

BEST PRACTICES

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This e-Newsletter contains creative ideas from fellow peers as a resource. Our best programs are often successful activities from other leadership programs that we recreate and tailor for our own community.



PROGRAM ENHANCEMENTS

ENHANCEMENT - LEADERSHIP SKILL DEVELOPMENT

GENERAL DETAILS:

Leadership Cocke County has been incorporating leadership skills sessions into their class days for many years. These skills sessions do not occur during each monthly meeting but are scattered throughout the program year. Some of the sessions are very quick & others are more detailed and take up to an hour. The first skills session is conducted in May and is "Thinking, Working, Learning Styles (TWL)." TWL is very complimentary to the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator and provides insight to the class members on how best to communicate with others. The second



ENHANCEMENT- LEADERSHIP SKILL DEVELOPMENT - Continued

skills session, conducted in June, is "Listening Skills" which incorporates a listening exercise & then discussion on how we can all improve our listening skills. The third skills session is in September and it is a "Coalition Building" exercise. This is a very interesting exercise and stresses that groups and even communities need to build coalitions with their "neighbors" in order to be more effective and successful. The fourth skills session is conducted in October during our Social Services class day and is a "Poverty Breakfast" exercise. This exercise gives the class members "food for thought" (pardon the pun) on the types and

amounts of food that different socioeconomic people have to eat on a daily basis. The fifth and final skills session occurs in November with the last class meeting for the year. This skills session is called "Mirroring" and it gives each class member the opportunity to identify positive characteristics in themselves and it gives their fellow class members the opportunity to tell them what special and positive characteristics that they have seen them demonstrate throughout the year.

IMPACT/FEEDBACK FROM CLASS:

We endeavor to make each skill session fun yet enlightening. We feel each of these skills sessions

only helps to heighten the Leadership Coker County experience and they are always well received by the class members but as with anything they typically enjoy some more than others.

CONTACT FOR MORE DETAILS:

Sherry Butler, Leadership Coker County, at leadershipcokercounty.org or 423-721-3008.

ENHANCEMENT - FORMAL DINING



GENERAL DETAILS:

Students went to a Four Diamond Bed & Breakfast in our community to have a four course formal dinner. The students were a bit nervous initially about the dinner. Each student dressed for the occasion though and upon arrival the inn keeper made them feel very comfortable. All the food was delicious and the

meal presentation was beautiful. Even our "hamburger and fries" students enjoyed the more formal meal. The inn keeper was very gracious in explaining the use of each utensil and other formal table manners.

IMPACT/FEEDBACK FROM THE CLASS: The students left, having enjoyed a great meal and felt confident they would not have a problem if they were in a formal dinner situation.

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ENHANCEMENT - SHARED SESSIONS



GENERAL DETAILS:

Leadership Sevier has a combined "Government Program Day" with Leadership Tomorrow. We make sure the class members match up with members of the other class throughout the day and as we travel to the various locations. We have 80-90 members networking and getting to know each other.

Our Leadership Tomorrow (LT) Class has a joint program day with Smoky Mountain Youth Leadership (SMYL). The Leadership Tomorrow Advisory Board guides the Leadership Tomorrow team in planning the "Career Day." Board members and LT class members create speaker panels with like careers. The SMYL students rotate and learn about medical, banking and finance, business, education, public service, law and law enforcement, tourism related leadership and other opportunities that are available in our community. In addition, they offer recommendations regarding how to make college choices, how to get financial assistance, advice on scheduling classes and other college related questions and answers. They also

engage in team building activities throughout the day.

IMPACT/FEEDBACK FROM THE CLASS: LT Class members love the opportunity to meet key leaders in our community face-to-face and to have one-on-one discussions with them.

SMYL students enjoy meeting LT class members and having easy access to a diverse group of

young men and women who share their knowledge and experience in their chosen career paths. They love the team building sessions that are included in the day.

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"An organization's ability to LEARN, and translate that learning into ACTION rapidly is the ultimate COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE." *Jack Welch, former General Electric CEO*

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