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Leadership Worthington Newsletter

May 2009



Guest Leader's Message

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

This month's guest leader's message comes from the class-members of 2009. The following is a sample of the class of 2008's survey to better communicate the value behind Leadership Worthington.

What Leadership Worthington did for me or meant to me...

What prompted me to sign up?

- I was looking to become more involved in my community.
- The desire to expand my horizons professionally.
- Interested and curious. Looking for personal and professional growth. Looking for the big picture and learning more about Worthington.
- I was looking to enhance my leadership skills while learning how to achieve inner balance.

What was my preconceived notion about the class and was it what I thought it would be?

- I got informed about LW from my colleague one week before it started. I was only thinking about networking. Right now, I am more into learning content. Fortunately, I have more opportunities to apply what I am learning.
- I expected lectures on leadership and reading assignments. There was some of that, but the class was so much more.
- It was my perception that the program was a personal growth and professional development opportunity along with opportunities to grow my circle of business relationships and personal friendships.
- From what I heard from previous LW participants, I expected to learn a great deal about the city of Worthington. My favorite parts of the class have been the tours of city facilities and interactions with city officials.

Featured Event

Leadership Worthington's 1st Wednesday of the Month

ALUMNI Gathering with friends, colleagues and spouses

Delicious Italian fare
Come to "The Quarter" in
Worthington

featuring Caffe Daniela

Wednesday May 6, 2009
5:30 pm till _____

Mary Jo and Joe Milano will be our
hosts for the evening

with delicious appetizers

(Stay for dinner)

652 High Street Worthington

**For more information, please
call 883-3057.**

Upcoming Events

May 2 - Service Day

- Kilbourne Middle School
50 E. Dublin-Granville Rd.
Worthington, OH (Next to Old

- I knew that I would meet many great people and make many wonderful connections. So far this has been absolutely true.

What was the most memorable class or event?

- I really enjoyed hearing from the fire, police, etc about how the city operates.
- The rope activity on the first retreat. I didn't realize how difficult it would be to solve problems while blindfolded. It really gave you a feel for how difficult it can be to lead a group when one of the VAK pieces is missing.
- Small -group sessions with junior high and high school students showed off some of the district's best and brightest, as well as the level of interaction and connection between students and faculty.
- The presentations were open and passionate. It was a great reminder for me to always bring my passion to work, family and friends.
- Don't have one yet. Each session has provided some knowledge and insight into both myself and the community.
- My most memorable class so far was the retreat. I have never been involved in any activities such as those, as an adult.
- Visiting and talking with the Kilbourne Middle School students. The students we talked to were community oriented and excited about sharing and helping the community.
- I loved the "behind the scenes" look at the Fire and Police Departments. How else do you get a ride up in a bucket truck?!
- Team building exercises at the opening retreat, as well as the information being provided about the city.
- Silent volleyball. I never played it before and absolutely loved it. You learn a lot about yourself and others when you have to communicate in alternate ways.
- Blindfold. I realized that I easily get disengaged when the project is overwhelming, involving too many people, and seems to have have other leaders. I still need to improve so that I do not depend on other people and play an active role in what I do.

Adult Program Update

Class Project Update

For the next few months we will provide you a special look at the class projects that have been developed by the Class of 2009.

Fido Fest

Event Description:

The class of 2009 Leadership Worthington is in the process of reinventing one of the most successful past events for the community of Worthington. The Pooch Parade was a crowd driven event of over 7,000 attendees and raised funds for area rescues. In addition to raising awareness and

Worthington Library and The Huntington Bank)

- Saturday, May 2, 2009
- 9-12 noon
- Breakfast is served to volunteers from 7:30 am - 8:30 am by the [Kiwaniis Club of Northern Columbus.](#)

May 14 - Annual Meeting

- 5:00 pm @ WEC--mix and mingle
- 5:30 pm--program and meeting begins
- Business meeting
- New Board members elected
- Retiring Board members
- Class of 2009 Class Projects
- Leadership for a Lifetime Award selections announced

