each other?

In some ways, a leader is also a teacher. Both of them focus on helping others become more successful. And they do this because their success depends upon the success achieved by others.

Five points I made in an article titled "A template for success, Qualities of effective leaders", apply to the focus of this issue. They are:

Leaders Think Forward. They look into the future. The farther they see, the greater their impact. They inspire others to work for their vision by telling others how it produces success for them. As they approach their vision, and learn more about how it fits into the present, they move the vision further out into the future.

Leaders Move Forward. They make decisions quickly based on the information available at the time. They equate procrastination to stagnation. They take risks, knowing that risks produce mistakes. Then they learn from their mistakes and make corrections.

Leaders Model Goodness. They exercise the highest forms of personal maturity. They know themselves and they take appropriate measures to manage their actions and behavior. They seek out and promote the good in everything. They tell the truth, even when it requires courage to do so. They are honest, truthful, and fair.

Leaders Serve Others. They do what is best for the organization and the people in it. They place other's success above their own.

Leaders Teach Others. They set high expectations that cause change and growth in others. They help others improve, even to the extent of creating performance that is superior to their own.

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Geese and Leadership

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Next fall when you see Canada Geese heading south for the winter, flying along in a V formation you might consider what science has discovered as to why they fly that way.

As each bird flaps its wings, it creates an uplift for the bird immediately following.

By flying in V formation the whole flock adds at least 71% greater flying range than if each bird flew on its own.

People who share common direction and a sense of community can get where they are going more quickly and easily because they are travelling on the thrust of each other.

When a goose falls out of formation it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to go it alone and quickly gets back into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird in front.

If we have as much sense as a goose we will stay in formation with those who are headed in the same way as we are.

When the head goose gets tired it rotates back in the wing formation and another goose flies point

It is sensible to take turns doing demanding jobs with people or with geese flying south.

Geese honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep up their speed

What do we say when we honk from behind?

Finally it is important to know that when a goose gets sick or is wounded by gunshots and falls out of formation two other geese fall out with that goose and follow it down to lend help and protection. They stay with the goose until it is able to fly again or until it dies and only then do they launch out on their own or with another formation to catch up with their group.

If we have the sense of a Goose we will stand by each other like that.