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## Leadership Worthington Newsletter

June 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

Hello Leadership Worthington! I would like to thank Joan and Suzan for offering me the position of president and the board for confirming it. Suzan has set a great road ahead for us and I hope to continue down the road that has made our organization as successful as it has been these last 19 years. But there is plenty of room for new ideas. Please feel free to let me know your thoughts, your dreams, and how you see Leadership Worthington moving forward. Lets make our 20<sup>th</sup> year one of our best!

Peace, Keenan Blanke.

### 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 writer is outgoing Leadership Worthington President Suzan Jervey.

Dear LW Network,

We can look back at experiences in our lives where personal growth and sense of achievement can be found. For most of us, the nine months we spent in our own leadership program is one of those experiences. For me, another experience is the past two years serving as president of Leadership Worthington.

During the past two years, I have had the pleasure of overseeing some wonderful accomplishments. We evaluated the projects and structure of our board and refined our mission and vision. We have and continue to improve our communications methods with this enewsletter, an improved website, and the beginnings of a more unified

### Featured Event

#### July 4th Family Picnic

When: 5:00 pm, July 4th  
Where: TWHS

Organized by the Dublin-Worthington Rotary Club and support from the City of Worthington.

Music, entertainment, picnic food and Super Games will make the event another fun neighbor event prior to the fireworks at dusk.

LW Class of 2005--helped to create the 4th of July Family Picnic on the grounds of TWHS prior to the evening fireworks each year. Families and neighbors brought picnic baskets, chairs, games, and listened to music by Arnett Howard, and local DJ's from 2005-2008. Thank you Class of 2005 for setting the groundwork for a super Worthington-community event. Come on down and say "hi" to your neighbors.

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### Upcoming Events

#### First Wednesday Gathering

marketing campaign. We have reestablished the 8<sup>th</sup> grade training program and created an additional program for high school students. Our sponsorship program, which was in its infancy when I was elected president, has become a part of our funding structure.

I can't take credit for these things; I only presided over meetings and read all the emails in which I was carbon-copied. Instead, it was the incredible network of volunteers and staff working together who deserve the credit.

Thank you to each of you for your dedication. Worthington is a proud and wonderful community. I am pleased to have served an organization that continues to make Worthington even more proud and wonderful.

Suzan Jervey

Class of 2004

## Service Day



Seventy volunteers completed 75 jobs at the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Leadership Worthington Service Day held on May 2, 2009. Volunteers gathered at the Kilbourne Middle School at 8:00 a.m. for breakfast provided by the Kiwanis Club of Northern Columbus, heading out to perform jobs beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Service Day began in 1994 as a LW Class Project that was established to help seniors and the disabled in Worthington with chores such as yard work, window washing, and garden planting. Service Day draws volunteers from the Worthington area schools, churches, civic organizations, and many individuals, as well as LW past class members and board members. It is a requirement that members of the current LW class participate in Service Day each year.

The 2009 Service Day committee was co-chaired by Jim Sauer and Kathi Reddy. Committee members were: Bob Reddy, Mark Feldbush, Jim Hilz, Joan Bird, Steve Putka, Rob Wendling, Susan Costakos-Slomka, Valerie Knapp, and Rose Byrd. Service Day was sponsored this year by Lions Club International, Worthington Chapter, as well as

When: 5:30pm, July 1st

Where: La Chataleine Restaurant & Bistro

Alumni, friends and prospects for the 20th class are welcome. Come meet a graduate and talk about your next step in "finding the leader in YOU".

### **Community Dialog - How to think like a Leader in today's environment.**

When: 7 PM, July 14th

Where: Worthington Education Center

Description: many people are taking precautions in this economic environment. Organizations are full of managers and lack leaders to think creatively. Knowing the difference between being a manager or a leader will make a difference on whether you thrive or survive in this economic times.

our Silver sponsors: Clark, Shaefer, Hackett & Co., Dr. Anthony Lordo, DDS, and Tilton's Automotive Service; and our Bronze sponsors: Allstate Insurance, Katherine Reddy Agency, First Place Bank, Schoedinger Funeral Services, and State Farm Insurance Agent-Bill Alsnauer.

## Leadership for a Lifetime Awards



What is your definition of a leader? Does it include words like visionary, integrity, dedication, courage, humility, creativity, fairness, assertiveness, good listener, sense of humor, honesty, motivator, or consistency? After careful consideration of 23 nominations from the community, Leadership Worthington is proud to announce the four 2009 recipients of our Leadership for a Lifetime Award who all possess many of these qualities. The winners are as follows:

**Cassady Watson** (Elementary), the oldest of seven children, is a fourth grader at Granby Elementary School where she serves on the executive board of the student council, is a member of Kids for Saving Earth and is passionate about saving the gorillas in Rwanda. Cassady's nominator states that "the leadership qualities she displays at such a young age shows that she has the capacity to do great things as an adult."

