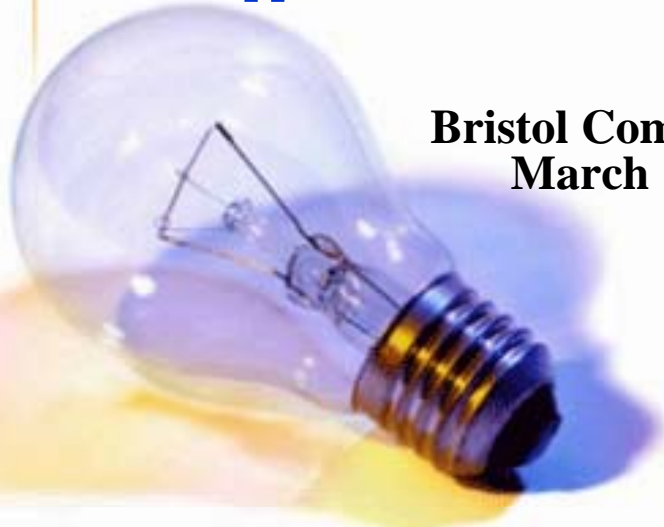




# **Future Search: *How To Participate In Attleboro's Future.***

*Come talk to current and former local officials about how to be a part of local government, run for an elected office, be on a board or commission and support candidates so that you can let your views be heard.*



**Bristol Community College, Attleboro,  
March 18th, 2009, 6:15 – 8 PM**



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## Special Guests

- Charlie Adler – former City Councilor
- Bill Bowles – City Councilor, State Representative
- Frank D'Agostino – School Committee
- Debbie Scott – former School Committee
- Mike Sullivan – City Councilor
- Judy Robbins – former City Councilor, Mayor
- Max Volterra – former City Councilor, State Representative
- Tony Viveiros – former City Councilor
- Others



## Agenda

- Welcome & Introductions
- Forum Purpose (slide show)
- Break-Out Session
  - Generate questions for Q&A session.
    - Why do we need leaders ?
    - What do they need to do ?
    - What are the problems that government can solve?
- Political Guests – Comments
- General Discussion and Q&A
  - Breakout Session Results
- Next steps – Run for Office, be on a Board or Commission, Take Action – Next Meeting
- Closing Comments



- Forum Purpose



# LEADERSHIP

*The leader always sets the trail for others to follow.*



## What Is Leadership?



The process of inspiring others to work hard to accomplish important tasks.



## Leadership Quotes



*“ Men make history , and not the other way around. In periods where there is no leadership, society stands still. Progress occurs when courageous , skillful leaders seize the opportunity to change things for the better.” We don't propose, like some people, to meet today's problems by saying that they don't exist, and tomorrow's problems by wishing that tomorrow wouldn't come.”*

-Harry S. Truman



## Leadership Quotes (contd.)



*“Management is doing things right; leadership is doing the right things.”*

- Peter F. Drucker

*“The very essence of leadership is that you have to have vision. You can't blow an uncertain trumpet.”*

- Theodore M. Hesburg

*It is a terrible thing to look over your shoulder when you are trying to lead -- and find no one there.*

- Franklin D. Roosevelt



## Attributes of Good Leaders



- **Vision** - having clear sense of direction, developing accomplishing shared "dreams."
- **Symbolism** - Identifying "heroes"
- **Intellectual stimulation** - stirring their imagination to create high-quality solutions.
- **Integrity** - Being honest and credible



## What is Grassroots Action?



- The Power of Teamwork
- Influence
- Relationship-Based Action
- Direct, Personal Communication
- “Bottom up” Advocacy



## Involvement = Grassroots Action

- Involvement in boards and commissions (handout)
- Involvement in no-profit organizations and community organizations. (handout)



## Campaign Involvement and Running for Office= Direct Political Action

- Involvement in campaigns and political organizations demonstrates the reasons people get involved in advocacy and volunteer for action  
(handout of local elected positions)
  - Social Change
  - Power, Influence, Success
  - Skills
  - Civic Responsibility



- Break-Out Session



## Break-Out Session - Objectives

- Describe the objective(s) of the exercise
  - New ideas?
  - Feature/product naming?
- Define goals for the Exercise
- Moderators must not try to set an agenda
- Document all input – Forum Notes



- Political Guests – Comments



- General Discussion and Q&A from Breakout Sessions



- Next steps – Run for office/Take Action – Next Meeting (Short Presentation and Handouts)



**Thank You For Participating !**



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