

Lawson THRILL Reader



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Dear Lawson Thrill Readers,

We Welcome the Leader in You!!!

Ever wondered, when one walks on "The Road to Leadership", what this really means from the eyes of the beholder. The ride by itself is not always cruising in a sense but the essence of an experience the ride leaves behind can span for eternity. Ever wondered who that Leader is right now. How about "You".

Ever wondered why a successful leader is always infectious in spreading leadership wherever ever he or she goes. Instrumental in discovering, motivating and finally being led by the leadership in others, learning from others and then walking on the bridge of leadership "Together".

Ever wondered what it takes to make leadership your own personal reality. By Dictionary context - A Leader is "One that Guide or Leads Others". Leadership by far has many definitions tied to it. Leadership is "the process of influencing the behavior of other people toward group goals in a way that fully respects their freedom."

In the "21 Irrefutable Laws of Leader" John Maxwell sums up his definition of leadership as "leadership is influence - nothing more, nothing less." This moves beyond the position defining the leader, to looking at the ability of the leader to influence others - both those who would consider themselves followers, and those outside that circle. Indirectly, it also builds in leadership character, since without maintaining integrity and trustworthiness, the capability to influence will disappear.

As stated in the following quotable quotes it really sums it up. The Leader in you is waiting for the leadership in you to carry on. Read on!!!!

"People ask the difference between a leader and a boss. The leader works in the open, and the boss in covert. The leader leads, and the boss drives." - Theodore Roosevelt

"Management is efficiency in climbing the ladder of success; leadership determines whether the ladder is leaning against the right wall." - Stephen R. Covey

"You manage things; you lead people." - Grace Murray Hopper

"The function of leadership is to produce more leaders, not more followers." - Ralph Nadar

"As we look ahead into the next century, leaders will be those who empower others." - Bill Gates

"The final test of a leader is that he leaves behind in others the conviction and will to carry on." - Walter Lippman

"The first responsibility of a leader is to define reality. The last is to say thank you. In between the two, the leader must become a servant and a debtor. That sums up the progress of an artful leader." - Max DePree

"You gain strength, courage and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face. You must do the thing you think you cannot do." Eleanor Roosevelt

"Don't be afraid to take a big step when one is indicated. You can't cross a chasm in two small steps." David Lloyd George

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy." - Martin Luther King, Jr.

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, concerned citizens can change world. Indeed it is the only thing that ever has." - Margaret Mead

Once again reader as you read on we welcome the Leader in you!!!

From the desk of the President Joan Watson

It is that time of year once again. No, not taxes. Not six more weeks of winter or turning the clock ahead. It is time to check on membership and education. We are entering the final quarter of the Toastmaster year. Our goal for the club is to be a distinguished club. How do we accomplish this? The distinguished club program identifies educational, leadership and club responsibilities goals to be recognized as distinguished. In

addition to members earning their CTM's or ATM's or a Competent Leader awards, it is also important to maintain a membership of 20 paid members by the end of June 2006.

Our members have earned CTM's and CL awards. Our officers have attended training and the officer list and dues have been sent it. But we need to encourage people to take advantage of the benefits of Toastmasters and join our club. Please take a moment to invite a friend or co-worker. Maybe suggest that you will bring them to the meeting. There is nothing that encourages someone to attend more than to personally invite them to visit.

Congratulations to Shawna for representing us at the area contest. It is a great opportunity. Keep in mind it is dues time as well. Our treasurer, Sharon, will be happy to accept your check or even cash this month. Thanks to Steve for stepping up and taking on the VP of Education role. Let him know if you need a couple speeches to complete your education award. Let's work to being distinguished this year.

Some are born to lead; some discover the leadership in themselves as part of living. Sometimes one finds the leader in oneself when one is faced with various situations that life presents in the form of various challenges. Challenges one finds in bringing up a family. Challenges one encounters at work. Challenges one has to dwell on when differences of opinion arise.

Yet it is these same challenges that bring out the leader in you. In other words, We are Born Leaders, we have to just discover that leadership in ourselves. If not life will create those opportunities for us to face them as they come.

Where does Toastmasters come into play in terms of Leadership? The best way to understand that would be through the Toastmasters Mission Statement .

THE MISSION OF TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL

Toastmasters International is the leading movement devoted to making effective oral communications a worldwide reality. Through its member clubs, Toastmasters

International helps men and women learn the art of speaking, listening, and thinking-- vital skills that promote self-actualization, enhance leadership potential, foster human understanding, and contribute to the betterment of mankind.

It is basic to this mission that Toastmasters International expand its worldwide networks of Clubs, thereby offering ever-greater numbers of people the opportunity to benefit from its program.

THE MISSION OF THE DISTRICT

The mission of the District is to enhance the performance and extend the networks of clubs, thereby offering ever-greater numbers of people the opportunity to benefit from the Toastmasters Educational program. It works to achieve this mission by:

Focusing on the critical success factors as specified by the District educational and membership goals.

Insuring that each club effectively fulfills its responsibilities to its members.

Providing effective training and leadership development opportunities for club and district officers.

THE MISSION OF THE CLUB

The mission of a Toastmasters Club is to provide a mutually supportive and positive learning environment in which every member has the opportunity to develop communication and leadership skills, which in turn foster self-confidence and personal growth.

