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 Leadership Worthington  
Newsletter

November 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

I have heard it said, "If you want something done right, do it yourself". As leaders, we have to recognize the flaws in this statement. I have just two I will bring to your attention.

1. Leaders do lead through example but also allow others to grow in their capacity to do a job "right". If as a leader you are always doing or fixing the things others are doing, growth is not being fostered. Step back and guide those through their challenges and let them make corrections on their own.
2. No job is ever done completely by one person. Everyone is supported in some way by the work of someone else. No one walks this world alone so look around once in a while and appreciate those who help you get the job done "right". Good leaders are able to recognize the contributions of others in their midst.

Leadership Worthington cannot do the job right without the support of it's alumni. I hope you continue your support Leadership Worthington as well as we continue to support you.

Peace,

Keenan Blanke  
President of Leadership Worthington

## Sponsorship Opportunities

Leadership Worthington is currently accepting sponsorships for the

## Featured Event

### 1st Wednesday Gathering

Our host this month will be House Wine - Donnie Austin - 644 High Street, Downtown Worthington.

Come join us for some appetizers, wine and a time to mix and mingle with current class members, LW alumni and friends after work.

Purchase your own wine by the glass. There will also be Italian Winemakers present that night with their terrific Italian wines. A good time for all.

5:30 pm till?

Continue the celebration with dinner at a near-by restaurant and support Worthington businesses.

2009-2010 program year. "Discovering Your Potential", and what you offer our community, does not just happen in the classroom and there are many opportunities available for sponsorship within the Leadership Worthington.

Started in 1991 by community leaders, our mission is to enhance the understanding of leadership qualities and to develop individual and group leadership potential in order to create a better Worthington area community. Through sponsorships and class participation, we have graduated over 325 students who are leaders in our local businesses, non-profits, schools, neighborhoods and government agencies.

Leadership Worthington has given life to many community events such as Service Day, 4<sup>th</sup> of July Family Picnic, Spelling Bee, The Leadership Challenge and coming this Fall, the Fido Fest.

Sponsorships are available in many ways. Gold, Silver and Bronze level sponsorships are available, as well as many other opportunities. This is an excellent way to have your organization recognized as helping to contribute to our communities Leadership program.

To consider sponsorship, or to find out how to become more involved with sponsorship, please contact Natalie Moore, Fundraising Director, at 614-264-4154.

## 12 Deadly Sins of Leaders

Excerpt from: Leadership vs. Management (Howatt, W.A.-2008)

1. Not being aware of the value of staff development.
2. Wanting to be liked more than respected.
3. Not implementing an effective vertical and horizontal communications system.
4. Not being aware of the impact of negative comments.
5. Not asking team members for their opinion on a regular basis.
6. Not following the same rulebook as the team.
7. Not promoting self-accountability.
8. Not focusing on skills and talents of the team.
9. Not being available.
10. Not being visible on a regular basis.
11. Not passing on information.

12. Not building clear agreement and commitment on a yearly basis.

## LW Alumni Highlights

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

Ed Johnston, Class of 1995

Ed has been very active in many arenas local and nationally, since he became an LW Alumni in 1995.

He continued to provide community leadership training at the opening retreats with the next 4 consecutive adult classes 1996-2000, and helped to develop the Worthington Historical Museum brochure for their organization.

He has been a Sharon Township Candidate in 2003-2005 and 2007-2009, and a Trustee of the Ohio Railway Museum.

He has made a difference in the Central Ohio area with being the Chairperson for the Charity Golf Outing which benefits the Columbus Dyslexia Center.

He has connected with the Civic Associations of Oxford Place and Westworth Village, and has been a Trustee with the Linworth United Methodist Church, and a Treasurer of the Thomas Worthington Quarterback Club

His professional career in law enforcement and security has made the connections with Arson and Auto Theft Investigators, Worthington and Dublin School Districts--advisor for the building and security camera systems, as well as an advisor for maintaining security at Rickenbacker Air Shows.

Thanks Ed for using your learned leadership skills to continue to train leaders, and stay connected to our community, municipal government, running for elected offices, volunteer with civic associations and other non-profit groups!

## Adult Program Update

"Leaders in a bucket"



The class members of the 2009-2010 class get a chance to experience the Fireman's Bucket and a chance to "view " the city.

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

## Youth Program Update

The Fall 2009 High School Leadership Program began on Sept. 27th.

The students and parents were asked several questions.

Why did you sign up for the class and what did you expect to gain from the class sessions?

Input from the youth:

- meet new people
- help with college applications
- public speaking/confidence builder
- leadership skills and leadership problems

-community leadership

Input from the parents re.the youth getting involved

- that youth would get a jump start on service projects
- help with their communication skills
- the leadership program was recommended
- college prep/preparing for the future
- hidden potential
- outward focus
- branching out
- help to build their confidence
- building relationship and skills
- good feeling in helping others
- teamwork and speaking skills

The Spring 2010 High School Leadership Program will begin on Sun. Jan. 24th and continue on Jan. 31, Feb. 7, 14, 28, and March 7,14. To enroll in the high school leadership program, please call 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.*

### **How to Win Confidence**

If you want people to have confidence in you, learn the 3 DONT's.

Don't..... do things you might regret.

Don't..... let fear force you to make selfish decisions.

Don't..... become presumptuous after you succeed.

### Leadership Opportunities

November 3rd - Get out and VOTE!

Great books to develop yourself  
Real Leaders don't do Powerpoint: how to sell yourself and your ideas.  
Christopher Witt 2009

The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People--restoring the CHARACTER ETHIC.  
Stephen Covey 1989

Talent is overrated: what really separates world-class performers from everybody else.  
Geoff Colvin. 2008

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