

Weekly Message Weekly Message



Greetings special friends,
We are counting the days to our departure for New York City for the **80th annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade™**. The parade will be featured on NBC on Thanksgiving morning and you can expect to see our All Americans as part of the Mike Miller Dance Team at the end of the parade leading Santa Claus into Herald Square in front of Macy's. Make sure to watch **NBC** as it will be the only network to feature our group.

Here are some thoughts for the day:

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"The two hardest things to handle in life are failure and success."  
author unknown

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"The pessimist may be right in the long run, but the optimist has a better time during the trip."
author unknown

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"Great minds discuss ideas; average minds discuss events; small minds discuss people."  
Admiral Hyman Rickover (1900-1986) U.S. Navy

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"Maybe if we did a better job of listening, history wouldn't have to repeat itself."
author unknown

Last Friday night, our office and families attended the opener of the **Rockettes Christmas Spectacular** in Dallas. It was a fabulous show where the children and adults were glued to the stage. Keep in mind that there are two more opportunities to attend both the show and the **Rockettes Experience**, November 18th and November 25th. You can register on our web site at: www.DanceADTS.com.

As many of you are planning ahead to the Christmas season, you may want to 'adopt a family' or participate in some type of charity with your team or office. The American office is planning on sending gifts to the young girls at **Casa Hogar** orphanage in San Miguel de Allende in Mexico. We fell in love with these beautiful girls through photos and loved the fact that they have a 'drill team' that performs in parades. If you would like more information about Casa Hogar, Operation Dream Seed, Cell Phones for Soldiers or other charities that your team can support, please contact our office.

As Thanksgiving weekend approaches, it is time for all of us to reflect on so many things that we have to be thankful for. I came across the passage below that I want to share with you. I hope it has an impact on you and your family as it did for me. Have a fabulous Thanksgiving week, watch the parade on NBC, and, as always, please *keep in touch!*

Sincerely,

Joyce E. Pennington, Pres. CEO

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Reasons to Give Thanks...

If you woke up this morning with more health than illness, you are more blessed than the million who will not survive the week.



If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture or the pangs of starvation, you are ahead of 500 million people around the world.

If you attend a church meeting without fear of harassment, arrest or torture of death, you are more blessed than almost three billion people in the world..

If you have food in your refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof over your head and a place to sleep, you are richer than 75% of this world.

If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish someplace, you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy.

If your parents are still married and alive, you are very rare, even in the United States.

If you hold up your head with a smile on your face and are truly thankful, you are blessed because the majority can, but most do not.

If you can hold someone's hand, hug them or even touch them on the shoulder, you are blessed because you can offer God's healing touch.

If you prayed yesterday and today, you are in the minority because you believe in God's willingness to hear and answer prayer.

If you own just one Bible, you are abundantly blessed 1/3 of the world does not have access to even one. If you own just one Bible, you are abundantly blessed 1/3 of the world does not have access to even one.

If you can read this message, you are more blessed than over two billion people in the world that cannot read anything at all.

PS: Sometimes we need to put things into perspective, we expect so much and appreciate so little!