

20 named to leaders class

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Twenty people have been selected to participate in the sixth Leadership Council Bluffs class, sponsored by the Council Bluffs Chamber of Commerce.

According to Ron Tekippe, chairman of the membership committee, interest remains strong in the program.

"We had about the same amount of interest this year as we did last," said Tekippe, who is marketing director at HGM Associates Inc. "We send out nomination forms, but only a certain percent of those are turned back in."

Leadership Council Bluffs is designed to sharpen leadership skills. Participants take a nine-month program that focuses on their own skills, helping them sense current and future needs of the community and exploring strategies to positively confront and deal with these challenges.

Tekippe heads up a five-person selection committee. An individual is allowed to be in the program just once, but an alumni association of past participants does meet regularly and gets involved in various programs to benefit the community.

The 1994 class is one that has Tekippe and his committee feeling very positive about the leadership in Council Bluffs.

"It's exciting to continue seeing so many highly qualified Council Bluffs leaders being recommended and involved after five years of this program," said Tekippe.

By offering opportunities to interact with former and current community, county and state leaders, the program gives participants a chance to exercise their skills benefit from the experience of seasoned leaders.

The mix of newer and more experienced leaders in the group is gratifying to Tekippe.

"I think it is a good sign to not only have some newer community leaders, but some older ones as well," he said. "That provides a good mix for ideas."

Participants in the program will meet once a month, from September through May in a variety of activities designed to focus on the individual and group leadership development.

The opening session, slated for Sept. 10-11 at Iowa Western Community College, will be a retreat to



Antworth



Carlton



Collins



Corrin



Danker



Fuller



Hanley



Jensen



Killion



Krohn



Loschen



O'Brien



Reeder



Reiners



Ronk



Skinner



Westfall



Wetherell



Williams



Wood

become acquainted and work in a leadership seminar.

During the two-day program, participants will learn about the history and heritage of Council Bluffs, investigate the Council Bluffs-Omaha relationship; learn about the education and finance area, and share ideas on other current issues.

Activities later in the program include a trip to Des Moines to meet state legislators and discuss the legislative process.

Graduation will be in May, and participants will then have the opportunity to continue their community involvement in the alumni association.

Here are the members of the Class of 1994 and their occupations:

- Marcia Antworth, executive director, Volunteer Bureau.
- Roger Carlon, account executive, Investment Centers of America.
- Sharon Collins, principal, Lewis Central Elementary.

- Jane Corrin, clinical nurse specialist, Mercy Hospital.

- Jefferey D. Danker, sheriff, Pottawattamie County.

- Deanna Fuller, assistant manager of human resources, The Redland Group.

- Scott Hanley, general manager, KIWR Radio/Iowa Western Community College.

- Teresa Jensen, program director, Community Education Foundation.

- Rick Killion, assistant vice president, Hawkeye Bank.

- Steven Krohn, attorney, Smith, Peterson, Beckman and Willson Law Firm.

- David Loschen, urban planner, City of Council Bluffs.

- Tyler O'Brien, president, True Wheel Bicycle Co.

- Greg Reeder, city engineer, City of Council Bluffs.

- Janet Reiners, manager/customer service, Midwest Power.

- Laurel Ronk, assistant principal, St. Albert Elementary School.

- Linda Skinner, vice president, Best Western Crossroads of the Bluffs.

- Edean Wetherell, attorney, Peters Law Firm, P.C.

- Inkyung Westfall, customer service manager, Peoples Natural Gas.

- Roger Williams, supervisor of assessment, Council Bluffs Community Schools.

- Carol Wood, president and chief executive officer, Children's Square, U.S.A.



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Working in the Bluffs

Marci Ludington repaired a shoe at the YMCA recently. Shoe repairing is not on her list of responsibilities as program director but something that comes under the heading of "Other Duties as Required." Ludington has been running the various Y programs for the last five of her 12 years there. She also hires the counselors, teachers for the pre-school programs and then develops the programs available. She likes the variety of her job. "I'm not sitting behind a desk from 8 to 5," she said. More families are using the Y as a whole, she added. Mom's taking a class while dad is in the weightroom and the kids are swimming, she said. She has also seen the membership more than double from 700 to 1500 in her time there.

McDonalds, KPTM complete program

The Council Bluffs McDonalds Restaurants, KPTM-Fox 42 and Operation Lifesaver have completed their railroad safety program held last month.

A coloring contest was held at McDonalds restaurants and three children won electric train sets provided by Operation Lifesaver. The

coloring contest entries were judged by store managers.

Operation Lifesaver, now in its second year, is designed to help save lives by educating children and their parents about railroad crossing safety. In addition to the coloring contest, highway and railroad safety tips and quizzes were available during the awareness weeks at McDonalds.

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