NYOUG - Seize the Day!

Uncommon Leaders
Managing the Blur!

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Oracle Designer

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Oracle Warehouse
JDBC & SQLJ
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Oracle8i Lite
EIB & CORBA

Uncommon Leaders
Oracle Forms

Oracle JDeveloper
Oracle WebDB
The Blur and Embracing Change

The Blur:
• One more computer system to learn...
• One more volunteer to deal with...
• Will things ever slow down... I’m running out of time.
• Purple Haze all through your mind... lack of sleep
... here come the 9 year olds to take your place.

Embrace Change, it is the only Constant in Life
• Make sure you educate others on changes
  - Reason for Change & Why it’s Changing
  - Detail the short term and long term benefits
Compelling Statistics!

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They just wanted to Sell some Books!
This paper will cover

• Are you a Boss or a Leader?
• Refine Your Communication Method
• Listen, Truly Listen, You Will Learn More
• Uncommon Leader Traits
• Historical Ages
• Set your goals now - Build the Team
• Discussion
• Summary
Presentation Goals/ Non-Goals

• **Goals**
  - Key Areas of Necessary Knowledge
  - Examine & Get Attendees to Reflect on key Leadership Areas
  - Provide Some General Reminders

• **Non-Goals**
  - Making you the uncommon leader by the end of the presentation (takes a lifetime).

**Audience Knowledge?**

• Management, Project or Team Lead Experience?
• Leadership outside work?
Are you a Boss or a Leader?

“You can’t move people to action until you move them with emotion. The heart comes before the head.”

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Are you a Boss or a Leader?

**Bosses**
- Creates Fear
- Says “I”
- Job should be done
- Rely on Authority
- Causes Resentment
- Fixes Blame
- Work is drudgery

**Leaders**
- Builds Confidence
- Says “We”
- Career should be forged
- Rely on Cooperation
- Fosters growing Enthusiasm
- Solves Problems / Fixes Mistakes
- Work is interesting
Which “Covey” Box are You in?

Easier to be a Boss (U/I):
- Stress
- Burnout
- Crisis Management
- Putting out Fires

Easier to be a Leader (NU/I):
- Vision/ Perspective
- Balance
- Discipline
- Control
- Few Crises

CIO stands for ...
Core Qualities of Leadership

- Team orientation
- A disciplined life
- Freedom to be affectionate
- Ability to communicate effectively
- Openness and honesty
- Desire to work hard
- Willingness to serve
- Ability to confront
Laws of Leadership

Results of Timing

• Wrong action / wrong time = Disaster
• Right action / wrong time = Resistance
• Wrong action / right time = Mistake
• Right action / right time = Success

“One of the costs of leadership are your own rights. As responsibility grows, you lose the right to think about yourself.”
How they became Leaders

• Natural Gifting 10%
• Crisis 5%
• Influenced by a Leader 85%

“A leader is the one who climbs the tallest tree, surveys the entire situation, and yells, ‘Wrong Jungle!’” - Stephen Covey
Laws of Leadership

- Law of the Lid - Effectiveness determined by leadership
- Law of Influence - True measure of leadership is influence
- Law of Process - Leadership develops daily
- **Law of Navigation** - *When the real leader speaks, people listen*
- Law of Solid Ground - Trust is the foundation of leadership
- Law of Respect - People follow leaders stronger than themselves
- Law of Intuition - Leaders evaluate with a leadership bias
- Law of Magnetism - Who you are is who you attract
- **Law of Connection** - *Leaders connect before they ask for help*
- Law of the Inner Circle - Leader potential determined by those closest to them

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Laws of Leadership

- Law of Empowerment - Secure leaders give power to others
- Law of Reproduction - It takes a leader to raise a leader
- Law of Buy-In - People buy into the leader before the vision
- Law of Victory - Leaders find a way for the team to win
- Law of the Big Mo - Momentum is a leader's best friend
- Law of Priorities - Understanding activity is not accomplishment
- Law of Sacrifice - Leaders must give up to go up
- Law of Timing - When is as important as how
- Law of Explosive Growth - Add growth by adding leaders
- Law of Legacy - Leaders lasting value is measured by succession

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Refine Your Communication Method and Truly Listen

