



# PERSONAL VILLAGE



## NEWSLETTER

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### We Are All Leaders

At this time in American history we are all preoccupied with the importance of a good leader. A good leader guides with clear intention, integrity, and inspiration. A good leader empowers others to be their best. A good leader listens to the feedback of the people and responds. A good leader sets a tone by keeping commitments and honoring the needs of every person regardless of status or capability. Leadership is a sacred trust.

We are all leaders. We lead by setting a tone of graciousness, honesty and good will. We lead by holding the wellbeing of every single person in our hearts. A mother leads her children into adulthood. A teenager in the clique leads by refusing to go along with a crazy act of vandalism. A member of a neighborhood council leads by speaking up to what is right. A soldier leads by stepping forward and taking risks.

Community depends upon the layers and layers of leadership that weave together into a rich fabric of responsibility and caring and generosity and strength. You become an ambassador of good-will — a leader —in your community when you are caring toward the grocery store clerk, the homeless person on the street, your neighbors and your wife. Your caring and generosity leads others into a web of warmth and love.

There are many kinds of leaders: Some hold us to the task at hand. Others set the emotional tone. Gay spirits lead us into play and celebration. The courageous ones guide us through conflict.

We need all kinds of leaders from formal to informal each playing a different role in the dance of the group. Each of us takes our turn serving the good of the community. Do not shirk your duty. Everyone is counting on your contribution.

### Contemplation of the month:

**Demand the highest of our leaders and be a good leader yourself to those who depend upon you.**

### Personal Village Classes

#### Community Studies Class

This in-depth class is open to serious community building students. We meet in Seattle the second and third Thursday of every month with some additional all day Saturday sessions. Contact Marv if you are interested.

#### Marv is Available

Marv is available to create a community building class for any group. He can tailor it to meet your needs. Call him for more information

### Personal Village Calendar

#### Dancing with Intimacy – Sexuality and Beyond:

**A relationship enhancing event for couples**

With Jill Sipel, LICSW and

Marv Thomas, LICSW

Date to be announced in May or June

#### Communication for Couples Workshop

with Marv Thomas LICSW

March 29, 2008, 9am to 6pm

Contact Marv at 206-364-9494

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For more information on any of these events go to [personalvillage.com](http://personalvillage.com) or contact Marv directly at 206-364-9494 or [marv@marvthomas.com](mailto:marv@marvthomas.com)

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