

Hi everyone

September has arrived and with that we're heading into warmer months here in Australia.

You may have noticed that the layout of this month's newsletter has been changed. I thought I'd do a spring clean and try something new. Let me know what you think.

August saw a major milestone in my family with my parents celebrating their golden wedding anniversary. The photo is of the bunch of flowers my Dad gave my Mum for their anniversary - 50 roses for 50 years.



My parents have been great role models. As in personal relationships, being a role model in a work environment requires qualities to ensure that you not only achieve your goals but also assist others to achieve theirs.

This month I'm sharing snippets of recent interviews with some of the inspirational people that will be featured in my book on leadership.

Thank you to those of you who have referred possible candidates for interview - I have met some amazing people!

If you know of anyone who you think may be an appropriate person to interview, please let me know. I have included a [form](#) at the end of this month's article for information about possible interview candidates.

This [form](#) can also be used to let me know if you would like to be notified when my book is launched.

As always, I welcome your feedback. Have a great month!

Until next time
Maria



PS: A warm welcome to my new newsletter subscribers.

Essential leadership qualities

I have met the most inspiring people whilst conducting interviews for my book on leadership.

Here are snippets of some of the interviews that I have conducted with everyday leaders.

These extracts are part of the interviews that I have conducted with people from various industries and backgrounds. The full interviews will be available in my book which will be released in 2013.



The comments below are part of the answers given by these individuals to the question:

What are the essential qualities of a leader?



Marina Hart:

Christine Caine once said that talent in you will destroy you unless the character in you can sustain you. So to me, the essential quality of the leader is character.

Leadership is not lording it over others and telling others what to do. It's having the character to help others succeed. So character first and foremost.

Andrew Garlick:

Leaders need to be strong, confident and have some runs on the board. It is hard for people to follow a leader if they don't have some degree of success. They must be trustworthy because people have to feel that they can trust them.

Real leaders have to be excited by the prospects of where they are heading and where people are going. I don't think you can lead people if you yourself aren't excited about where you're going. A leader needs the respect of the team. They are also aware of their own impact on others.



Linda Benson:

An essential quality of a leader is being humble so having humility.

Other qualities include being honest which I think is very important as well as being able to put things into perspective and not over-reacting to situations.

Essentially, a good leader is calm under pressure.

What are your thoughts on the essential qualities of a leader?

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