“Communication is the key to success... pass it on”
Refine Your Communication Method

- Communication is two way
- Effective listening is critical to communication
- Face to Face Communication
  - The words that are spoken (7%)
  - How the words are spoken (38%)
  - Body Language (55%)
- 2 ears, 2 eyes, 1 mouth
Truly Listen and Learn More

- Empathic Listening - Feel what the speaker feels. Really get inside the person.
- Attentive Listening
- Selective Listening
- Pretend Listening
- Ignoring
- Interruptions prolong a conversation
- Remember that you can’t learn what you can’t hear.
Refine Meetings to Ensure Productivity
Refine Meetings - Keys

• Statistics
  - Average 7-10 meetings per week
  - Many do not know why attending
  - 50% unproductive
  - 25% do not apply to attendees

• Determine the cost of your meetings
  - What is the cost?
  - Are you getting the return expected?
Refine Meetings - Keys

- Schedule meetings at convenient times
- Schedule meetings with enough lead time
- **Invite only the people necessary for the meeting**
- Preparation
- Timeliness (Start/End on Time)
- Someone responsible for meeting
- Purpose
- Agenda
- **Time Limits**
- **Remain Focused**
- Clarify Actions (Who/When)
- Sleep

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Uncommon Leader Traits
How to Really Succeed

Physical Courage
Knowledge
Integrity
Loyalty
Self Control
Enthusiasm
Fortitude

Moral Courage
Tact
Unselfishness
Respect
Humility
Initiative
Integrity

“Oil and truth are bound to come to the surface at any time.”

- Honesty that stands the test of time
- A lifetime to gain and a moment to lose
- Business accepted or honest
- A short term gain for a long term loss
- Integrity is usually weighed much heavier than other attributes.
Moral Courage

“A well beaten path may not lead in the right direction.”

- Standing up for what is right when it is uncomfortable to do so.
- Can cross friendship lines
- Usual indicates a failure to understand the differing feelings of another.

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Physical Courage

“A ttacking the impossible problem is like leaping from a burning building ... at times, it is the only way to survive.”

- Tenacity of mind and body through adversity
- Technology moving at a blistering pace
- A lack of supply in the IT industry
- The survivors gain more than success.
Self Control

“When a person burns with anger or frustration; It is their cue to be silent.”

- The workload increases / the days are longer
- As the web becomes the battlefield, the stress will only increase.
- The team with self control will make the upcoming bend in the road.
Self Control - Withdrawals or Deposits

**Withdrawal**
- Disrespect/ Discourteous
- Never saying you’re sorry
- Criticizing/ Humiliating
- Not keeping commitments
- Hold grudges

**Deposit**
- Kind
- Apologizing
- Loyal to those not present
- Following through
- Forgiving
Enthusiasm

“One person with Enthusiasm makes the majority.”

• Often the difference between the success and failure of a team.
• Paint a picture that the team desperately desires to achieve.
• Leaders understand what motivates each individual of the team.
Tact

“If you haven’t any enemies to forgive, pardon a few of your friends.”

• A professional manner
• No longer a over-supply of people to abuse
• Less tactful leaders generally lose people in a tight market
Tact - Traits to put on

- Heart of Compassion - Selfless caring
- Kindness - Treating everyone as important
- Humility - Putting your interests second
- Gentleness - Tenderness based on real strength
- Patience - Endure tough times joyfully
- Forbearance - Enduring misuse & making allowances
- Forgiveness - Dropping others’ offenses
- Thankfulness - Appreciation
Knowledge

“Opportunity has a way of calling on those who are already successful”

• We are heading into the Knowledge Age
• Training of personnel becomes crucial to survival.
• Time/ Budget must be allocated for education.
Knowledge & Learning

- Retention Statistics
  - 10% of what we read
  - 20% of what we hear
  - 30% of what we see
  - 50% of what we hear and see
  - 70% of what we say
  - 90% of what we say and do

I hear and I forget
I see and I remember
I do and I understand
Initiative

“When is the last time you tried to punch a hole in the sky?”

