

SOPHIA FOUNDATION 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. Conversations are held the 3rd Friday of each month.

Date: Friday, May 18, 2018

Time: 7:00am – 8:30am

Location: Children's Museum – FDL

75 W Scott Street, Fond du Lac, WI 54935

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\$5.00 Suggested Donation

Topic: Servant Leadership in the Real World: What would you do?

Everyday we have opportunities to practice servant leadership – in good times and not so good times. Leaders need to navigate both. Recently two of the worlds best known servant leadership companies, Starbucks and Southwest Airlines, sparked national attention for incidents involving their organizations. In this session we will explore how the leaders responded these challenges and we will discuss leadership lessons that can be learned and applied in our own practice of servant leadership.

Our learning facilitator for this session is Christa Williams, Executive Director of Sophia Foundation.

Upcoming Dates & Learning Facilitator

- June 15, 2018 : Kim Galske, Executive Director of Salute the Troops
- July 20, 2018:



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On the third Friday of each month, the Sophia Foundation hosts 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. A \$5.00 suggested donation off-sets 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.

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- **Consultation and Facilitation**