

LEADERSHIP *bismarck-mandan* alumni association



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Family: I've been married 29 years to Susan. My daughter Jennifer lives in Florida with her son Jordan, and my son David lives in Bismarck with his wife Alicia and daughter Dylan.

Favorite Movie:

"To Kill a Mocking Bird." I think that the main character, Atticus depicts a true leader. He follows his values even when it's unpopular - by staying calm and professional.

What is "leadership" to you:

Leadership is about influence; it's a leader's choice on how they want to influence the other person. I feel the best way to influence others is to add value to them, help them become a better employee and person. As Zig Ziglar said, "If you help enough people get what they want, they'll help you get what you want."

Current Occupation:

I own a leadership training and development company called Exploring Leadership Solutions. We offer a number of John C. Maxwell Leadership programs and Mastering Leadership Skills seminars. I also help my wife run the Mandan Diner and Soda Fountain.

Community Involvement:

I am one of the Morton/Mandan Public Library's Trustees, and I am also facilitating their strategic planning process. I serve on Mandan's Renaissance Committee and assist with programming the Military Issues Day for the Leadership Bismarck/Mandan program.

Do you have any advice for those new to Leadership:

Find out who you really are. What are your strengths and weaknesses? If you struggle with certain issues, it's hard to hold others accountable for the same issues. You need to lead by example and remember: it's not all about you, it's about others first.

FEATURE MEMBER

The **LBMAA Annual Meeting** was held on Tuesday, September 16th. The day was perfect for sitting outdoors, engaging in conversation with fellow graduates and enjoying the surprisingly warm weather.

Outgoing President, Melissa Artlip, provided a brief re-cap of the past year. Several new ideas were explored and implemented in 2014:

-The first annual Riverboat Tour was a success and is expected to become the main fundraiser for LBMAA, as the event is refined.

-New tours and Lunch-and-Learns were offered (i.e. the Dept of Emergency Services).

-The quarterly newsletters began distribution and will also continue into the upcoming year, as a way of keeping members informed.

Incoming President, Gabe Schell discussed the year ahead. The Board is planning several tours and educational Lunch-and-Learns for members and their guests.

Kristin Wilson, of the North Dakota Safety Council, was elected as a new LBMAA Board Member. Tim Pfaff fulfilled his final year as a Board Member.

Tim Pfaff-
We thank you for your service!

ANNUAL MEETING



UP-COMING EVENTS

OCT 14TH @ 10:45
TOUR OF STATE PENITENTIARY

NOV 13TH @ A TIME TBD
TOUR OF LIBERTY ELEMENTARY

As we start a new year of LBMAA, we encourage everyone to e-mail us **comments, ideas and suggestions** on how we can make our organization better! Example areas of contribution include:

- TOUR IDEAS
- MEMBERS TO HIGHLIGHT
- LEADERSHIP TOOLS

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first annual riverboat tour

IDEAS?