

# LEADERSHIP LINKS AND LEARN

THIS IS A MONTHLY COMMUNICATION DEDICATED TO EDUCATING, EQUIPPING AND ENGAGING MEMBERS TO BECOME BETTER LEADERS WITHIN GFWC



*“Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other.”*

John Fitzgerald Kennedy

**FIVE QUALITIES OF A GOOD LEADER**

**HONESTY**– We know that our leaders are not perfect but we expect them to be honest. Today, because of the many scandals people assume that everyone is a little dishonest, including their leaders. In order to be seen as an honest individual you really have to go out of your way to be honest. One of the best ways a leader can exhibit their honesty is by admitting their mistakes and accepting responsibility for them.

**FORWARD LOOKING**– Leaders need a vision and they need to be able to communicate that vision if they plan to move forward. Some leaders do not share their vision for fear that it will never come to pass and some leaders make promises they cannot keep. This goes back to honesty. Take the time to plan, organize and delegate responsibilities so that you can focus on the future.

**COMPETENT**– Demonstrating competency does not mean that you are an expert in everything. It is a delicate balance in demonstrating competency and drawing attention to yourself and not appearing to be arrogant. The safest way to “toot your own horn” is to recognize and acknowledge team achievements.

**INSPIRING**– There are many inspiring people but that does not make them good leaders. To inspire generally means communicating your mission with passion. Inspiring people many times communicate their message through stories, stories that talk about changing the world. Connect with your audience on an emotional level and you will inspire.

**INTELLIGENT**– Intelligence is a trait that takes effort. You need to commit considerable time to learning both formally and informally. Taking classes and devoting time to reading is essential to developing intelligence. Helping others learn and asking questions will enhance your credibility. A truly intelligent person is humbled by how much they don’t know.



**TIP #1** Have a sense of humor-mistakes are going to be made!

**TIP #2** Give credit to your volunteers for a job well done. It is not “I did” but “we did.”

**TIP #3** Cultivate good working relationships with your advisors: keep lines of communication open.



Are you a Bunny Rabbit or a Guinea Pig?

Bunny Rabbits are convinced that everyone is more or less the same. Guinea Pigs have a tendency of comparing themselves to others. For more information on how these two functions together read this interesting blog on leadership coaching-



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