



# LEADERSHIP LINK

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## Calendar of Events

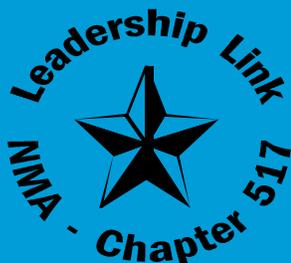
NMA Online Sessions -  
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## National Management Association (NMA)

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## VISION STATEMENT

NMA is the recognized worldwide partnership of people and businesses inspiring outstanding leadership, and cultivating highly productive workplaces.



## LEADERSHIP LINK IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE

**Monday March 9th, 2009 , 7:30 AM**

**Randy Jones, Chief Executive Officer for the Cornhusker Chapter for the American Red Cross will be presenting**



**American Red Cross**

**Breakfast will be served**

**RSVP DEADLINE: Friday, March 6th, 4:00p.m.**

**City/County RSVP: Cori Beattie 441-7488 / [cbeattie@lancaster.ne.gov](mailto:cbeattie@lancaster.ne.gov)**

**Cost: \$9.00 Members, Non Members \$ 12.00**

**Location: Peoples Choice Federal Credit Union  
(Parking: North lot next to Credit Union)**



**THANK YOU EVERYONE WHO HELPED WITH THE SUCCESS OF THE VALENTINE'S DAY BAKE SALE**



**We raised \$170 for the Lancaster Manor May Day basket project. Details of the May Day baskets are yet to be determined. more news on that later.**

**GREAT WORK EVERYONE!  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**



**Leadership Link  
Executive Advisors**

**Gwen Thorpe**  
Lancaster County  
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

**June Pederson**  
Director  
Lincoln Area Agency on Aging

**Dr. Bruce Dart**  
Director  
Lincoln Lancaster  
Health Department

**Dean Settle**  
Executive Director  
Community Mental Health

**Niles Ford**  
Fire Chief  
Lincoln Fire Department

**Congratulations to the Winners of the  
2008 Project Manager Award**

(left to right) Larry Duensing, Kristen Humphrey and Thomas Shafer

**WELCOME NEW LEADERSHIP LINK MEMBER SAMUAL RIDGE**

Here is some information to help everyone get to know Samual.

- 1. Tell us about your family.** Originally from Aurora Nebraska. My Mother was a well known Artist Lee Ridge. My Father worked for Goodyear. My family performed puppet theater in Lincoln.
- 2. How many years have you worked for the City or County?** 1985 to present, 23 years.
- 3. Which of your co-workers do you most admire and why?** A social worker that always made time to work out issues and provide resources to perform my work expectations.
- 4. What one word do you feel best describes your personality?** Functional Humor
- 5. If you could have any career, what would it be?** A Social community and regional planner.
- 6. What is your favorite book or movie?** Films directed by Fellini.
- 7. Do you have any hobbies?** Foreign Films, puppets, music, theater, dogs, bird watching, reading and writing.
- 8. What is your favorite food or restaurant?** Was the New Jerusalem but now it is the Parthenon.
- 9. If you could meet any one person (living or deceased), who would it be?** John G. Neihardt
- 10. What topic would you most like to see addressed at a future Leadership Link meeting?** Working with self directed teams.



## WELCOME NEW LEADERSHIP LINK MEMBER VALERIE CROOK

Here is some information to help everyone get to know Valerie.

**1. Tell us about your family.**

It took me until later in life to find my husband, best friend and soul mate, Jim. He's an absolute treasure to me. My daughter, Maggie, 26, is an amazing young woman and has accomplished a great deal in her young life. She is also a caring and compassionate soul.

**2. How many years have you worked for the City or County?** I began my position at LAAA in December of 2008.

**3. Which of your co-workers do you most admire and why?** June Pedersen. She is wise, articulate, brave, committed to making the lives of older people the best they can be, and fun!

**4. What one word do you feel best describes your personality?** Curious

**5. If you could have any career, what would it be?** World travel correspondent

**6. What is your favorite book or movie?**

Book: The Secret Garden was an early one. The Secret Life of Bees. I love to read both fiction and nonfiction, so there are many. One of my current interests is brain plasticity. Movies: too many to name, but almost anything dark and funny

**7. Do you have any hobbies?** Sailing, biking, snow skiing, reading, movies, historic homes, travel, art

**8. What is your favorite food or restaurant?** The Southridge Grill in Breckenridge, Colorado, Indian, Thai, Italian

**9. If you could meet any one person (living or deceased), who would it be?** Queen Elizabeth the First

**10. What topic would you most like to see addressed at a future Leadership Link meeting?** How to keep petty grievances and jealousies from undermining morale and productivity.

### NMA Live Online Sessions Available

The follow online sessions are available.  
Please contact Michelle Schindler at 441-7093  
or email [mlschindler@lanaster.ne.gov](mailto:mlschindler@lanaster.ne.gov)  
if you or your agency is interested in sponsoring a session.

Thursday, March 5: Earning Trust

Wednesday, March 11: Managing Continuous Change

Thursday, March 19: Managing Continuous Change

Wednesday, March 25: Email—Put Microsoft Outlook to work for you.

Thursday, April 2: Email—Put Microsoft Outlook to work for you.

Wednesday, April 29th or 30th: Making Microsoft Excel Spreadsheets help you do your job.

Thursday, April 30: Making Microsoft Excel Spreadsheets help you do your job.

Wednesday, May 20th or 28th: Manage your files instead of your piles.

Wednesday, June 10th or 18th: Authentic Conversations — How to communicate best when it matters most.

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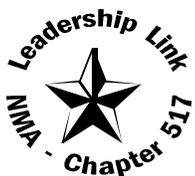
- I will recognize that all individuals inherently desire to practice their occupations to the best of their ability. I will assume that all individuals want to do their best.
- I will maintain a broad and balanced outlook and will recognize value in the ideas and opinions of others.
- I will be guided in all my activities by truth, accuracy, fair dealing and good taste.
- I will keep informed on the latest developments in techniques, equipment, and processes. I will recommend or initiate methods to increase productivity and efficiency.
- I will support efforts to strengthen the management professional through training and education.
- I will help my associates reach personal and professional fulfillment.
- I will earn and carefully guard my reputation for good moral character and good citizenship.
- I will promote the principles of our American Enterprise System to others, by highlighting its accomplishments and displaying confidence in its future.
- I will recognize that leadership is a call to service.

<http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/person/NMA-1/index.htm>

## NMA STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

NMA is dedicated to managerial excellence, personal and professional growth, and leadership development. The following principles identify NMA's core beliefs and provide the basis for the Association's Mission Statement.

- We believe in the highest standards of personal and organizational integrity and respect for the individual.
- We believe in lifelong learning, continuous improvement, and the development of a workforce capable of sustaining a competitive posture in the global economy.
- We believe management is a creative, dynamic, and essential process enabling people to achieve personal and organizational objectives.
- We believe that managerial responsibility is shared among all individuals at all levels of the organization and that leadership is critical to management success.
- We believe that individuals and organizations have a community and civic responsibility.



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