

Leadership Germantown

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Newsletter 2004/2005

Important Dates to
Remember:

December 9, 2004 – 4th
Leadership Class Session,
“Community Giving” at
Country Inn and Suites,
class photos and lunch at
Barry’s Place sponsored
by Kevin Nash of Coldwell
Banker Residential
Brokerage www.knash.com

December 9, 2004 –
Germantown Chamber of
Commerce Christmas
Party at Nardo’s Passport
Inn- 5:30 pm

December 16, 2004 –
Business to Business
Network Breakfast at the
Quilted Bear, “Check 21
and You” – 7:30 am – 9:30
am

**HAPPY NEW
YEAR!**

January 5, 2005-
Leadership Board Meeting
at Germantown Mutual 7:30
am

January 13, 2005 – 5th
Leadership Class, “Our
Health” joint session with
Menomonee Falls
Leadership Class at
Community Memorial
Hospital

January 13, 2005 –
Germantown Community
Awards Dinner at The
Quilted Bear – 5:30 pm to
9:30 pm honors local
businesses and citizens for
their contributions.
Contact the Germantown
Chamber for tickets at 255-
1812



*Happy Holidays From Leadership Germantown!
Christmas Parade 2004*

Leadership Germantown Gets a Lesson in Local Government

On the heels of the November Presidential election, Leadership Germantown took a course in community government this month. The tour included an in-depth look at the Washington County Jail and Sheriff’s Facilities in West Bend, a tour of the County Courthouse and a review of the County Government by Washington County Board Chairman Ken Miller. Then it was on to the Village of Germantown for a presentation on Village Government by Charles Hargan, Village President and Chris Lear, Village Administrator and also a participant in the leadership program this year.

Some of the areas of interest for the Leadership class included a question and answer session with a Washington County Circuit Court Judge, understanding how the jail system works in our county, learning the different branches that make-up the county government system and a greater understanding of village government and how it differs from county and city government. Class participants were given the opportunity to find out how to become more involved in the village government whether by running for village trustees or attending regular village meetings open to all citizens of Germantown.

This year Leadership Germantown will have four project teams among the 18 participants. The class will begin to brainstorm their community interests based on what they have seen over the last few months and will be presented other community opportunities by various organizations in the December session. Some ideas discussed include a community literacy program, a program to bring children and seniors together and a project to secure and fireproof the historic sites in Germantown. Project choices will be finalized in January.

Photo Gallery



Leadership Germantown leads the way at the 2004 Germantown Christmas Parade on December 4, 2004.



Diane Jewell drove Mary Kay Olson and Donna Nash at the parade – thanks Diane!



The November Leadership meeting took the class to the Washington County Jail and Circuit Court to learn about local government and law enforcement in our community (below).



Alumni/Mentor Note for December

The Power of a Plan – Getting Ready for Leadership Projects!

Do you run your business, your family, and even your life on *luck*? Just waiting for “what comes your way”? Do you blow around in the shifting winds of changing circumstances like an autumn leaf? Has the success you dreamed of always been out of reach? Do your best intentions give way to distraction after distraction?

Well, no wonder you don’t have what you want! It’s time to give up being a victim of circumstances and instead **WRITE YOUR PLAN!**

Quite simply, the main thing stopping you from getting from Point A (where you are today) to Point B (where you want to be) is lack of a written plan.

We all know people who do not have a full understanding of the power of a plan and even worse—have no plan at all. They live at the mercy of every internal and external variable and have a team that has no idea where they are going and by-when.

Check Out the Power of a Written Plan

- When you write down your plan, one of the first things it shows you is *what you do not know* about the plan you are writing! It provides you with the opportunity to discover the answers, and check out the best plan of action based upon those answers before the plan is set in motion. You avoid the surprises that may have derailed you in the past.
- A written plan avoids the problem of relying on mind-reading. We often live like others can read our minds, and, *they can’t!!* Relying on mind-reading sets you up for miscommunications, misdirection, and missed goals. Get the plan written and then fully distribute and **communicate it** to every person involved.
- A written plan turns your ideas and dreams into reality. It has been shown that simply creating a plan or vision in your mind is not enough. **To create what you want, write it down.**

Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year

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Thanks to all who participated in the Christmas Parade on December 4th!