May 20 - Adult Graduation Day

- Location: J.Liu's
- 6880 N High St
Worthington, OH
- 6:30 pm-mingle
- 7:00 pm-dinnerfollowed by our graduation speaker and honoring of the 2009 class graduates For reservations please call Joan Bird at (614) 883-3057, or email jbird@worthington.k12.oh.us
- Speaker:
Tei Street, Sr. Policy Advisor & Director of Community Education and Engagement for Ohio Treasurer of State Kevin L. Boyce
- Title of program:"The Best Ship in a Storm is Leadership"

May 25 - Memorial Day Parade

- The winners of the Leadership For a Lifetime Awards will be guests as they are driven in the Memorial Day Parade on Monday May 25th.

Elementary Level
Cassady Watson--Granby
Elementary School

Middle School-McCord Middle
School
Hannah Vincent

High School
Rebecca Alexander-WKHS

educating the community on the need for pet adoption. The event no longer takes place in the Worthington area, due to complications with traffic and additional funds for closed roads. Leadership Worthington (LW) will be hosting the event at the Worthington Square shopping center parking lot – this location will solve the traffic and closed roads issues and the shopping center has offered their support for the event. Fido Fest will be a festival for pets and pet owners, a venue that will raise funds for the area rescues, fun for all, while educating the public.

MISSION:

Focused areas-

1. Consciousness for homeless pets
2. Create a pet and family fun event for the Worthington community
3. Enlighten visitors on what the Worthington area has to offer
4. Promote Leadership Worthington
5. Sustainable events

Leadership Challenge Update

We had twenty-two participants and four facilitators attend. The activities included blind rope, obstacle leadership, debunking old paradigms of thought, systemic solutions, team jenga, and survival island.

The three teams went through the six challenge and encountered both physical and mental obstacles. The dynamics of new team members offered an incredible lessons for the teams on how to welcome and work with new hires. Overall, the teams were able to recognize how they've improved as a leader by comparing their performance to the initial class retreat.

Class of 2009 enjoys 5th Place Reward

The Class of 2009 enjoyed their award for finishing in 5th place that The Community Spelling Bee - Dinner for Four at the Worthington Fire Station.



(5th Place Winners - Leadership Worthington Class of 2009)

Adult

Jeff Appel

May 27 - Class Project Lunch Program

- Communicating the value of Leadership Programs to the Community.
 - 11:30 am
 - Worthington Education Center, 200 East Wilson Bridge Road Worthington, OH 43085
 - Purpose: To provide perspective for non-profit leadership programs; value, sustainability, and growth.
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For more information about our Adult program please call Joan Bird at (614) 883-3057.

Youth Program Update

LEADERSHIP WORTHINGTON'S 8TH GRADE SUMMER LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

Leadership Worthington will be offering a 2-day Leadership Training for students entering into the 8th grade in the fall of 2009. Students may choose either the first session, June 18 & 19 or the second session, August 14 & 15. The program offers leadership training, team building activities and a community service project. Applications and forms are available for download at www.leadershipworthington.org. For further information contact Val Knapp at 883-3057.

Leadership Moments

"Ah-has", tried and true tips to help individuals lead and guide with a new insight to administer, direct, share and comment.

Lessons about Leadership

- * leaders need to remember the importance of interdependence--that life is not just about the business: an organization is a community of human beings
- * Leaders need to care about interpersonal relationships and be willing to be cared about
- * A leader doesn't have to be superhuman or have all the answers, no matter how much people may wish it to be.
- * Failing is only a step on the path to success.
- * Trouble doesn't last forever
- * Know what you stand for as a leader before crisis hits; when things are crashing down around you and people are looking for your leadership, it's too late to figure things out.
- * Integrity is the only thing you have that is truly yours.

Reading source: Crucible of Leadership

Leadership Opportunities

New Leadership Worthington Class to begin in the Fall

Applications for Leadership Worthington 2010 Class be accepted. To learn more about the 2010 program please call Joan Bird at (614) 883-3057, or email jbird@worthington.k12.oh.us.

Board & Commission Positions Open

The City of Worthington is seeking applicants for our city's boards and commissions - [Learn more!](#)

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