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Welcome to *Around the Northwest*—the official newsletter for Leadership Northwest Missouri alumni! As summer comes to an end, our thoughts turn to a new school year, cooler weather, and of course, recruiting a new class for LNWMO. Applications and a recruitment brochure for the Class of 2018 are available on the website now. You can check them out by going to this link on our website <https://leadershipnorthwestmissouri.org/program-information>. It's never too early to start talking to prospective candidates. Application deadline is December 1, 2017. Keep reading for updates on the program and a list of upcoming events. Happy fall!



News

Welcome New Alumni!

The 2017 Class concluded in June with a graduation ceremony for 21 members, with Certificates of Participation awarded to two additional members. Graduates from the 2017 class were from 12 Northwest Missouri Counties: Jan Glenn and Robert Jandorf from Andrew County; Kris Umbarger from Atchison County; Laura Buhman, Jeff Gates, Deanna Lamb, Wes Moore, Janice Neumann and Clay Rich from Buchanan County; Stephany Beaver from Caldwell County; Peggy McGaugh from Carroll County; Stephanie Williams from Clinton County; Morgan Scott from DeKalb County; Vicki Hogue and Cassie McMillen from Gentry County; Brandi Pittman from Grundy County; Jennifer Anderson from Livingston County; Kaity Holtman, Sam Mason and Emily Minton from Nodaway County; and Ellen Hodge from Sullivan County. Certificates of Participation were presented to Melissa Birdsell from Buchanan County and Marcus Casady from Nodaway County. This class makes our number of graduates 345 strong and is a terrific group that is already making Northwest Missouri a great place to live and work. Welcome!

**Congratulations to Rodney Hummer
Leadership Northwest Missouri Citizenship Award Winner 2017**



Rodney Hummer has a gift for recognizing others' gifts. Not only does he recognize others' gifts, but he will do everything he can to help them shine and share those gifts with the world. When Rodney is involved in something, he is all in and he devotes the time, heart and energy needed to make it successful. He is frequently heard saying, "I am on it."

Rodney is actively involved in the community through volunteerism and he serves on numerous boards and committees. He is not interested in doing good deeds for the attention or for a pat on the back, but for the simple fact that serving others is the right thing to do and it fulfills his sense of purpose.

Rodney and his wife, Lisa, fostered and loved numerous children over a span of 12 years, ultimately adopting one of the children as their own. Rodney and Lisa have three daughters and one son and his family is very important to him. He enjoys playing an active role in his kid's lives, particularly with the Boy Scouts of America as a Scout Master for Troop 60. Rodney is a proud Veteran of the United States Airforce. He is committed to improving the lives of Veterans by advocating for their rights and the services available to them.

Rodney has an incredible work ethic and is notably passionate about his role as the Director of Development and Community Engagement with Northwest Health Services. He believes in the mission of everyone having access to affordable healthcare and his hard work and efforts do not go unnoticed. His energy and passion radiate through his work and he brings that positive energy to all of those around him. Rodney is also an alum of LNWMO, Class of 2007.

News from the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors welcomes Emily Minton, Stephanie Williams, and Wes Moore! Emily joins us as First Year President, Stephanie joins as First Year Secretary, and Wes joins as First Year Finance. We are happy these new alumni graciously agreed to give their time to the organization and we look forward to their ideas and enthusiasm. The Board also welcomes Robert Jandorf as Third Year Secretary and Malinda Grant as Third Year Finance members. Thank you for stepping up to fill these positions on short notice!

A BIG THANK YOU to Micah Landes and Donald Werner who just completed their terms as board members. We greatly appreciate all you have done for Leadership Northwest Missouri!



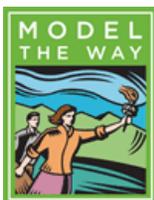
Micah Landes just finished up her duties for the General Board (secretary) position of Leadership Northwest Missouri. Micah has been serving as the executive director of Main Street Chillicothe since September 2013. She recently accepted the position as the executive director for the North Central Missouri Development Alliance in Grundy County and will begin her duties on September 11th. Micah has a degree from North Central Missouri College in Trenton, MO. Before joining Main Street Chillicothe, Micah worked for the Jamesport Community Association as the economic development and marketing director. Once a small business owner herself, she has a desire for promoting businesses and communities in Northwest Missouri while preserving their heritage. Micah also has a passion for leadership and bringing out the best in people. She and her husband Aaron live outside of Jamesport, MO on their family farm and are the proud parents of a son, Blaine.

Donald Werner completed his duties as the Past President of the Leadership Northwest Missouri Board of Directors. He resides in Trenton, Grundy County.