Reading these mission statements from Toastmaster's we could question ourselves as "What would be my own personal mission statement like?" The deeper we reflect, the simpler the answer will be.

Now is the time to think about how you can tone the skills of discovering and rediscovering the leader in you. Put your thinking caps on. There are possibilities right at our club. Take up leadership roles in form of various officer positions or participating in meetings, filling in different roles, providing feedback, suggestions, on how we can continually keep improving. The

list could be endless. The common denominator in it could be you. Fellow Toastmasters, we once again recognize the Leader in you.

With that lets move on to other activities happening in the club. Here are the meeting minutes from February 21st , Executive Committee meeting

Attendees:

Victoria Helseth, Muniesh Khandelwal
Sharon Miller, Chong Sun, Joan Watson

Action Items by Officer:

President Joan Watson

- Mid March will be the club's party. Joan will take charge of organizing.
- Discussed replacements for VP of Ed and VP of membership for the rest of the year. Each officer will take two names to contact members to consider either position:
- Joan – Laura, Steve. Sharon – Jean, Srihar, Kunal. Vic – Tim and Meena. Muniesh – Sandeep. Chong – Dennis.

Vice President Education

- Jeff will be leaving LTS. Chong volunteered to send out a note to ask for time off requests. She will load the scheduler until we get a replacement. Sharon will send Chong a list of all current members email addresses.
- Joan will ask Jeff to burn a CD of the scheduler files and give to Sharon. (Jeff completed already)
- Joan will ask Jeff to replace himself as the owner of the Lotus notes email group with Victoria. (already done by Mark O'Hara)

Vice President Membership Joan

- Joan will follow-up on two guests from last week.
- Discussed membership drive for next month. We will determine at next meeting. Looking for at
- least four new members by the end of June to reach the membership numbers of 20.
- Reviewed potential members that may not renew for April – September.

Vice President Public Relations Muniesh Khandelwal

- Newsletter will continue to come out the second week of month.

- Vic requested an article covering the DCP for the club to explain the points and the goals
- Discussed highlighting individuals who earn a point for the club. Recognize at the club meeting
- as well.

Secretary Chong Sun

- CTM application submitted online today for Chong

Treasurer Sharon Miller

- Current balance is \$193.95.
- Sharon will send out notices for dues in March. She will check with Jeff F to see if he is coming back.
- Vic will check with Adam about renewing.

Sergeant At Arms Victoria Helseth

- Maintaining the forms for the meetings and setting up the room.

Other business:

- Vic requested updates on the club contest. It will be held March 2nd with Sharon taking on the TM role. Vic and Muniesh are contestants so far. Will be looking for additional contestants. Joan will supply the forms for Sharon. The area contest is on March 8th. We need to remind members.
- DCP program status. We reviewed who might be able to complete CTM, ATM and CL certifications. Joan will contact Len to see if he is looking to complete his CTM and Steve an ATM. Vic will contact Shawna about her CTM. Vic will work with Sharon to submit Sharon's CL certification. Chong will consider giving a speech on the DCP for her CL award. Sharon has the information and will share with Chong.
- Nominations for VP of Ed and VP of Membership will be discussed at club meeting and look to vote next Thursday 3/2 for the offices.

I couldn't help but share this picture with you. Why? Because that is where it all began





Not to forget this picture either



The two pictures say it all. Everyday is a new beginning for the leader in you. And at the end of the day, celebrating it is always fun. Especially when it has sprinkled sweetness with it.

Lawson Thrill Reader is a monthly publication for all club members and future members.

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In toastmaster one way of measuring where we are is through Distinguished Club Program

Key concepts in the Distinguished Club Program also referred to as DCP.

Toastmasters recognize clubs that work towards achieving their goals. Clubs are recognized through the Distinguished Club Program. Our club status may be viewed

<http://www.toastmasters.org/creports.asp>

**Toastmasters International
Distinguished Club Program
Month End February 2006**

Clubs with at least 20 members OR with net growth of at least five new members at June 30 which also do the following are eligible for TI recognition at year end.

GOAL

Achieve any five of 10 goals
Achieve any seven of 10 goals
Achieve any nine of 10 goals

RECOGNITION

Distinguished Club
Select Distinguished Club
President's Distinguished Club

Club 7507 - "Lawson Thrill Speakers Club"

District: 6 Division: E Area: 15
Membership Base: 22
Membership to Date: 20

	GOAL	ACTUAL	ACHIEVED
(1) CTMs	2	1	
(2) Additional CTMs	2	0	
(3) ATMs	1	0	
(4) Additional ATMs	1	0	
(5) CL, AL, or DTM	1	0	
(6) Additional CLs, ALs, or DTMs	1	0	
(7) New Members	4	4	*
(8) Additional New Members	4	1	
(9) Officers Trained (both required)			
June-August	4	7	
and December-February	4	0	
(10) Submitted on time (both required)			
October or April Renewal	1	1	
and Officer List	1	1	*
Total Goals Achieved To-Date:			2

Calendar of Important Events



Area 12 Contest

Wednesday, March 8th at 5:30 PM Registration.
6:30 PM Contest. Remember Shawna is representing our club in the Table Topics. We wish her good luck.

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Meets every Thursday at 12:00 noon at:
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