

ALA EDUCATION COMMITTEE AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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2024
Mid-Winter
LEADERSHIP Conference
American Legion Auxiliary Department of New York



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Beacon of Light!

Linda Tome

Are You Growing Your Leadership?

Linda S. Tome
2024 Mid-Winter Leadership Conference

Agenda

- What is the key to good leadership?
- What are the qualities of a good leader?
- Where do you find good leaders?
- Once you find them, then what?
- How do YOU step back?
- What are your next steps?

Key to Good Leadership

What do **you** think is key to good leadership?

Based on the National ALA's definition, the key to good leadership is to:

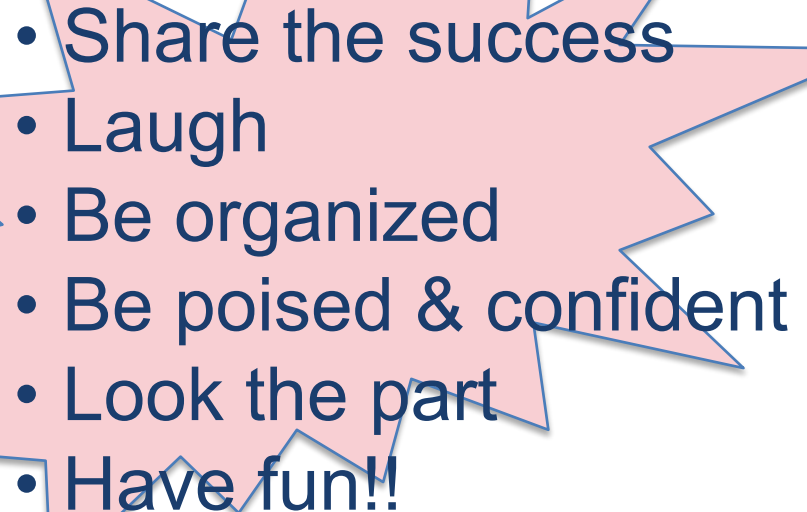
- build confidence in those you lead
- treat all members with dignity and respect
- be a good listener.

No matter the experience, education, or technical skills, anyone can be trained to be a leader if they are willing to make a commitment, devote their time and energy to listen, learn, and communicate.

Qualities of a Good Leader

What do **you** think are some qualities/abilities of a good leader?

- Knowledgeable
- Good Imagination
- Sound thinking
- Hard working
- Desire
- Positive attitude

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- Share the success
 - Laugh
 - Be organized
 - Be poised & confident
 - Look the part
 - Have fun!!

Where Do You Find Good Leaders

- Look within your own organization

PROGRAM FOCUSED (examples):

- ALA EGS
- Juniors
- VA&R
- Children & Youth

MEMBER SUPPORT COMMITTEES (examples):

- Constitution & Bylaws
- Leadership
- Membership
- Public Relations
- ALA Foundation

- Mission Outreach - Look at other organizations with the same interests
 - VFW
 - Blue Star Families
 - Gold Star Mothers
 - VAMC Volunteers

But Wait . . .

Let's face the facts!

- You can't do it all
- Avoid a domineering leadership style
- Make it a priority to work well WITH your group
- We are all volunteers
- Involve every member of your group
- Encourage, teach and develop the leadership potential in each member
- Believe in yourself

Once you find them, then what?

- Don't scare or overwhelm them!
- Start mentoring
- Prepare a notebook w/expectations
- Request that you sit with your successor
- Encourage to attend County, District and Department meetings
- Encourage to view the ALA Academy courses
- Encourage to attend Mission Training

How Do You Step Back?

- Don't just leave!
- Continue to provide support / mentoring if requested
- Continue to provide support – on the QT if necessary
- Be involved but don't continue to say “when I was President, Secretary . . .”
- Encourage new ideas
- Continue to provide resources
- Encourage members to support new leadership

What Are Your Next Steps?

FOR YOU – PERSONALLY

If interested in planning for a leadership position for yourself

- Create your personal leadership development plan to develop skills that will help you become a positive influence on others to serve the ALA mission.

- Areas for self-improvement
- Ways you can practice your new skills
- A list of people whom you can ask for help
- Ways to hold yourself accountable for improving
- Target dates for evaluating your progress

What Are Your Next Steps?

FOR THE ORGANIZATION

Have you thought about working on a Succession Plan?

- People are the most important asset for mission success
 - ✓ People will inevitably leave
 - ✓ Need to minimize leadership gaps
 - ✓ Identify potential leaders to mentor
 - ✓ Develop leaders for smooth transition



REMEMBER:

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