, January 14th & 15th

This program will also explore the ever-changing climate of local government. Current issues, as well as future trends, will be analyzed by local leaders. Alliances and power balances between government, business and constituency groups will be discussed. What is alliance building power and influence? Who builds alliances? Who wields power? Who has influence? The program will examine the impact of each of these topics. (Class will be required to attend a local city/county meeting.)

At the retreat, participants will also reflect on their Leadership Greater Jackson experiences to date and explore opportunities and challenges in greater Jackson.

EDUCATION

Wednesday, February 16th

This program will focus on education from preschool through college graduation and beyond including an investigation of education reform, public education, curriculum, and literacy in greater Jackson. The challenges and resources of higher education will also be examined.

HUMAN NEEDS, HEALTH AND SERVICES

Wednesday, March 23th

This program will identify and recognize areas of need and will focus on healthcare and social service facilities and programs. The greater Jackson area is a community of contrast and complexity. This program will examine current human needs and problems. Also, the critical relationship between the legislature and its effects on human needs, health and services in the greater Jackson area will be explored.

QUALITY OF LIFE

Wednesday, April 20th

The tangible and intangible ingredients of quality living will be explored and researched. What characteristics make a city worthwhile and attractive? What avenues of involvement are available for participants? How does the quality of life and economic growth relate? Also, the importance of religion in greater Jackson will be related to issues in previous programs. This program will challenge participants to plan a course of action to make an individual and community difference in the quality of life of greater Jackson.

Note: Friday the 15th is Good Friday

CLOSING RETREAT

Friday/(Saturday), May 13th - May 14th

This retreat will be planned in part by the participants to include group presentations and to serve as a review and culmination of the LEADERSHIP GREATER JACKSON year.

GRADUATION

Thursday, May 19th

This is a celebration to honor the members of the 2021-2022 class for a successful completion of the program requirements.