

**Goal:** Develop Next-Gen Leaders

**The Highlights: (Please share 3 things your group would like the public to know.)**

1. Vision 2040 Leadership is Now Accepting Applications
2. WeLEAD Kicks Off in September with Women in Media – Telling the Community Story
3. One Million Cups Starts Up in October - Join Us!

**The Details:**

**Subgroup Name:** Vision 2040 Leadership

**Subgroup Update:**

Vision 20/40: Leadership is a small cohort leadership program designed to help people prepare to answer the call of community service within the Willmar Lakes Area and Kandiyohi County. Participants will engage in hands on learning and doing within communities throughout Kandiyohi County. We are currently accepting applications for our 2017 cohort - come join us!

Are you interested in developing your leadership skills? Do you want to better understand what leadership is and why people need it? Join the Vision 2040 Leadership Class of 2017 where you will explore a variety of leadership topics in communities around the Willmar Lakes Area. Vision 2040 Leadership consists of 9 day long sessions where you receive state of the art education from University of Minnesota Educators as well as opportunities to explore the area and practice your newly learned skills. After completing the program participants have access to ongoing programs and opportunities through the Vision 2040 Leadership Alumni Program as well as the University of Minnesota Extension Alumni Program. Cost of Vision 2040 Leadership is over \$1200 but through the support of organizations such as the Willmar Community Foundation and University of Minnesota Extension it is offered for \$750. Scholarships are available. Apply today at <http://willmarlakesarea2040.com/leadershipapp.php>. Applications will be accepted through August 5, 2016.

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**Subgroup Name:** WeLEAD

**Subgroup Update:**

The vision of WeLEAD is to empower all women to discover and maximize their unique talents, one leader at a time. The inspiration for this initiative grew out of Willmar Lakes Area [Vision 2040](#), a community development initiative aimed at charting a map for community growth over the next 20 years.

*WeLEAD Kicks Off in September with Women in Media – Telling the Community Story*

Join us on Tuesday, September 6th from 11:30 to 1pm to hear from MaryElin Macht & Susan Lunneburg!

[Click here for map and directions](#)

\$15 (includes lunch)

The media industry is a fast paced, constantly evolving field that many of us take for granted. Come hear what it's like to work in this field from the voices and people who narrate the news and stories of our communities and maybe get some ideas of your own!

Speakers: MaryElin Macht, Lakeland Broadcasting and  
Susan Lunneburg, West Central Tribune

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**Subgroup Name:** One Million Cups

**Subgroup Update:**

This initiative has been approved by the Kaufmann Foundation and will be recognized on the national level. The group is in the developmental stage and is looking to kick off in Fall of 2016.

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**Subgroup Name:** Newcomer Dinners

**Subgroup Update:**

This initiative is currently in progress and hopes to launch in the Fall of 2016. It hopes to pair local leaders with newcomers and is a collaborative effort between Goal 1: Attract & Retain and Goal 4: Next-Gen Leaders.

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**Subgroup Name:** Non-Profit Networking Event

**Subgroup Update:**

This initiative is in progress and the event will highlight the needs of local non-profits as well as give its participants a glimpse of community leadership through speakers, a toolkit with information and a meet & greet with local non-profits.

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**Subgroup Name:** World Cafe Training

**Subgroup Update:**

This event is to be hosted in early August 2016. This is a session designed to equip community members with the tools to host and facilitate thoughtful World Cafe events.

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