



Leaders are essential to the life of our clubs. They bring people together and guide them to realize a shared mutual goal. She understands the aims, purposes and objective of her club and is willing to translate them into action. Leaders come in all shapes, sizes and color. Leaders can be found in casual fun events as well as elegant, dressy affairs. Leaders are admired by everyone. Leaders are cultivated, not born. Leaders are the PEARLS of your club.

A leader must believe in herself and have confidence in herself. She must have the skills that will help her relate the task to the individual. She must have the knowledge to know how to delegate. She must know how to encourage members to come forward and take an active role in the club. She must be organized and know how to cultivate good working relationships with and among all the members of her club.

So, my challenge to all clubs is to have a plan to cultivate the future Pearls in your clubs. Do you have co-chairs for all events? By doing this, an inexperienced member has an opportunity to learn and grow. Do you encourage members to attend District and State meetings and then share information to all members? Do you have a way to help defray the cost of State meeting? Do you encourage members to apply to the LEADS program? What about mini LEADS workshop in your District?

So, ladies, start cultivating your farm and let's see what clubs have the longest string of Pearls at the end of this year. Remember:

**Clubs do not disband because of lack of money or members.
They disband for a lack of leadership.**

I am always available to all clubs. If you need information, ideas or help in setting up a mini Leadership workshop, just let me know. **PEARLS make everyone look good!**