**GRADUATING CLASS OF 2007**

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*Middle- Top to Bottom: Terry Gibson, Erin Connick, Lillina Reiber, Isobel Coats, and April Sora*

*Right – Top to bottom: Karen Resener, Jeff Bent, Lana Mestrovic, Gail Duncombe, Deborah Gorlick, Rick Rowley & Betty Mutwiri (ED)*

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Since our last Annual General Meeting in August 2006, a lot has happened in and around Leadership Saskatoon.

It is important to note the age of the organization. Leadership Saskatoon was started by a local group of people who had a desire to help “groom” future leaders and the McConnell Family Foundation who supplied the cash.

As many of you know, Betty Mutwiri who started as the Executive Director of Leadership Saskatoon in July 2001 after participating in the first cohort left the organization to take a new position with the Saskatoon Health Region.

Betty served this organization for six years. She was a true spirit of our organization and we are extremely grateful for her dedicated service in this pioneer project! We wish her well in her future endeavours.

An ongoing challenge that we can continue to pursue is the extremely complex topic of “governance” which is, in basic terms the act of us trying to improve and be a better board. We are specifically setting aside time for this on our agendas and we have Joan Tilk and Dennis Chubb exploring best practices to move us forward.

Our ultimate mandate is to have a group of individuals participating in the program that bring wide and varied perspectives and experiences from our community. We are hopeful that the experience of their nine months together is unprecedented and proves to be a lifelong resource that they will find life changing both as individuals, and in their engagement with the community.

What is happening in the next 12 months? Dennis will be telling you about our upcoming program year and Diane will get you up to date as our interim Executive Director.

From a board perspective we are diligently working at the process of hiring a new Executive Director. This venture is being lead by John McAuliffe and Melena Soroka with a team of board members. Our expectation is to have a person in place for February 1, 2008.

The last thing I wanted to let you know is that we have been given notice in our current office for November 30, 2008. Obviously that does give us some time, but the search is beginning NOW. We are open to any and all ideas and on that thought we are extremely grateful to Concentra Financial for the excellent hospitality over the last 2 years.

I have been given a humbling role as the Chairman of your board and I am thankful for the opportunity to serve.

Gratefully

Daymond L. Volk.
Message from the Past Executive Director, Betty Mutwiri

2006-7 was a great year! We recruited a class of 18 diverse participants affirming that the program is serving a real need in the community and that it is making a difference to individuals. Leadership Saskatoon's program gives people a chance to reflect on their leadership journey along with others and gain the knowledge, skills and courage to change what is not working in their personal, professional and community lives. So, the more people who are willing to YES to making a difference, the better!

Another notable change has been the decision by the Program Committee to tweak the program by aligning it to the values of leading in a community context. In as much as I did not stay long enough to experience the change, I feel that it is the right thing to do in positioning Leadership Saskatoon for greater future success.

I applaud the Board, Committee members, Trainer - facilitators, Sponsors, Staff and everyone else who is engaged in the mission. These individuals remind me of the following quote "If your actions inspire others to dream more, do more, become more, you are a leader" Quincy Adams. All these people are all doing just that! I count it a great privilege to have been asked to serve Leadership Saskatoon as Executive Director for the last 6 years. I will continue to be a champion and serve in a different capacity.

Message from the Interim Executive Director, Diane Fletcher

I have the privilege of coming into the organization as interim Executive Director while the board engages in a search for a new Executive Director.

In 2005 I also served as interim ED while Betty was on maternity leave so being able to continue to be part of this organization as a volunteer on the program committee and now interim ED is a pleasure.

Another successful year of Action Learning Team projects were completed and are listed on the next page.

The Leadership Saskatoon program continues to evolve into a pivotal program based on a set of values critical to community leadership. The organization continues to move beyond the boundaries of a nine month program by offering opportunities for learning and dialogue through the “Fireside Chats” and highly regarded “Lunch and Learns”.

With a full class for the year 2007-2008, Leadership Saskatoon is finding its place as a premiere resource for this community.
The 06-07 program year was characterized by reflective learning, diversification and trials. Reflecting on the Leadership Saskatoon mission, it was agreed to try-out some ideas that would stretch the organization into the position of being a more valued community asset.

In addition to the 9 month program, three **Fireside Chats** were hosted by Leadership Saskatoon and facilitated by John Thompson. Built on the theme *The Power of One*, these sessions were received well, and planning is underway for the next series.

Leadership Saskatoon in partnership with Volunteer Saskatoon and facilitator Cheryl Dougan hosted a series of **Lunch and Learn** dialogues for Program Coordinators, Executive Directors and other leaders serving Volunteer Organizations. These sessions provided the opportunity for learning and dialogue empowering participants with the “What” and “How” of leading and managing their organizations.

Again, the response gave encouragement to the idea that there is a strong need and desire in the community for learning opportunities packaged in a variety of formats.

These sessions will be starting again in January 2008.

The 9 month **Challenge Program** was once again a success because of the strength of our facilitators and team coaches. Positive critiques from participants this year combined with recent work on values-driven programming through the national network conference in Winnipeg has resulted in a significant re-orientation to the Challenge Program. Action Learning will continue to be a feature of the program with significant new emphasis on participants articulating and aligning their personal values with the program values of collaborative leadership of engaged citizens building an inclusive community.

Regards,

*Dennis Chubb for Linda McCann (Program Chairperson)*
Action Learning Projects

Group A – The Junos & Other Big Events
Terry Gibson, Gail Duncombe, Lillina Reiber, Teresa Kornelsen, Karen Resener, Coach: Julian Demkiw

Group B-South Downtown (River Landing Project)
Jeff Bent, Isobel Coats, Lana Mestrovic, Laurette Lefol, Coach: Mary Dolan

Group C-The Saskatoon Food Bank & Learning Centre
Rick Rowley, Erin Connick, Debby Gorlick, Bev Kynoch, Coach: Candace Laing

Group D –The Little Chief Station
Zach Jeffries, Laurie Brasnett, Lisa Mooney, April Sora, Coach: Betty Mutwiri
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- Daymond Volk, Chairperson, (LS Alumnus)
- Dennis Chubb, Past Chair
- Trevor Forrest
- Melana Soroka (LS Alumnus)
- Linda McCann
- Joan Tilk (LS Alumnus)
- Daryl Hyland (LS Alumnus)
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- Tracy Stephensen (LS Alumnus)
- Jodi Blackwell
- Charlotte Pilat Burns (LS Alumnus)

Program Resource Team:

- Candace Laing, Saskatchewan Health Region
- Donna Bruce – DB Learning Consultants
- Dennis Chubb – Intersect Solutions
- Pat Clarkson – Guided Discoveries Learning Group
- Julian Demkiw – Sask Legal Aid Commission (LS Alumnus)
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- Linda McCann - McCann Consulting
- John Thompson - Retired Professor & Master Teacher, U of S
- Betty Mutwiri – Leadership Saskatoon (LS Alumnus)
- Diane Fletcher – Calderwood Consulting

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