**Hannah Vincent** (Middle School) is an eighth grader at McCord Middle School where she has had a very positive impact on her fellow students. Hannah steps up as a leader in her school, the classroom, the basketball court, as well as in the community, and does not let anything get in her way to do what is right. Hannah's peers look up to her because she leads by example and is positively able to influence other young adolescents through her action and words.

**Rebecca Alexander** (High School) is a senior at Worthington Kilbourne High School. Rebecca has served as President for two years of the Gay-Straight Alliance, a student advocacy group that works against name-calling, bullying, and harassment, combined with effective responses. Rebecca is also a student board member of the Inter-professional Commission of Ohio Civic Responsibility Panel and has also been recognized for several academic and athletic awards at WKHS. Rebecca is a leader among

her peers and is well respected for her personal convictions to make our community a better place to live and work.

**Jeff Appel** (Adult) is a partner with the law firm of Appel & Hellstedt LLP in Worthington. His family of four are lifelong residents of Worthington. Jeff has shown and taken leadership roles in many community service organizations, including the Dublin-Worthington Rotary, Worthington Area Chamber of Commerce, Worthington Education Foundation Board, Worthington Youth Boosters (as a lacrosse coach), and has served as an Elder at the Worthington Presbyterian Church. Jeff graduated from Leadership Worthington in 2005 and helped develop the Annual Fourth of July Family Picnic as a class project, which has become a tradition in our community. Jeff shows compassion and dedication and is an advocate for many community causes.

Leadership for a Lifetime began as a LW class project in 1994 and has continued for 15 years. The selection committee for this year was co-chaired by Kathy Starks and Mark Huber. Committee member were Jim McElligott, Kathryn Paugh, Lou Briggs, Pam Sturiano, Sandy Byers and Kathy Moore. To be nominated for this award, one must live or work in the Worthington school district, exhibit leadership qualities, and be nominated by someone other than a family member (except elementary school age category).

Recipients are honored at our annual Service Day and are presented official plaques and given a chance to speak at our annual meeting in May each year. Honorees also receive a brick engraved with their names which is placed in the sidewalk in front of the Worthington City Hall.

## 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.*

### Communication the Value of Non-Profits to the Community

#### Project Description:

To provide perspective for non-profit leadership programs: value, sustainability, and growth. This in continuation of Leadership Worthington's ongoing quest to align its marketing with its mission and vision. To this end we invited Mary Jo Hudson, Director of Insurance for the State of Ohio to speak on "Communicating the Value of Leadership Programs to the Community".

The results are potential action items for the Board:

- Bridge Building: Involve stakeholders in the community.
  - Build relationships with HR departments of local large companies to look for the mutual benefits in providing leadership skills for their employees.

- Meet with local businesses to find common goals for the community.
- Partner with other Non-profit organizations for funding through grants, participants and promotional benefits.
- Training
  - Board members have a commitment to the organization, but may not have the skills to be as effective in their roles as they would like.
  - Empower board members to train their replacements.

Project leads include: Dennis Weeks, Mark Beckenbach, Joe Davis and Jeff August

**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 8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.*

#### ***The Five Laws of Stratospheric Success***

#1. The Law of Value--your true worth is determined by how much more you give in value than you take in payment.

#2. The Law of Compensation--your income is determined by how many people you serve and

#### **Leadership Opportunities**

##### **Two great books to develop yourself**

#1. Good to great: why some companies make the leap---and others don't ..by Jim Collins 2001

#2. The five dysfunctions of a team: an illustrated leadership fable. by Patrick

how well you serve them.

#3. The Law of Influence--your influence is determined by how abundantly you place other people's interests first.

#4. The Law of Authenticity--the most valuable gift you have to offer is yourself.

#5. The Law of Receptivity--the key to effective giving is to stay open to receiving.

Ref. "Go-Giver" (Burg & Mann)--for more words of brilliance.

M.Lencioni and illustrated by Kensuke Okabayashi 2008

### Enroll in Leadership Worthington

Thursday Sept. 24th- the 20th class of Leadership Worthington will begin their leadership journey through May 2010. For information about enrolling in the class this year, call 883-3057 or check out the website at [www.leadershipworthington.org](http://www.leadershipworthington.org), or email [jbird@worthington.k12.oh.us](mailto:jbird@worthington.k12.oh.us)

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