

# RECOGNIZING, MENTORING & SUPPORTING LEADERS

# KAY ODGERS TORRANCE & PALOS VERDES BRANCHES

#### **INTRODUCTIONS**

WHY WE ARE HERE TODAY

MY BACKGROUND IN MENTORING

FORMATION OF THE TORRANCE BRANCH

WHAT MENTORING MEANS TO ME AND YOU

#### WHY MENTOR??

- FINDING NEW LEADERS FOR YOUR BRANCH
- GETTING TO KNOW YOUR MEMBERS
- WHAT ARE YOUR EXAMPLES OF BEING MENTORED?
- MENTORING A MEMBER, WIIFM
- A POSITIVE MEMORY FOR YOU?

#### **BARRIERS TO MENTORING**

- TIME AVAILABLE
- PERSONALITIES CLASH
- LOW SELF ESTEEM
- FEELING THAT I HAVE NOTHING TO GIVE
- JUST TOO MUCH TROUBLE

#### WHOM DO YOU MENTOR

- POTENTIAL LEADERS
- MEMBERS WHO STAND OUT
- THOSE WHO APPROACH YOU
- MEMBERS WHO CONTINUALLY ATTEND
- USE INSTINCT AND OBSERVATION
- IDENTIFY TALENT
- MENTORING WITHOUT EVEN KNOWING IT



#### **CHARACTERISTICS OF MENTORS**

- BE AVAILABLE
- KNOW YOUR BRANCH CULTURE
- KNOW AND USE AAUW RESOURCES, NATIONAL, STATE AND BRANCH SITES
- AWARENESS ITS NOT ABOUT YOU

- WATCH FOR OVERLOAD
- BE OPEN TO NEW IDEAS
- DELEGATE
- IT'S A PARTNERSHIP!
- LIKE PEOPLE



#### **HOW DO YOU MENTOR**

- COMMUNICATE OFTEN
- TEACH AAUW HISTORY
- ENCOURAGE
- LISTEN AND THEN LISTEN
- CONTACTS, COFFEE, LUNCH, ETC.
- AVOID MICROMANAGING
- Save the Member!



#### **CHARACTERISTICS OF MENTEES**

- INTERESTED IN AAUW OR YOUR BRANCH
- WILLING TO LEARN
- OPEN TO NEW IDEAS AND EXPERIENCES
- THEY REALIZE WIIFM
- SEES THEMSELVES AS A POTENTIAL LEADER?

#### **EVERYONE CAN BE A LEADER**

- LEADERS VARY IN APPROACH, APPEAL AND IDEAS
- HOW DO WE INDIVIDUALIZE OUR MENTORING AND BE SUCCESSFUL?
- HOW ABOUT THE INTROVERT WHO COMES ACROSS AS AN EXTROVERT?

#### **BUILDING A MENTOR PROGRAM**

- LET'S THINK; NOT EVERYONE EASILY MENTORS
- HAVE A MEETING OF A FEW MEMBERS INTERESTED IN MENTORING
- BRAINSTORM
- HONOR NEWBIES, KUDOS AT MEETINGS AND IN NEWSLETTERS
- IDENTIFY & PRIORITIZE NEXT STEPS
- LEARN FROM OTHER BRANCH MEMBERS

### **BURNOUT & SUPPORT STRATEGIES**

- WATCH FOR DESPERATION, SHORT TEMPER, APATHY, INDECISION, EXCUSES & AVOIDANCE
- HOW CAN I HELP??
- ARRANGE FOR JOB BREAKS; OFFER HELP & SUPPORT (resources, technology, funds, time)
- THE MEMBER WHO BECOMES SUPER
   INVOLVED IN MULTIPLE BRANCH ACTIVITIES
- Save the Member!



#### **SOMETHING TO REMEMBER**

YOU TOUCH PEOPLE BY REALIZING
THAT THEY WANT WHAT EVERYONE
WANTS: RECOGNITION AND RESPECT,
AND TO FEEL THAT THEY MATTER



## KUDOS!



#### **CLOSING**

- IN CLOSING- I HOPE YOU ENJOY THE FUN PART OF AAUW!
- SUMMARY
- ANY QUESTIONS, REMARKS?

- Please Complete Evaluation
- Thank you for attending and participating

#### **RESOURCES**

- How to Recognize a Leader, by Neal Jenson, huffingtonpost.com
- Top Five Signs for Recognizing Intuitive Leaders, careerbuilder.com
- 7 Warning Signs a Leader Is Heading for Burnout, by Ron Edmondson, ministrytoday.com

#### **RESOURCES**

- How to Recruit Generation ME by CYNTHIA D' AMOUR
- Members Tell All by Cynthia D' AMOUR
- http://www.peoplepowerunlimited.com
   (D' Amour's website)

#### **AAUW Online Resources**

#### AAUW CA Website (www.aauw-ca.org)

Some areas require a login: **user name:** member **password:** aauwca Leadership Training:

http://aauw-ca.org/index.cfm?go=pages.view&pagesid=333&parent=332&coparent=333

#### AAUW National Website (www.aauw.org)

Lead On, AAUW's monthly member leadership e-newsletter:

https://svc.aauw.org/contact/index LeadOn signup.cfml

Member Leadership Program's page: <a href="http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/member-leadership-programs/">http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/member-leadership-programs/</a>

How to Spice Up Your Programming:

http://www.aauw.org/resource/how-to-spice-up-your-branch-programming/

How to Use the Relational Recruitment Method to Grow Your Branch:

http://www.aauw.org/resource/relational-recruitment-method/

How to Design an Engaging Planning Meeting: <a href="http://www.aauw.org/resource/how-to-design-meetings/">http://www.aauw.org/resource/how-to-design-meetings/</a>

AAUW Programs in a Box: <a href="http://www.aauw.org/resources/by-type/programs-in-a-box/">http://www.aauw.org/resources/by-type/programs-in-a-box/</a>

Member Services Database: https://www.aauw.org/login/ (requires your member id to log in)