• A professional manner
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• Pro-active vs. Re-active
Respect

“Talk is cheap but like other cheap things it is liable to prove expensive in the end”

- Respect should be automatic
- Respect for authority is earned over time
- There are an infinite amount of personalities that are different from our own.
- Those differences are the pieces of the puzzle that make a perfect team.
Affliction & the Effect

- Affliction = Intense Pressure (Greek)
- The causes and results of stress are
- Stress and life changing units (LCU) can determine your stress level
- A score of 100 in a year is a major stress level
- A score of 200 - 299 in a year causes your probability of suffering illness in the next 2 years to be 50%.
- A score of over 300 increase it to 80%
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Loyalty

“Loyalty is working toward something you believe in”

• Loyalty vs. “Show me the Money”
• Shorter average length at a job means greater costs for re-training.
• Re-awaken through a common person and by exercising unselfishness
Unselfishness

“Life is only worth living if you live it for others.”

• Caring enough about those around you enough to share the praise ...

• Blue chip companies are implementing stock option plans more often lately.

• You will usually be pushed to success by those around you.
Humility

“We do it because we love you Sir for yourself”

• Rated #1 among all Fortune 500 CEOs
• Take a dose ... it’s not as bad as you think
• Respect will follow...
• Change will follow... don’t want another dose
Fortitude

“Strength of mind that allows you to endure pain or adversity with courage and character”

- Probably the best measure of our progression in life.
- Only a few opportunities a year to measure
- Often a painful reminder of how difficult it is to attain.

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“Your Character is Your Destiny”
Mentoring the Next Level
Your ideal Mentor - FYI

- Honest with you
- A model for you
- Committed to you
- Open and transparent
- A teacher
- Believes in your potential
- Will help you define your dream & turn it to reality
- Successful in your eyes
- Open to learn from you as well as teach you
- Willing to stay on YOUR agenda not theirs
Ideal Protégé - FYI

- Easy to believe in
- **Natural to like & spend time with**
- Easy to keep helping - Like family
- Teachable & Self-Motivated
- Respects/ Admires you
- Comfortable with and to you
- **Knows their mentor is not perfect**
- **Someone who will or won’t make it without you**
A Mentor’s Influence - FYI

• Influence a child - influence a life
• Influence a parent - influence a family
• Influence an employee - influence a company
• Influence a leader - influence all that they lead

• Take 5 years and mentor 12 people who mentor 12 people who mentor 12 who mentor 12 who mentor 12 who mentor 12 and you have influenced 3 Million people!
Historical Ages
Historical Ages

- Agrarian (Agricultural) Age
- Industrial Age
- Information Age
- Knowledge Age

Valued
- Land
- Companies/ Materials
- Technology
- Knowledge/ Data

How exponentially fast are we moving? Consider this... just 90 years ago there was no such thing as a car!
Set your Goals Now!
Goals for Success & Happiness:

1. ____________________________________________________________
2. ____________________________________________________________
3. ____________________________________________________________
4. ____________________________________________________________
5. ____________________________________________________________
6. ____________________________________________________________
7. ____________________________________________________________
Steps to Reach those Goals:

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Qualities I need to Pursue Goals:

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Qualities I am Deficient in:

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Build a Successful Team
Fitting the Puzzle Together

“T.E.A.M.
Together Everyone Achieves More”
Build a Successful Team

• Make each team member feel responsible for the success of the project
• Make each team member accountable
• Share the Success with all team members
• Attributes of a Successful Team
  - Respect
  - Loyalty
  - Trust
  - Common Goal
  - Communication
  - Flexibility
  - Honesty
  - Unselfishness
  - Support
  - Understanding
  - Positive Attitude
  - Leadership

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Realizing your Goals

• Think positively about all things - especially you.
• Expect the best and do your best.
• Focus on goals and visually them happening.
• Look forward - Tomorrow is gone.
• Pay the price to reach goals.
• Believe in yourself - Humans are built for the impossible!
Discussion - Our Uncommon Leaders
IS Leaders Determine Success or Failure of the Company?

“FAILURE IS NOT AN OPTION!”
- Gene Kranz

• Some have the technical knowledge, but not the business knowledge or leadership skills.

  Integrity  Knowledge  Moral Courage
  Tact      Physical Courage  Initiative
  Respect   Unselfishness  Humility
  Loyalty   Self Control  Enthusiasm
  Fortitude
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