

DELTA SAFETY SOCIETY

EXECUTIVE & GENERAL MEETINGS 11:30AM AT:

Nat'l Safety - Catered	08/30
Executive Meeting @ WOW	09/05
Don's Seafood & BLOOD DRIVE	09/27
Executive Meeting @ WOW	10/01
Timphony's	10/25
Executive Meeting @ WOW	11/05
Zeke's	11/29
Executive Meeting @ WOW	12/03
Cannon's on St Charles	12/20
TBA	01/31

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Have We Lost Something? By William Tuner

Some of you may remember a song from the 60's, *Where Have All the Flowers Gone?* Whether it is sung by The Kingston Trio, Peter, Paul & Mary or Joan Baez the question remained the same. Sadly the flowers had gone on the graves of young soldiers. Unfortunately, once again we see war pictures as we watch nightly news. But we also see political scandals and multi-millionaire sports figures being arrested; people our children label as heroes. The question today, *Where have all the leaders gone?*

While working with various companies nationwide, I often ask myself that question. Even while speaking with Safety Professionals about cultural problems they may be experiencing, I sometimes shake my head in amazement. In my opinion, most of their problems could be easily resolved if someone in leadership would just make an intelligent decision and ensure all necessary actions are carried out.

The problem is that no one knows the meaning of true leadership. What is a leader? According to Webster's it is *a person*

who leads as a guide, conductor, a person who directs a military force or unit or a person who has commanding authority or influence. However, a leader must also make educated, well thought out plans and decisions leading to both productive and ethical accomplishments. But most importantly they can't just delegate, they must inspire.

Peter Drucker, who is recognized as a great business manager said, *That which is measured gets done.* Leaders need to set solid, measurable goals that are specific, achievable, realistic, and time bound. Then they must delegate and inspire others to reach those goals. People working with good leadership feel a certain satisfaction when they assist others in accomplishing set goals. In addition, people show loyalty to leaders who inspire them to reach beyond their own perceived capabilities and reach for excellence.

As Safety Professionals we must first be a leader and then develop leaders who know they are being held accountable. We cannot afford to take the path of a follower. Remember, you can assign

anyone responsibility but it means nothing unless you give them the tools to work with and authority to carry it out.

Our ultimate goal, to become leaders who will lead by example. Leaders who can accomplish company safety and health goals without being intimidated or afraid. Leaders who can work with senior management to accomplish management's vision, while using other leaders with solid skills and strong morals who will stand for what is right and ethical. Again I ask, *Where have all the leaders gone?* They are in the making and they are standing on the frontline of industry, waiting for you to take the lead.

August Birthdays



Wishing you Health & Prosperity in the coming year.

Barry Boffone
Scott Finney
Eric May
Raymond Lewis

Remember, a smile is contagious; be a carrier.

