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Leadership Matters

Being an officer, block captain, committee chair, or part of a board means more than attending meetings.

- Officers govern the business of the association. This means making decisions in a proper, orderly manner.
- Each officer has areas of expertise that may be called upon. You don't have to be a jack of all trades.
- Officers are "ambassadors", which means representing both the leadership and the membership in the com munity.
- Officers are sponsors. They give of themselves for the collective good of the neighborhood and encourage others to do the same.

1. Invest in an affirmative outlook. Practice giving confidence and support to those around you. Invest in an affirm-ative outlook, and the greatest educational force known to humanity-imitation-will be unleashed.

2. Fuel the fire with like-minded people. "Iron sharpens iron" Are you part of a small group or do you attend meet-ings with your peers? Have you participated in a workshop or seminar? Busyness alone can't keep an association going. You need the strength of like-minded individuals.

3. Clear up conflicts quickly. Nothing is more draining than to be embroiled in an ongoing conflict. Unresolved per-sonal problems demotivate us. Deal with personal conflicts quickly, for the benefit of the organization and the com-munity you serve.

4. Be alert to "deficit motivators." Anger, selfishness, personal agendas are deficit motivators. They may provide a brief burst of energy but it won't sustain you for the long haul.

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