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 Leadership Worthington  
Newsletter

October 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 LW Alumni! We have 24 enthusiastic people about to embark on their journey into the world of Leadership Worthington. We hope our 20th class will be the best ever but we know that is a tall order looking back at all the success we have had during the past two decades. I look forward to working with the new class. I also hope the best and the brightest from the last 20 years will see where they can help LW grow to make our 20th anniversary year one to remember! Keep an eye out for ways to connect, serve and support our great organization during the class year of 2009-10 as well as into our next 20 years. And thank you for all the support with which we would not have lasted this long to begin with. Remember, finding the leader within you is a lifelong journey. Peace.

Keenan Blanke  
President of Leadership Worthington

## 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 Cassidy Watson. Cassidy shares her acceptance speech as the winner of the Leadership For a Lifetime Award. Cassidy attends Granby Elementary School.

I want to start out by giving a huge thank you to the people who chose me as the LFLT winner for the elementary grades. It is a tremendous honor to be one of the four people chosen this year. To me, if you want to be a good leader, you need to have the seven virtues. The seven virtues are taught at my school. They are perseverance,

## Featured Event

**Community Dialogue:  
Critical Thought for your  
Health:**

A systemic perspective on health from a solution oriented perspective facilitated by Dr. Ted Sun (recently seen on NBC 4) and Dr. Pam Popper.

While the media and the medical industry uses fear to obtain compliance, the systemic impacts are far reaching. When you allow yourself to be a victim in this system, you pay not with your wallet, but also psychologically and intellectually. Using principles from systems thinking and solution oriented decision making, Drs. Sun & Popper will lead a dialogue on the systemic perspective of health. While this is a contextual conversation creating awareness, it may cover key content topics in today's health conscious world.

When: October 28, 6:30 pm -8:00 pm  
Where: Worthington Education Center, Worthington

generosity, responsibility, respect, honesty, compassion, and self-discipline. One of my favorite virtues is perseverance because when you are a leader you can never give up. If you think something's not right, you need to keep working on it until you fix the problem. People who are leaders aren't necessarily in charge but they are there to help and guide you. My teacher nominated me because she thinks I show leadership qualities at school, at home, and in the community. I have many people to thank for helping me develop those qualities. One of those people is my nominator, Miss Rachel Dawson. Miss Dawson is a fourth grade teacher at Granby Elementary. She is so cool and nice and she is an AI fan like me. Miss Dawson also comes up with fun incentives to make school more fun. Many other teachers have influenced me: Mrs. Schlarb, Mrs. Dixon, Mrs. McPheron, Mrs. Stukey, Mrs. Ruffing, Mr. Frederick, Mr. Korn, Mr. Hollinger, Mrs. Beyer, Mr. Armstrong, Mrs. Mayberry, Mrs. Ritter, Mrs. Jewett, and Mrs. Olney have all given me opportunities to show leadership in and out of the classroom. There are two more teachers who mean a lot to me. One teacher is Miss Tina Swearengin. Tina is also a teacher at Granby, but she teaches sixth grade. The other teacher is Miss Lynn Murphy. Lynn is a second grade teacher at Worthington Park. Tina and Lynn have known me my whole life. Tina and Lynn are like second and third moms to me. I think this because Tina almost cried when she found out I won the Leadership Worthington award. Lynn said something like, "Wow, Cassady! That is so cool. I am so proud of you." Tina and Lynn have taught me how to be a leader by using the virtues themselves. Once when we were at the Bluejackets game, Lynn tried to get money and the machine stole Lynn's bank card. Instead of freaking out, they took charge and tried to fix the problem. My friends also influence me. When my friends heard the news, they didn't say, I want to win or How come Miss Dawson nominated you and not me. They said wow Cassady we are all proud of you and what a big honor Cassady. They definitely showed all the virtues tied in together. My family, though, definitely influences me the most. They have been a huge impact on my leadership skills. My family is behind me 100%. My parents show leadership skills by them raising seven kids. They never give up. They show all the virtues, but especially perseverance. I show leadership with my brothers and sisters by watching them and helping them with their homework. Last but not least, my grandparents show me how to be a leader. My grandpa and my pop are veterans of the Vietnam War. My grannie is a retired teacher and she showed leadership by teaching all those kids. My grandma did a lot of volunteer work while my dad was a kid. All of my grandparents show leadership by helping my parents with my siblings and me. All of these people have influenced me and helped me to be a better leader. Thanks again for honoring me with this award.