We are happy to announce the return of Deb Powers for another year as Executive Director! Deb brings her passion, expertise, and vast knowledge of the program to share with another class and all alumni. We are also happy to announce the return of Dr. Tim Crowley for 2018 as Trainer/Facilitator! We look forward to sharing another year of “Tim time” with new class members.

As you may be aware, the Board is looking to expand. LNWMO continues to evolve to meet the challenges of a vibrant, growing organization. With that in mind, we are in the works of creating new opportunities for alumni involvement. A request was recently sent seeking individuals interested in serving in a General Board capacity. Three positions will be added to help grow our program and take us into the future. More information will be provided later about this great opportunity!



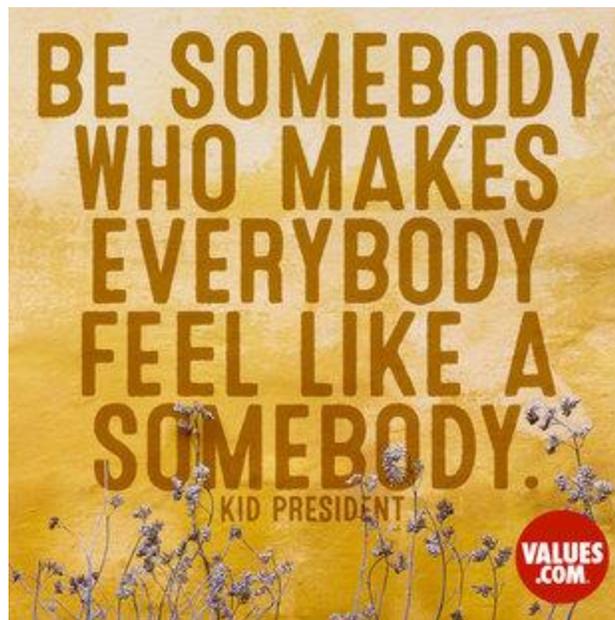
Model the Way

Leaders establish principles concerning the way people (constituents, peers, colleagues, and customers alike) should be treated and the way goals should be pursued. They create standards of excellence and then set an example for others to follow. Because the prospect of complex change can overwhelm people and stifle action, they set interim goals so that people can achieve small wins as they work toward larger objectives. They unravel bureaucracy when it impedes action; they put up signposts when people are unsure of where to go or how to get there; and they create opportunities for victory.

| 2018 Class Meetings | |
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| Date & Location | Event |
| January 24-25 Conception Abbey | Opening Retreat |
| February 15 Hamilton | Regional Issue – Entrepreneurship Skill – Inspire a Shared Vision |
| March 15 Albany | Regional Issue – Healthcare Skill – Encourage the Heart |
| April 19 Osborn | Regional Issue – Agriculture Skill – Model the Way |
| May 17 Carrollton | Regional Issue –Regional Awareness/Regional Vitality Skill – Enable Others to Act |
| June 14 Maryville | Regional Issue – Team Empowerment Skill – Challenge the Process |
| June 28 Marceline | Regional Issue – Planning the Future Skill – LOVE. |
| July 19 St. Joseph | Graduation |

| A Few Friendly Reminders |
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| <p>Sponsorships and Donations</p> <p>Leadership Northwest Missouri always welcomes sponsors and donations! From providing food for class sessions to sponsoring tuition to donations of silent auction items, your contribution is appreciated! We are registered as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization to help your donation go further. Information is available in the Sponsors section of the website or you may click on the Donate page to make a donation at any time. We also accept donations through AmazonSmile. Our hope is to grow our sponsorships. We are asking you, as alumni, to reach out to any business or individual you feel might be willing to help sponsor this program. Thank you in advance for helping us continue our mission to train community leaders throughout Northwest Missouri!</p> |
| <p>Alumni Event</p> <p>This October, you will once again have an opportunity to reconnect with old friends and meet the new alumni at the Alumni Gathering. This year’s festivities are planned for October 7th at The Benton Club in St. Joseph from 5pm-8pm. The planning committee is hard at work putting together another evening of fun, food, and time together. Keep an eye out for your invitation!</p> |
| <p>Alumni Database</p> <p>“Connect 17” (Class of 2017) has chosen to update the LNWMO alumni database as the first phase of their class project in an effort to keep us all connected. You should have received a link to update your contact information in August. https://goo.gl/forms/lwYHjCSosHIRND6D3 Watch for more information from the Class of 2017 as they proceed with their class project.</p> |

| Calendar of Events | |
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| September 21 | Board of Directors Strategic Planning Retreat at Rolling Hills Library, St. Joseph |
| October 7 | Alumni Gathering at The Benton Club, St. Joseph |
| December 1 | Applications due for Class of 2018 |



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