

## **LEADERSHIP SENECA COUNTY HISTORY**

Leadership Seneca County began in 1995 after several years of planning. A steering committee reviewed other neighboring units and created the design we now have.

Leadership Seneca County is a non-profit program developed by three groups; The Ohio State University Extension, The Tiffin Area Chamber of Commerce and The Fostoria Chamber of Commerce. Representatives from each of these groups created a board of directors which govern the operation. Steps were taken to create a set of bylaws and other rules and regulations to govern the activities of the organization. The leaders then filed for non-profit status which was granted.

Board members include 15 volunteers who serve a three year term with the option of a renewable term. Officers were chosen and work began to develop the annual class schedule. Initially the board decided to offer eight sessions covering all aspects of county wide issues. Classes were to meet on the second Wednesday of each month from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Topics ranging from team building to agriculture and the environment were introduced. All classes were designed for participants to be actively involved and to develop leadership skills.

It was decided to hold a graduation ceremony in May to honor class participants for their work and dedication to the program. As to date we have had over 230 leadership participants successfully complete and graduate from Leadership Seneca County. Furthermore, the organization has had over 90 local businesses involved through sponsorship of class participants.

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