## LW Alumni Highlights

*Leadership Worthington's tag phrase is Discover Your Potential. Here's an update of those doing just that.*

John Butterfield, Class of 1989-90

John Butterfield was one of the many "founders" of Leadership Worthington back in 1989-90. Thanks to John and so many others who had a wonderful "vision", the Leadership Worthington programs are now celebrating 20 years of helping to develop leaders in our own community.

One of the myriad of jobs and opportunities John has embraced over the years has been on the Worthington City Council. We wish him much success as he moves on from that position into another field of interest. No moss is growing under his feet.

## Upcoming Events

### FIDO FEST

(A LW Class Project from 2009)

11:00 am-4:00pm--Sat. Oct. 3rd

Where: Parking lot of the old Adena's and Dalts Restaurant (next to Worthington Square) on West Wilson Bridge Road.

30 combined Rescue Groups, Animal Welfare Organizations and Vendors will be present. Proceeds and publicity will help with a future Dog Park to be established in the Worthington area-W.O.O.F. (Worthington Off-Leash Friends).

Volunteers needed: Leadership Worthington will have a support-table and we are looking for alumni, friends and even their children to help us with our water and beverage table.

Volunteer times (2 hr. blocks of time, or portion thereof)

10-12

12-2

2-4

Please call or send an email as to your requested time to volunteer.

Families welcome at the Leadership Worthington table..... as well as bring them to the event.

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First Wednesday Gathering

Thank you John for supporting Leadership Worthington over all these years and beyond.

### R. Leland Evans, Class of 1992

Leland works with Porter, Wright, Morris and Arthur and was recently named to the 2010 edition of the Best Lawyers in America.

Congratulations again to another Leadership Worthington graduate!

## Adult Program Update

Presenting the Leadership Worthington Class of 2009-2010. Our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary class!

1. Marilyn Baker - Strategic Communications Specialist
2. Jason Jones - Service Leader--Tilton's Automotive Service
3. Sarah Cofer - Worthington Library-Lead Librarian
4. Tom Hoover III - JP Morgan Chase-Vice Pres. Client Relationship Mgr.
5. Katie Berry - Insurance Agencies of Ohio
6. Chris King - King Business Interiors
7. Donnie Austin - Owner-House Wine-Worthington
8. Sven Pawlikowski - Branch Manager-US Bank-Worthington
9. Carol Borden - Cam Taylor Realtors
10. Don Rioux - Owner-My Car Buddy
11. Jaime Burks - HR Manger-United Methodist Children's Home
12. Jeffrey Harrison - CEO-Vivid Design Group, Inc.
13. Emily Weidner - State Farm Insurance—Bill Alsnauer Agent
14. Suzan Singh - Worthington Spine and Wellness Center
15. Cassie Jablonski - Shaklee Independent Distributors

When: 5:30pm, October 7th  
Where: Cosi Restaurant 12 E. Wilson Bridge Road and High Street in Worthington.

Our hosts for appetizers will be Cosi Restaurant. All alumni, friends and current LW class members are welcome.

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### A Special Invitation to All Leadership Participants in Central Ohio

Leadership Ohio is hosting an awesome golf scramble and dinner on Monday, October 12, 2009 (Columbus Day) at The Golf Club of Dublin! All local Leadership program classmates, alum, staff and directors are invited and encourage to attend. This is our way of saying "Hello" to other great leaders in the area and show support for the state-based program.

18 holes of golf WITH a cart, a box lunch AND..... a buffet dinner following the scramble!!! All of that for a mere \$100 per golfer! And on top of that, there will be lots of fun scramble prizes, gifts for attending and a 50-50 raffle. Dinner only costs \$25.

Hurry to register! We will extend registration until Monday, October 5 but would appreciate hearing from you earlier as well. Send registration information to: [Helene.Ewaska@UHhospitals.org](mailto:Helene.Ewaska@UHhospitals.org) and ask her to call you if you need to pay by credit card.

Marilyn Baker  
Leadership Ohio - Class 16

16. Jenny Fuerst - Dir. Corporate Communications-Fahlgren, Inc.
17. Jon Cook - Exec. Dir.-McConnell Arts Center
18. Dale Anne Featheringham - Featheringham Orthodontics
19. Mark Minister - Worthington Presbyterian Church
20. David Pollner - Diamond Cellar Holdings, Ilc.
21. B.C. Tilton - Independent Hair Designer—Cut, Curl, Dstyle-Worthington
22. Lisa Fallara-Director-Case Management @ Mt.Carmel St.Ann'S
23. Rob Chandler - Ass't to the Director of Public Service-City of Worthington
24. Beth Jordan - Owner-Gentle Voice Soul-utions

For more information about our Adult program please call Joan Bird at (614) 883-3057.

