



Leadership Crawford County Newsletter

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Leadership Crawford County is designed to develop effective leaders by enhancing their civic, social and professional skills.

Leadership Crawford County started 4 years ago with a group of 7 attending Leadership training in Terre Haute, Indiana. Our project was to start Leadership in Crawford County. After a year of planning the first Leadership Crawford County Class started in the fall of 2004.

The program is 9 months long starting with a retreat in September and ending with graduation in May. The monthly, day-long sessions cover topics including, Local Govern-

ment, Law Enforcement, Agriculture, Business, Education, History, Industry and we spend a day in Springfield learning about state government.

The program also offers Leadership training. The participants learn how to work together as a team and benefit the community and the workforce.

Each class is broken down into three groups and select a community project. These projects can be long term or short

term based on the needs of the community. Participants work on the project between the monthly sessions.

The goal of Leadership Crawford County is to get people involved in the community and make it a better place to live and work.

Leadership Crawford County is co-sponsored by Crawford County Development Association and University of Illinois Extension.

Meet our Board

The Leadership Board is comprised of 12 members, representing diversity in education, age, gender and occupation.

Officers

Shelly Fuller-President
Regions Bank (Class 25 Terre Haute, Indiana)

Mark Hill-Vice-President
First Robinson Savings Bank (Class 1 Leadership Crawford County)

Carol McGahey-Sec./Treas. Homemaker (Class 25 Terre Haute, Indiana)

Board

Emily Carroll-First National Bank of Oblong (Class 2 Leadership Crawford County)

Chris Forde-WTYE (Class 25 Terre Haute, Indiana)

Robbie Nethery-Dana Corporation (Class 2 Leadership Crawford County)

Jason Sutfin-PrimeVest Financial Services (Class 25 Terre Haute, Indiana)

Connie Calvert-CCDA and University of Illinois Extension

Carla Wesner-Hershey
Leadership Coach

Kristy Veenstra-Crawford Memorial Hospital (Class 1 Leadership Crawford County)

Tracy Weber-Attorney
Terre Haute (Class 25 Terre Haute, Indiana)

Phil Goodman-Marathon Petroleum (Class 2 leadership Crawford County)

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Class 3 Attend Retreat

The Leadership Crawford County Retreat was held this year on September 10th and 11th at Allerton Park near Monticello, Illinois. The retreat is an overnight campout where the class attends

leadership training and goes through a team-building challenge course. This year a new challenge was added to the group. While on the course the rains came, but this did not stop the group from completing

the course. For the next nine months the class will be learning about Crawford County and how to become a better leader. This year the class has 14 members.



Don Annis	Crawford Memorial Hospital
Phoebe Biernbaum	First Robinson Savings Bank
Corie J. Biggs	Marathon Petroleum
Michael Howard	Marathon Petroleum
Julie Kraemer	Hutsonville Unit #1
Rodney Ogle	Senco Construction
Teresa Postlewaite	ISU Student
Larry Quick	Tempco Products
Louise Schalasky	Marathon Petroleum
Kimbra Stephens	Marathon Petroleum
Jamey Tracy	First National Bank-Oblong
Ben Vaupel	Dana Corporation
Dawn Willis	Marathon Petroleum
Garry Wilson	Hershey Chocolate

Class 3 Divided into Teams for Class Project

At the retreat, the class was divided into 3 teams, each team picked a long or short term community project. Each month participants will give an update on the progress of their project. At graduation they will give a presentation of their project.

Team 1

Teresa Postlewaite
Larry Quick
Louise Schalasky
Dawn Willis
Jamey Tracy

Team 2

Ben Vaupel
Don Annis
Phoebe Biernbaum
Rodney Ogle

Team 3

Michael Howard
Corie Biggs
Julie Kraemer
Garry Wilson
Kimbra Stephens

“You cannot be a leader, and ask other people to follow you, unless you know how to follow, too”.

Sam Rayburn

Recap on Class 1 and Their Projects

Team 1

Mark Herman Penny Quinn
Rhonda Cox Kristy Veenstra

Team 1 started the CERT program, a program to train people to be first responders in case of an emergency. At present the program is ongoing, held at Lincoln Trail College and is free of charge. If you would like to attend one of these classes, please get in touch with Lincoln Trail College.

Team 2

Mark Hill Arlene Gordon
Glenda Fulling Justin Legg
Brandon Harmon

Team 2 is working with the community to help save the Robinson High School Gym and turn it into a community recreational center. At the present time they are working on a feasibility study. They have recently obtained 501c3 status and will move forward as time allows.

“Somewhere out there is a unique place for you to help others—a unique life role for you to fill that only you can fill”.

Thomas Kinkade

Team 3

Angela Erton Jeff Patchett Brian Robb
Jamie Truett Dave Odland

This will be the second year that Junior Achievement has been in all the County Grade Schools. This year they received funding to continue the program in second grade and are just a few donors shy of expanding into third! If anyone is interested in participating in the program (board member, classroom volunteer or sponsor) please contact Brian Robb (544-3111 ext. 402) or Jamie Truett (544-2121 ext. 5399). JA is committed to preparing young people for the workforce by educating them about economics, money management and free enterprise. For more information on the program itself, go to www.ja.org.

