

## Shore Leadership announces new facilitators to lead the 2014 Class



After the announcement of Peg Long's retirement as facilitator of the Shore Leadership Program for the last ten years, the board had much work to do to fill the position. In January, Sue Simmons, Shore Leadership Board President quickly compiled a Request for Qualifications Proposal to search for a new facilitator to lead the 2014 class. After receiving and interviewing many highly qualified candidates to fill the open facilitator position, the board made the unanimous decision to partner with Carol Graser and Dr. Joe Thomas from the Annapolis Leadership Center.

The dynamic duo will be facilitating the 2014 Class with the direction and support of the Program Committee and our Administrative Assistant Susan Parenteau. Both Carol and Joe come to us with countless experiences and education in leadership development and training. Carol Graser is the Co-Founder and President of the Annapolis Leadership Center along with her partner Dr. Joe Thomas, Co-Founder and Director of Experiential Leader Development of the Annapolis Leadership Center. Carol designed and facilitated Leadership Development courses and workshops for various organizations. In addition she serves as an Adjunct Faculty of the Leadership Coaching Certification Program at Georgetown University and also served prior as the Adjunct Professor for the Executive Masters in Leadership Program at Georgetown University.

Dr. Joe Thomas is responsible for the leadership education program for 4,000 Midshipmen at the Naval Academy. He is also the founding partner and CEO of the Student-Leader Seminar that facilitates groups on the topic of ethical leadership for students, athletes, educators and public service professionals and leaders in the private sector. Joe is also the author of several books and numerous articles of higher education and organizational leader development.

"We believe leaders will be challenged in the future to lead in volatile, uncertain, chaotic and ambiguous times", says Carol Graser. "Our approach to leader development is to develop this courage by providing leadership training and experiences, reflection, observations and practices for each leader to become aware of their strengths to improve and to develop key insights about leadership, which will lead to change in leadership behaviors". "It is our belief that through the benefit of teaming, Carol and I will bring complimentary perspectives to the conversation through our leadership experiences from our corporate, non-profit, and military backgrounds", comments Dr. Joe Thomas.

Together we look forward to facilitating the Shore Leadership Class of 2014.

