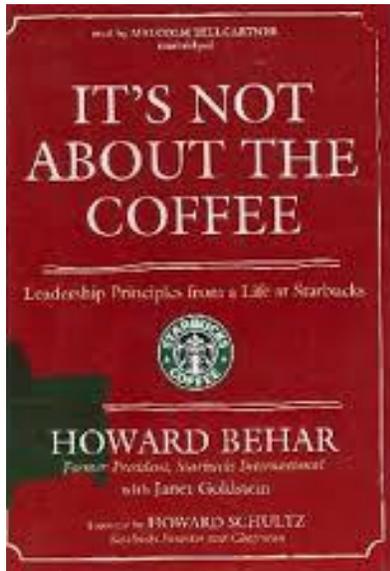


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SERVANT LEADERSHIP CONVERSATIONS

A monthly meeting of Fond du lac Area Servant Leaders



What are Servant Leadership Conversations?

Servant Leadership Conversations are *monthly opportunities* for area servant leaders to gather and learn from each other about actively practicing servant leadership, both individually and organizationally. As a peer-facilitated meeting, attendees can expect to learn best practices, explore questions, share servant-leadership success stories and meaningful resources.

3rd Friday of each month

7:00am – 8:30am

Children's Museum- FDL

75 W Scott Street – Fond du Lac, WI 54979

RSVP: info@fdlsophiafoundation.com

\$5.00 suggested donation

2017 meetings will discuss core servant leadership lessons from the book **It's Not About the Coffee** by Howard Behar. You do not need to read the book to participate.

Date: Friday, September 15, 2017

Topic: Take Action: *Think Like a Person of Action, and Act Like a Person of Thought*

Location: 75 W Scott St – Fond du Lac (Children's Museum)

Time: 7:00am – 8:30am

Servant leadership is a great leadership model. So what? In this chapter Behar talks about personal leadership - caring, listening for truth, being accountable - requiring consistent action balanced with thought and feeling. He says, "if you aspire to make a difference, then you had better start doing it." ***Our guest learning facilitator will be Christa Williams, Executive Director of Sophia Foundation*** who will guide session participants in developing strategies and tangible steps for putting servant leadership into action.



Thank you

*for your generous sponsorship of this month's
Servant Leadership Coffee & Conversation*

Upcoming Dates/Themes

- **October 20: Face Challenge:** *We are Human Beings First*
- **November 17, 2017: Practice Leadership:** *The Big Noise and the Still, Small Voice*



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SERVANT LEADERSHIP CONVERSATIONS

On the third Friday of each month, the Sophia Foundation will host a monthly Servant Leadership Conversation from 7:00am – 8:30am at the Fond du Lac Children’s Museum – 75 W Scott Street – Fond du Lac. 2017 conversations will be based on leadership practices found in the book *It’s Not About the Coffee* by Howard Behar. A \$5.00 suggested donation offsets meeting supplies and beverages provided.

What is Servant Leadership?

A servant-leader focuses primarily on the growth and well-being of people and the communities to which they belong. While traditional leadership generally involves the accumulation and exercise of power by one at the “top of the pyramid,” servant leadership is different. The servant-leader shares power, puts the needs of others first and helps people develop and perform as highly as possible.

“The servant-leader *is* servant first ... It begins with the natural feeling that one wants to serve, to serve *first*. Then conscious choice brings one to aspire to lead ... The difference manifests itself in the care taken by the servant-first to make sure that other people’s highest priority needs are being served. The best test, and difficult to administer, is: Do those served grow as persons? Do they, *while being served*, become healthier, wiser, freer, more autonomous, more likely themselves to become servants? *And*, what is the effect on the least privileged in society? Will they benefit or at least not be further deprived?” ~ **R K Greenleaf**

Meeting Format

Servant Leadership Conversations use a learning community format that offers a highly interactive, participatory structure. The goal is to build, share, and express knowledge through a process of open dialogue and reflection around monthly servant leadership topics.

Agreements

- Ideas are presented as an invitation for **mutual discussion** and exploration.
- I will **listen first to understand** and ask questions for clarification.
- I will use **“I” statements** to reflect my own experiences and perspective.
- I will **respect the dignity of others** in the circle by respectfully honoring what others share without judgment and ensuring that everyone is given an opportunity to share.
- I will respect the **confidentiality** of others in the circle.
- At no time is the group intended to be a source of sales leads for products or services.

Additional Sophia Programs & Services ... visit fdlsophiafoundation.com

- **Aspiring Servant Leaders Conference**
- **Sophia Servant Leadership Learning Series**
- **Workshops & Speakers Bureau**
- **Servant Leadership Coaching**
- **Virtual Servant Leadership Learning Circle (VSLLC)**
- **Consultation and Facilitation**