



2008-09 Leadership Institute Calendar

RETREAT

September 19, 2008

This mandatory full day session including dinner, kick starts the Institute by giving the class the opportunity to get to know each other and gain insight into their own leadership style and the program schedule for the eight upcoming monthly sessions. The retreat session will offer a focus on servant leadership, plus in-depth assessment about the individuals' leadership style. This session will set the base for learning over the next nine months of the Leadership Institute.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

October 17, 2008

Sponsored by Coldwell Banker Offenbecher Commercial

This session will examine Puyallup's and Sumner's past in order to learn about the future. Perspectives on community issues will be discussed. Participants will explore current economic problems and challenges and will see business projects, which offer innovative solutions to these challenges. This session is designed to provide insight into the business profile of Puyallup and Sumner, and to review the role of business, industry and employment in our community.

CITY/COUNTY GOVERNMENT

November 21, 2008

The objective of the day is to provide knowledge of local government's responsibilities, funding, leadership, politics, limited resources and citizens' opportunities in government. Participants learn how our local government is financed and how those funds are used to support our community. The intent of this session is to inform participants about the governmental process and explore opportunities for community participation.

HUMAN SERVICES

December 19, 2008

Presentations will cover the human service needs in Puyallup and Sumner. Information is included about services available to meet the needs of all citizens in our community; the elderly, handicapped, homeless and poor. The intent of this session is to heighten the awareness of area human service offerings, while stressing the role of community involvement in the process.

DIVERSITY

January 16, 2009

During this session, participants will learn about the many facets of diversity and how to more effectively foster diversity in our communities. Additional topics will also cover the areas of working with tribal governments and learning from others' perspectives. At the end of the session, the participants will have enhanced skills for working in an increasingly diverse world.

MEDIA RELATIONS

February 20, 2009

This portion of the program covers the working of the media and how you as a community leader can be effective with the local media. Participants will learn key steps for good media relations, how news stories are developed, the importance of advertising and how to prepare to handle media in the case of emergencies. At the end of this session the participant will have a better understanding of the local media, their role in the community and proper steps for sound media relations.

BOARDSMANSHIP/FUNDRAISING

March 20, 2009

This session will feature boardsmanship and management of change in the organization as an individual development segment. Ethical and fiduciary responsibilities will be discussed. Participants will learn what key questions to ask to help determine their amount of involvement in various groups, boards and commissions. Essential fundraising skills will be highlighted.

QUALITY OF LIFE

April 17, 2009

The intent of this session is to feature the quality of life in the Puyallup and Sumner areas. Included will be presentations on area developments, future plans for projects to enhance the area's quality of life and discussion of what the area has to offer (outdoor recreation, the arts and cultural opportunities). The session will heighten the participant's awareness of the abundant offering of activities that make up Puyallup and Sumner's great quality of life. Education systems and care of the environment as tools to ensure long-term quality of life will be addressed.

FINAL SESSION & GRADUATION

May 15, 2009

The needs and challenges of the Puyallup and Sumner areas will be presented and the class will be invited to become involved in the leadership of our community. Participants will receive their graduation certificates during a ceremony at the Puyallup / Sumner Chamber of Commerce luncheon.