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A Message from Your President...

I have a question for you; can the word servant and leader be used together? It seems like they would come from two different walks of life or even be an oxymoron in some instances. But the funny thing is that is the kind of leader you want on your side or the kind of leader that a person should strive to be. I have outlined the major characteristics of a Servant Leader and hope you can take the time to read these.

Qualities of a Servant Leader:

- 1) Patience & Self control in every situation
 - Think of what is happening behind the scenes in others life's before you make any judgments.
 - The Power of a Paradigm Shift
 Franklin Covey has the best example of a paradigm shift: he was traveling in a subway, a man gets in with his two sons, the sons are running all over the place bothering the people, this continues, so he finally gets irritated enough to ask the father why he doesn't do something to control his kids. The father replies, "We just got back from the hospital where their mother died. I don't know how to handle it and I guess they don't either."
- 2) Kindness
 - Beginning today, treats everyone you meet as if they were going to be dead by midnight. Extend to them all the care, kindness and understanding you can muster, and do it with no thought of any reward. Your life will never be the same again. Cont. pg 3

Relay for Life



Members volunteered a Saturday morning to help clean up after the Relay for Life event that was held in June.

Calendar of events

September

20 - Business After Hours, Bear Valley Electric 5-6:30 p.m.

24 - YP Synergy Event, Pioneer Grill and Saloon 5-8 p.m. [Click Here to sign up](#)

October

7 - GMAYP Fall Festival @ Pleasant Valley Tree Farms 5-7 p.m.

18 - Business After Hours, The Creamery Inn 5-6:30 p.m.

November

4 - Membership Kick-off, Stout Ale House 5-8 p.m.

15 - Business After Hours, Stout Ale House 5-6:30 p.m.

December

1 Business After Hours, CVTC 5-6:30 p.m.

9 - Winter Daze Parade, Downtown Menomonie 5:30-8:30 p.m. -GMAYP will be walking and social afterwards

YP Synergy Event

Young Professionals of the Chippewa Valley
and the Greater Menomonie Area unite
for an evening of networking and games!



Friday, September 24, 2010

- 5-6 p.m. Social
- 6-8 p.m. Games including bean bag, ladder golf & volleyball

Pioneer Grill & Saloon

- E5699 County Road D
Menomonie, WI

Cost: \$10

Dinner Includes:

- BBQ chicken, smoked beans, potato salad and pickles

Don't Miss Out!!!

- Network with members of both YP Groups
- Door Prizes
- Prizes for Top Teams



**GMAYP's Celebrate Fall at Pleasant Valley Tree Farm
October 7 from 5-7 p.m.**

N7240 810th Street, Elk Mound, WI 54739
<http://www.pleasantvalleytree.com>

GMAYP members and non-members \$5.50
Kids 23 months and under FREE

Food can be purchased for \$3.50 per person (This includes hotdog, chips, cookie and a drink.)

Join GMAYP for our 2010 Fall Festival at Pleasant Valley Tree Farm. We encourage you to bring your family and friends with to enjoy this exciting event, filled with a number of activities for all to enjoy!

Activities include: Spooky Ridge Trail, hay rides, corn maze, straw fort, bounce houses, red pine ranch play area, magical woodland maze, games and several play areas.

For us to give a head count to Pleasant Valley Tree Farms it is appreciated if you would sign up prior to the event. Please visit us at www.menomonieyp.com or on Facebook.



Green Day



Approximately 15-20 young professionals attended the “Green Day” event held at Dunn Energy Cooperative on May 18th. This professional development event focused on “Green” initiatives in Dunn County. The event began with Mayor Randy Knaack speaking about his visions for the City of Menomonie and how area young professionals can get involved. Other speakers related to “Green” initiatives included representatives of the Community Garden, Anna McCabe with Dunn County Recycling, Dick Lamers with Tainter/Menomine Lake Association and Jolene Neisius with Dunn Energy Cooperative. Thank you to Dunn Energy Cooperative for hosting our event and to all of the speakers that presented for this event.

Nature Valley Grand Prix

GMAYP Members volunteered to help with this national bike race that was held here in Menomonie on June 19th.



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- 3) Humility
 - Authenticity
 - Role up the sleeves kind of leader.
 - Humble response (the leader that doesn't need recognition)
- 4) Respectfulness
 - All people are the same and deserve respect.
- 5) Selflessness
 - How can I help you? Really! How are you doing today? Really! (not just saying it)
 - Being sincere.
- 6) Forgiveness
 - Release of one anger or resentment against another.
 - Accountability...not holding the other person hostage.
- 7) Honesty = Building Trust
 - Free of deception, sleeping at night knowing that you did everything that you felt was truthful.
 - Truth stands alone.
- 9) Commitment (not just involved)
 - Choices, you can choose to be committed and you can choose not to be.
 - True passions and realizing what those passions are, and then commit to them. (what is your passion?)
 - Picture an egg and bacon breakfast. The chicken was involved...the pig was committed. Haha.

Some other things that I have learn about Servant Leadership:

- You train your dog, but you teach your employees.
- The most important un-taught skill that is required by ALL leaders is listening. Shut off all judgments in your head and just take the time to listen. This is a skill that is vital to a leader's success.
- Appreciation is needed by all people. Its simple, it's quick, and puts a smile on their face when they receive it.
- Rule for salesman and also life: Under promise and over deliver.

Thank you for taking the time to read through these. I went to a seminar recently that hit on these points but they also hit home. Many of these areas I fall short in a home and at work, but I printed these off and have them right next to my desk to remind me daily that a Servant Leader is the only leader.

We look forward to seeing you at the YP Synergy event. Check out the advertisement in this newsletter for more details. Please RSVP as we need a count for food...also bring a guest or spouse, this will be a fun night.

Sincerely, Christian Peterson, Hoeft Builders