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## Leadership Worthington Newsletter

February 2009



Enhancing the understanding of leadership qualities and developing individual and group leadership potential to help create a better Worthington area community.

### President's Message

It is an honor to write the first President's Message in this newly developed electronic newsletter. We hope this will be an effective way to share with the large network of Leadership Worthington supporters. Please do not hesitate to contact us with your comments or ideas regarding this newsletter.

We have a number of very exciting things happening this year. Val Knapp, our youth programs coordinator, created a new, one-day training event for graduates of the high school program. This was in response from the wonderful high school students who enjoyed their six-week program and wanted more.

We have another wonderful class of adults working with Dr. Ted Sun, our adult lead faculty. They have just completed a daylong, mid-year retreat and have identified their service projects.

Several workgroups have come together to review how our board conducts business. As a result, there has been a positive restructure of our committees and board along with rewriting our bylaws. Another workgroup reviewed our sponsorship program and made some minor adjustments to make sure our supporters are recognized appropriately. Finally, we have a group working with a graphic artist on our informational materials to ensure a uniform message and branding. We look forward to sharing those materials shortly.

It is a great pleasure working with our wonderful Leadership Worthington network of staff and volunteers. I specifically want to thank Doug Trueman who so eagerly agreed to create this new communiqué.

Suzan Jervej, Class of 2004  
President, Leadership Worthington

### Featured Event

Community Dialogue

**"Achieving abundance during this time of economic stress"**

presented by  
Dr. Ted Sun

sponsored by  
Leadership Worthington

Tuesday Feb. 10th  
Worthington Education Center  
200 E. Wilson Bridge Road  
7:00-8:30 pm

### Upcoming Events

**February:**

#### **4 1st Wednesday Gathering**

Leadership Worthington alumni, class members, friends and parties interested in learning more about the program join once a month to socialize, network and hear the latest program updates.

- DoubleTree Hotel  
175 Hutchison Ave.

## Adult Program Update



- Starts at 5pm
- Appetizers sponsored by DoubleTree Hotel Columbus/Worthington Daniel Nelson—Class of 2008
- Bring a friend, your spouse, plus a class prospect for 2009-2010 year

**Fact...**Did you know Leadership Worthington and its graduates have helped to create through their class projects, and many hours of volunteer commitment with the following events--the **4th of July Family Picnic, Service Day in May, Health Fairs** and other annual events with **Healthy Worthington**, the **Community Spelling BEE** and the annual **Battle of Worthington** basketball classic.

### *Leadership Worthington*

**Leadership Worthington will graduate class #19 this coming May.**

Planners and founders of our leadership program are "smiling" as we will celebrate two decades of a "class act leadership program". This could not have happened without supportive community leaders helping to launch, develop, tweak and celebrate our existence.

### **A busy February for the Class of 2009.**

The Business Track starts things off on the 5th with a session on creating a sustainable business. The class will explore knowledge management, innovation, leading/empowering employees, conflict "management", loyalty methods and adult learning theory.

The Municipal Track picks up on the 12th when the class has the opportunity to meet with city boards, commissions and leaders to understand the challenges facing our Boards & Commissions in Worthington.

Both Tracks combine to explore the complexity of leadership ethics on the 26th. The class will discuss the difference between the foundations of scarcity/fear and abundance/inspiration. Class members will learn how to enable ethical behavior from all individuals.

**If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about Leadership Worthington or visiting a class please contact Joan Bird at (614) 883-3057.**

## Youth Program Update



***Fact...Did you know since the fall of 2006, 186 have graduated from the youth leadership programs?***

### **High School Leadership Program**

#### ***Student Advisory Board Focuses on Diversity and Decision Making.***

The Student Advisory Board of Leadership Worthington's High School Youth leadership training workshop on January 10, 2009, to further develop their leadership skills. Sixteen youth leaders attended this workshop on Diversity and Decision Making. Kathy Lechman, from the OSU Extension, presented the session on "Flash Judgments: A Snapshot of Diversity". Students developed an understanding of hidden biases, labeling and attitudes towards others. Youth to Youth International presented the second part of the workshop on "Learning Strategies to Simplify the Decision Making Process". Interactive activities allowed students to use new strategies in decisions that leaders have to make. All the students came away with additional leadership tools to help them in school and the community.

#### **Leadership Worthington's High School Youth Leadership Training Program Begins Spring 2009 Session**

Twenty-three high school students from Thomas Worthington High School and Worthington Kilbourne High School are attending leadership classes on Sunday afternoons, 2-5 pm, at the Worthington Education Center. Topics for the sessions include, emotional intelligence, social styles, team building activities, media influence on teens, and communication development. Graduation will be held on March 15 at the

Worthington Education Center. Students, faculty and area leaders will be in attendance.

**Mark your calendars for Leadership Worthington's High School Youth Leadership Training Program Fall 2009**  
**Session Dates; 9/27, 10/4, 10/11, 10/25, 11/1, 11/8, 11/15.**  
**Call (614) 883-3057 for information.**

## 8th grade Leadership Program

### *Leadership Worthington's 8th Grade Middle School Youth Leadership Training Program Announces Summer Sessions*

Students entering into the eighth grade in the fall of 2009 have an opportunity to choose from two leadership workshops this summer. The first workshop will be June 18th and 19th (Thursday and Friday) and August 14th and 15th (Friday and Saturday). Students will be introduced to leadership skills, team building activities, community service project and speakers from community leaders.

**For more information call Val Knapp at (614) 883-3057.**

## Leadership Moments

Leadership Moments offer a look into many "ah-has", tried and true tips to help individuals lead and guide with a new insight to administer, direct, share and comment. Many are lighthearted and pointed and the words help, steer and tolerate our directions to lead and live.

### How to Walk the Path

Walking the path is only half the battle. How we walk the path is just as important. Think about mindsets and how we adopt them. What approaches we take, and what provisions we take on this walk are important. It is the combination of the path ahead, and how we walk the path that determines the quality and character of our lives (family, work, and community connections).

Think of deep awareness, courage to try,

## Guest Writer Begins Next!

Each month, Leadership Worthington will work to provide you with a new Leadership perspective by hearing from a leader in our community.

In March, we will be presenting Tom Wentz, President of Corporate Performance Systems, Inc. located in Westerville. Tom is an active performance consultant specializing in the processes of **leadership** and **organizational change** and has helped transform countless businesses over the past 16 years. He is also the author of of [Transformational Change: How to transform Mass Production thinking to meet the challenge of Mass Customization](#) and [Swing to Balance: Golf and Leadership](#).

break through innovations, purposeful spontaneity concluding with adaptive persistence.

How was your walk?



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