



THSC February Leader Letter

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Making Plans for 2011

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Look at What's Coming!



Leaders Cannot Afford to Neglect Planning

John Maxwell



"Good planning always costs less than good reacting."

~ Wayne Schmidt

In October 2010 the most expensive public works project in America, ARC, officially met its demise. The project would have constructed two tunnels beneath the Hudson River to add much-needed railways between New Jersey and Manhattan. However, poor planning led to wasteful spending and put the project on pace to exceed its budget by at least \$1 billion.

[Read more about planning ahead.](#)

Who will be the next THSC Leader of the Year? Honor your extraordinary leader(s) by nominating them for the 2011 THSC Leader of the Year award.

Each year the Texas Home School Coalition awards an outstanding leader or couple with the coveted **Homeschool Leader of the Year** award to show appreciation to those who sacrificially give of their time and energy to serve the homeschool community. The support group leader/couple chosen will be invited to the annual **THSC Awards Gala and Fundraiser**, where they will be recognized and honored.

Nominations for THSC Leader of the Year must be received no later than March 29, 2011, accompanied by at least three letters of recommendation from different members of the leaders' support group. (Hint: More letters of nomination carry more weight.) Letters of recommendation should explain why this individual/couple should be chosen. Only one leader/couple may be nominated per group.

Download the form for submission of your nomination for the next THSC Leader of the Year:

[Word document](#) [PDF](#)

Homeschool Leader Appreciation Week
Homeschool Leader Appreciation Week is April 10 - 16.

We understand the vital role support group leaders play in promoting home education and supporting homeschool families, so to encourage those who give so much, THSC will print beautiful certificates on behalf of your group and THSC. They are FREE upon request.

Recognize fellow leaders with Certificates of Appreciation!

Planning Special Events: Blueprint for Success

Debora Meskauskas



"A special event is a one-time event focused on a specific purpose, such as a groundbreaking, grand opening or other significant occasion in the life of a library. Special events may also be created for other targeted purposes, such as a jobs fair, awards banquet or logo contest.

"These one-time special events are different from 'programs' offered on a continuing basis, such as a lecture series, summer reading club or story hour.

[Read more to discover great tips to help guide your event planning . . .](#)

More Exciting Events Coming in 2011!



[Get the details . . .](#)
[Register online . . .](#)
[Don't miss Tim Hawkins LIVE . . .](#)

THSC 2011 Leadership Training Conference
 THSC is excited to announce that Pastor Doug Bartsch of His Place Family Church in Houston will be returning in 2011 as the THSC LTC Keynote speaker!

Mark your calendar and start making plans now to attend--you don't want to miss this great annual gathering of Texas support group leaders!

THSC 2011 Leadership Training Conference
November 11-13
Waxahachie, Texas

Get Connected with YOUR Region



Christian Home Education Association of Central Texas (CHEACT) Austin, Central Texas Region

Family Educators Alliance of South Texas (FEAST) San Antonio, South Central Texas Region

Home Educators Alliance for Resources and Training (HEART) of Texas Greater Dallas/Fort Worth Region

Southeast Texas Home School Association (SETHSA) Houston Region

CEO and Leader Workshop in the Woodlands

Dr. Dean Radtke, founder and CEO of The Institute of Ministry Management and Leadership, is coming to Houston, Texas.

Dates: March 17, 18 & 19, 2011
Hosted by: Pastor Doug Bartsch & Pastor Hank Marion
Location: New Haven Fellowship
6262 Creekside Green Spring
The Woodlands, TX 77389



The Ministry Institute system is changing the way spiritual leaders lead and creating a new generation of leaders.

The Maximum CEO System Workshop will allow you and your leaders to:

- Study the proven, highly successful maximum system of methods, processes and procedures that will rapidly change your life and ministry.
- Learn the scriptural principles that build billion-dollar corporations.
- Provide God a steady compounding return (ROI) on His greatest investment of all time.
- Learn the art forms and powerful mechanisms of the world's most effective CEOs.
- Gain the ultimate rewards of freedom in the areas of intimacy with God and family and the achievement of your personal mandates.

It's not an oxymoron to have a good quality of life *and* build a powerful ministry.

Tuition is free for pastors, other ministry leaders, corporate CEOs and an unlimited number of guests and leaders. Help us fulfill the Ministry Institute mandate to reach as many pastors as we can and help them become stronger in their calling.

[To register or for more information...](#)

Other Sites of Interest



Need a new website? Try **Homeschool-Life.com**, THSC 2010 LTC Lone Star Sponsor!

Keep your group informed on current issues at **Right in Texas**.

Join the **yahoo group** for Texas support group leaders.

We want to hear from you!

Find archived issues of THSC's **Leader Letter**.

Leadership Webinar Now Available on CD!



If you missed our webinar, don't despair - it's now now available on CD for only \$6!

Last month THSC was proud to host LTC Keynote Speaker Doug Bartsch as Doug presented "Positioned for Effective Leadership" in an online webinar. We were blessed with a great audience and received some wonderful feedback from our attendees. Now you, too, can benefit from this valuable training!

We know leading effectively can be quite a challenge, which is why THSC offers some valuable resources at reasonable prices for our leaders. We have a variety of audio talks that will encourage, inspire and inform you and your entire leadership team. Order some for your group, or encourage a young leader with an audio from one of our LTC workshops!

[Visit our leader resource page today!](#)

Wise Words

If you are planning for a year, sow rice; if you are planning for a decade, plant trees; if you are planning for a lifetime, educate people.
 ~ Chinese proverb

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Getting Ready for Graduation?

Graduation--a time of change and a rite of passage for many students as they complete a season in their lives and look forward to the next with excitement and anticipation.

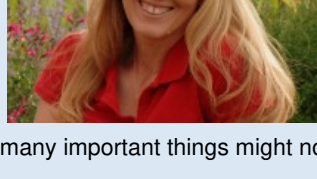


Many groups started planning for this special event last fall, but if your group is just getting started on graduation plans or would like a few tips, THSC has some great tips on **planning a graduation**.

While you're planning, be sure you get ahead of the rush and place your diploma orders early! Make graduation a day to remember with a custom diploma. Now is the time to make sure your members know that they can order custom diplomas from THSC for their graduates.

THSC Association offers diplomas on which parents may have printed have their student's name, graduation date, school name and a life verse, if desired. Parents can customize each diploma with their choice of four different wording styles, four different font styles, four different border styles and plain paper or ivory parchment paper. Save money by **ordering diplomas** as a group. For individual orders, **visit our website**.

A Note from THSC



As I write, a winter storm has blasted the Texas Panhandle and is moving across the state. Because of the weather, certain plans now have to be changed. We all know that at times unexpected circumstances occur that force us to alter or change even the best-laid plans; but for most of us planning is a part of our daily lives, and without some planning

many important things might not get done.

Whether you are planning a graduation, a major homeschool event, or you're making plans to improve your leadership skills, we all know the results of good planning. Unfortunately, most of us also know the results of poor planning as well. Much of what I have read recently in regards to leadership and leadership training has emphasized the value of teamwork, and event planning is no exception. Good event planning requires teamwork.

[Read more...](#)

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