## Youth Program Update

### High School Leadership Fall Program



Leadership Worthington's High school Leadership Program is off to a great start. Twenty-six students are enrolled for this Fall session. Students are in the 10-12 grades and attend Worthington Kilbourne High School, Thomas Worthington High School, Linworth Alternative School and Franklin Heights High School. Youth to Youth International started the program with hands on activities and discussions to

help develop leadership skills. Students to discussed the importance of leadership in everyday situations.

## 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 Magic Moment

If we do not know how the events of the day will unfold, if we cannot see into the future, when does leadership happen?

Answer: It happens at the Magic Moment.

A Magic Moment is any time we receive information and face a choice - a choice in determining what actions we will take and what we will say.

In working with business people around the world, we have conducted research which shows that just over half of us will say or do something destructive when faced with a stressful situation. At that critical point, in that "Magic Moment" when people discover that things have not gone the way we wanted them to, their words and body language lash out with harmful messages.

Another large group of people do nothing. They simply ignore the situation.

These two types of leaders miss the most important decisions that take place during a day. When missed, these Magic Moments, which number in the thousands, breed and feed office elephants. But other people seize such Magic Moments and use them in their favor. Life happens (Read: Competition happens, market conditions happen, personnel and supplier issues happen, and so forth). These leaders recognize an opportunity and leverage the moment to deliver results now - and guarantee greater results in the future (p. 114-115, Vannoy and Ross, 2008).

Want to read more: The Elephant in the Office

## Leadership Opportunities

Great books to develop yourself

Managing Leadership Stress

CCL Press, 2008

Vidua, Bal, Michael Campbell and Sharon McDowell-Larsen

Everyone experiences stress and leaders face the additional stress brought about by the unique demands of leadership: having to make decisions with limited information, to manage conflict, to do more with less...and faster! Read on !

### MINE+9: Connect with the Worthington School District and your Community.

Pam Sturiano (Class of 2008) has provided information about a volunteer opportunity to make a difference for our school levy. WE need lots of help with this Levy to help keep our Community& Schools connected and growing. Helpers can email to signup to help. To learn more about the "Mine +9" please email Kim or Pam for an information sheet.

Kim Goldsmith, volunteer chair at [kim@goldsmithgroup.org](mailto:kim@goldsmithgroup.org)  
Pam Sturiano, just a hard worker, at [psturiano@worthington.k12.oh.us](mailto:psturiano@worthington.k12.oh.us)

Info on MINE+9 will also be available at two info sessions:

Worthington Kilbourne HS

Tuesday -Sept 29th

4 pm - 8pm

Thomas Worthington HS

Thursday - Oct 01

4 pm - 8 pm

Take another step to learn leadership within the State of Ohio Leadership Ohio is a statewide educational/experiential program that is designed to provide leaders from diverse geographic areas and entities around the state with the opportunity to examine issues from a statewide perspective. Sound interesting?? Read more!

A major expectation of programmatic outcomes is that issues and experiences addressed will remain at the forefront of each leader's consciousness, as they make decisions. Leaders who graduate from the program are better equipped to serve their communities and Ohio. Participants in Leadership Ohio are individuals throughout the state who are living the leadership experience in an existing public or private sector of the state, with room to grow. Local leadership program graduates from around the state have moved on to enroll in the April-November program. As graduates and friends of Leadership Worthington, please take the opportunity to look into this program. Their mission is to identify, educate, communicate, inspire and engage Ohio's current and emerging leaders for the well being of the people of Ohio. The application form and prospectus can be found at [www.leadershipohio.org](http://www.leadershipohio.org)

### 3C "Quick Start" Public Meetings

The Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC) and the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) are gathering broad public input on the 3C "Quick Start" Passenger Rail Plan, which will connect Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton, and Cincinnati. ORDC and ODOT want to hear what 3C would mean for you. Public meetings are being held at the following times and places.

#### Columbus

Tuesday, September 15, 2009

4:00-7:00 p.m.

King Arts Complex

867 Mt. Vernon Avenue

Columbus, OH 43203

#### Cleveland

Wednesday, September 16, 2009

4:00-7:00 p.m.

Holiday Inn Cleveland Airport

4181 W. 150th Street

Cleveland, OH 44135

#### Cincinnati

Thursday, September 17, 2009

4:00-7:00 p.m.

Cincinnati Council Chambers

City Hall, 801 Plum Street

Cincinnati, OH 45202

Overview Presentation at 5:30 p.m.

All public meetings can be reached by transit. ADA accessible.

Online Public Meetings

Go to <http://3CisME.ohio.gov>

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