

# