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## ALA EASTERN DIVISION LEADERSHIP

### JULY 2019 NEWSLETTER

I trust all of you had a safe July 4<sup>th</sup> and celebrated our independence. We live in the greatest country on earth.



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## Top 10 Leadership Qualities That Make Good Leader

1. Honesty and Integrity

The 34<sup>th</sup> President of the United States, Dwight D. Eisenhower, once said, “The supreme quality of leadership is unquestionably integrity. Without it, no real success is possible.

2. Confidence

To be an effective leader, you should be confident enough to ensure that others follow your lead.

3. Inspire Others

Probably the most difficult job for a leader is to persuade others to follow. It can only be possible if you inspire your team by setting a good example. When the going gets tough, they look up to you and see how you react to the situation. If you handle it well, they will follow you.

4. Commitment and Passion

Your team looks up to you and if you want them to give their all, you will have to be passionate about it too.

5. Good Communicator

Until you clearly communicate your vision to your team and tell them the strategy to achieve the goal, it will be difficult for you to get the results you want. Words have the power to motivate people and make them do the unthinkable.

6. Decision-Making Capabilities

A leader should have the ability to make the right decision at the right time.

7. Accountability

“A good leader takes little more than his share of the blame and little less than his share of the credit.”

## **8. Delegation and Empowerment**

It is important for a leader to focus on key responsibilities while leaving the rest to others. Empower and delegate members. Provide them with all the resources and support they need to achieve the objective and give them a chance to bear the responsibility.

## **9. Creativity and Innovation**

What separates a leader from a follower? Steve Jobs said, "Innovation distinguishes between a leader and a follower." A leader must be creative and innovative at the same time.

## **10. Empathy**

Last but certainly not the least, is empathy. Leaders should develop empathy with their members. Some choose a dictatorial style and neglect empathy altogether. Understanding the issues your followers face and feeling their pain is the first step to become an effective leader. Work hard to provide your members with the suitable solution to the issues.

I thank all of you for your passion, commitment and dedication to the ALA and the Leadership program.

Until next month, be well, "learn something" ...

For God and Country, Service not Self,

Carole Baldwin

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