

## **April GWLN Newsletter**

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She is currently a member of the Leaders Group for the Global Women's Leadership Network (GWLN). Through GWLN, she is working with women around the globe to foster commitment to global citizenship, social consciousness, and personal responsibility.

Integrating her entrepreneurial, leadership, and managerial experience, with her ongoing personal and leadership development, Susan's coaching results in purposeful action and sustainable change for executives, teams and individuals. Known for assessing integrally, listening deeply, and inquiring powerfully, Susan is a true partner in developing leadership presence and capacity. Clients speak to her uncanny ability to quickly build rapport, to provide evocative assessments and to incite action.

Succeeding as a leader in today's world requires vision, resilience, and the ability to enroll others. Whether you're leading yourself, a team, or an organization, these qualities can be cultivated through intentionality and practice. In this interactive session, we'll explore leadership presence and building "the body of a leader." Come discover how your body can support or limit your leadership goals.

## **2007 EDC SPEAKERS' SERIES**

### **May 23 - Jim Kouzes - A Leader's Legacy**

Each day provides countless chances to make a difference. The chance might come in a private conversation with a direct report or in a meeting with colleagues. It might come over the dinner table with our families. It might come when we speak at a conference on the future of our business, or it might come when we listen to a friend talk about a current conflict with a peer. There are many moments each day when we can choose to lead, and many moments each day when we can choose to make a difference. Each of these moments offers the prospect of contributing to a lasting legacy. By asking ourselves how we want to be remembered, we plant the seeds for living our lives as if we matter.

In his program, best-selling and award-winning author Jim Kouzes will discuss the important notion of legacy and the critical questions all leaders must ask themselves in order to leave a lasting impact. He'll address the thorny and often ambiguous issues that today's leaders grapple with—issues such as how leaders serve and sacrifice, how leaders need loving critics, how leaders *should* want to be liked, how leaders can't take trust for granted, how failure is always an option, how it takes courage to "make a life," how to

liberate the leader in everyone and, ultimately, how the legacy you leave is the life you lead.