

Public Service, Not Just an Occupation, But a Way of Life

A 911 call is received reporting an intoxicated man just physically abused one of his family members. That abused family member flees the residence. The man is now armed and barricaded in his residence. Most people would have the common sense to stay clear of the residence, to stay out of harms way. However there is a certain type of man/woman who not only goes to the residence but negotiates with the subject and eventually those men and women go inside the residence and place the subject into custody. They do everything in their power to avoid injury to themselves and others, including the intoxicated individual. The man was armed and extremely dangerous. He is now in custody and no longer a threat to his family and community.

A 911 call is received reporting a burning building. The occupants of the building flee and occupants of the neighboring building flee as well, taking them out of harms way. Again you would think that most people would have the common sense to stay clear of the burning building, to stay out of harms way. Now a certain group of individuals respond to the call for help. They not only run toward the danger but may even enter that burning building to save lives of potentially trapped people, or people overcome by smoke.

These two groups of people whom I described not only avoid running from dangerous situations, they run to them. These are the men and women of Law Enforcement and Fire Services. Just look at 9/11 as an example. We have all seen the video coverage of hundreds of people fleeing the burning, then collapsing, buildings. But yet two groups of people were running toward them, and for hundreds that responded to this call for service, it was to be their last one.

So who are these individuals and why do they do what they do? Is it for the attractive work hours that they are required to work? Weekends, holidays, third shift? Probably not. I am sure I don't need to say anything else to prove the point that these occupations are not chosen for the great hours. Is it for the high wages earned by both occupations? I can assure you there is not a police officer or a fire fighter who took this job to get rich. Public service occupations pay just enough, if not less, to live an average life style. There are also many in these occupations who volunteer their time in one way or another and get paid very little for their service. So we know it certainly is not an occupation of riches. Or is it?

The riches of public service are not financial. They are found in the satisfaction of helping their fellow man and woman, fulfilling the desire to help, to make a difference in the world. I would venture to guess that most men and women in public service never put a lot of thought into wages. It is more of a calling - an occupation to be proud of, but not just an occupation - a way of life.

Germantown Police Chief & Leadership Board Member
Peter Hoell

Wisdom is knowing what to do next; virtue is doing it.

David Star Jordan

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Important Dates to Remember:

February 13, 2005 – Sunday, 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Celebrate Families Week. Free activities for the whole family at Washington County Fair Grounds. Call 262-335-4480.

February 10, 2005 – Thursday – 6th Leadership Class Session – “Business in our Community”

March 2, 2005 – Wednesday, 7:30 am – 8:45 am – Leadership Board Meeting at Germantown Mutual

March 9, 2004 – Wednesday, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm – Jr. Women’s Club New Member’s Night – come join us at the Bank One Building on Pilgrim and Mequon for a make-over!

March 16, 2005 – Wednesday, 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM – 2005 Germantown Community Awards Dinner. Call the Chamber at 262-255-1812.

Leadership Members and Alumni – we want to hear from you !

Please send us your updates by the 1st of each month to Donna Nash at donnanash@wi.rr.com. Send your announcements, job changes or anything you want us to know so we can feature it each month! Keep our network growing!

Leadership Alumni News Corner

2005 Leadership Project Teams!



Chris Lear, Christina Ellis, Claire Bessette-Wonser and Aaron Cole

Dental Referral for Poor and Uninsured



Jill North, Ben Lodwick, Mary Snyder, Kevin Nodolf and Sarah Mahalko

Fundraiser for AED's in Germantown Elementary Schools



Vicki Lentz, Cynthia Jakusz, Jason Esposito and Mike Snow (not shown)

Expanding Germantown Food Pantry



Lori McKinnon, Tameko Burkes, Diane Jewell, Tracy Devine, Lynn Serebin

Germantown High School Volunteer Guide Book

LEADERSHIP ON THE MOVE...

Announcing a new way to stay connected! If you have recently been promoted, launched into a new career or business, started a new job, joined a new organization, received an award or recognition.... let us know!!!

* **DONNA NASH** (LGT 2004 alumni and current Board Member) has joined Kevin Nash at Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage as a licensed real estate assistant at the Menomonee Falls office, contact at 262-255-7800 or www.knash.com.

* **KAREN SCHMITZ** (LGT 2003 alumni and current Board Member) has joined Elite Human Capital Group as a Senior Recruiter in their Brookfield office. www.elitehumancapital.com

TMJ-4 Telethon for Tsunami Relief – Keith Ecke Alumni (2002)

Last night's telethon was remarkable. We raised over \$116,000 for Tsunami Relief. Special thanks to board members Beth Anderson, **Keith Ecke**, Bob Eisenbrown and Don Daugherty for taking calls. I spent a few hours on the phone myself and it was an inspiring experience. We have a tremendous amount of credibility among the donors. We took over 1,200 pledges last night and it was literally non-stop from 4:00 to 11:00. From what I saw we had calls from all over the TV-4 viewing area, even one call from Illinois! Our largest single gift was \$2,000 and we averaged \$101 on the credit card pledges.

Bud McKOnly , Chapter Executive. American Red Cross

Submitted by Tracey Devine, 1/7/05

Please send announcements and information to Donna Nash via e-mail at donnanash@wi.rr.com.

2005 Class Participant Spotlight

Name: Aaron Cole, Pastor

Company Sponsor - Life Church



Why did you join Leadership Germantown?

To get to know the community leaders and grow and develop my leadership abilities.

What do you hope to learn from Leadership Germantown?

To learn what makes Germantown such a great place to live. To get to know its people and leaders so that I as the Church Pastor can make a significant and worthwhile contribution to this great community.

What do you think you can contribute to Leadership Germantown?

I hope to add some humor and fun to an already great program.

What is your team project for this class?

To link with Community Memorial Hospital's outreach clinic to provide preventive dental services to needy residents in our community.