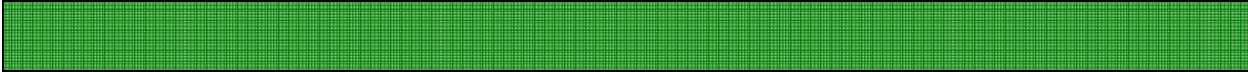
“Outstanding leaders go out of the way to boost the self-esteem of their personnel. If people believe in themselves, it's amazing what they can accomplish.” --Sam Walton

Leadership Crawford County Online

Leadership Crawford County is making it's way into the Cyber World. You can find information on current class members as well as members from Classes 1 & 2 on the site. Information on the Leadership Board and the Advisory Board can also be found on the site. Our

schedule of classes for the current year is posted along with the dates so you'll be sure to know what's coming up and when. Archived copies of this newsletter will also appear on the site. The website is maintained by Phil Goodman (Class 2). We are always trying to

improve the site. If you have any suggestions for improvements, please let us know. You can contact us through the contact information on the website. www.leadershipcrawfordcounty.org



Class 2 and Their Projects

Team 1

Eric Mosbey Kerry Lathrop
Emily Carroll Robbie Nethery

Guardian Calling or Reverse 911 is a project that Crawford County will be able to use. This team is working with Marathon to provide this type of system in case of a disaster or some type of local emergency. All the telephones on the 911 system will ring to alert the community of a problem.

Team 2

Mandy Catt Dawn Stedelin
Stacie Ogle Jake Benjamin

This team is working on bringing a county wide rural transit system to Crawford County. They have been working closely with the Crawford County Development Association and together hope to see public transportation in the community.

Team 3

Amy Macak J. D. Kimberlin
Phil Goodman David Branson

This project is to design, finance and construct an applied teamwork challenge course located in Crawford County for use by various organizations. The course is intended to develop and enhance leadership skills and traits within individuals and strengthen teamwork concepts within groups and organizations.

"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader."
John Quincy Adams

Carla's Corner by Carla Wesner

WOW! It is hard to believe I began my first journey with Leadership Crawford County over 2 years ago. Along the way, I have witnessed the learning and growing of two very distinct groups of leaders: *First Class* and *Second to None*. I have watched these individual's leadership talents flourish and their enthusiasm thrive to unforeseen heights. And now, I am embarking on a new and exciting journey with *Third Time's the*

Charm. This group possesses similar attributes and has made my first experience with them exhilarating. They have taken the bar and raised it even higher. Along each of my journeys, I have found a common thread running through each class. The individuals who represent the class for that year are passionate, committed and dedicated to securing the future of their county and their community. Individuals will be touched

forever through exploring who they are, how they fit and how they can influence those around them to make a great difference. The leadership talent these individuals across three classes own will significantly impact not only the communities of today but the communities of tomorrow. This leadership coach is grateful to have the opportunity to be along on the journeys of these great leaders.

Advisory Board

The Advisory Board is comprised of business leaders throughout the county.

Advisory Board:

Steve McGahey
Tempco Products
Bev Turkal
Lincoln Trail College

Kaye Holscher
Caterer
Ann Emken
University of Illinois Extension
Bob Berty
CCDA
Roger Eddy-
State Representative
Bruce Frey
Hershey Corporation

Robin Guyer
Bunker Hill Supply
Jack Chamblin
Brandford Supply
Rick Catt
First Robinson Savings Bank
Rich Kocher
First National Bank Oblong Branch
John Swearingen
Marathon Petroleum

Why Volunteer?

Definition of Volunteering

Volunteering is done by choice, without monetary reward, and for the benefit of the community.

When you volunteer you are giving back to your community by lending a helping hand to people and organizations. People volunteer for many different reasons. Whatever the reason, volunteering can and should be a

good experience for everyone involved. Here are a few reasons that people volunteer.

- To feel needed
- To make a difference
- To meet new people
- To give something back
- To increase your awareness of issues
- To learn new skills
- Because you were asked
- To be with your friends

- You believed in the project
- Where would Crawford County be if people did not volunteer? We would not have the Volunteer Fire Department, or Chamber of Commerce Boards, 4H Clubs, Baseball and Softball Coaches, the Rodeo, Fall Festivals, School Boards, Hospital Boards, Leadership Crawford County or any of the clubs. A community is only as good as the volunteers.

"May I never get too busy in my own affairs that I fail to respond to the needs of others with kindness and compassion."

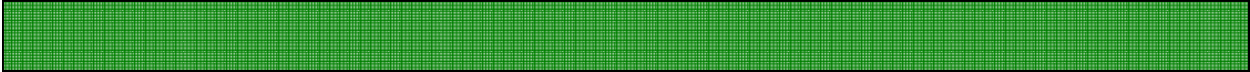
Thomas Jefferson

Leadership Newsletter

We hope you have enjoyed this newsletter. Our plans are to publish this quarterly to keep everyone informed on what is happening with our pro-

gram and any news of the alumni and class members. (ex. marriage, promotion, new parents, job change, office held in volunteer organizations) If you

would like to submit an article, please get in touch with Connie at the CCDA office 546-1412.



Class Dates

October 11	Local Government and Law Enforcement
November 8	Agriculture and Ethanol
December 13	Business
January 10	Education
February 7	Springfield
March 14	Health and Safety
April 11	Media and History
May 9	Industry
May 16	Graduation

“Leadership is not a one-day thing. It is a constant commitment to excellence, a habit . . . a daily practice”. *Author unknown*

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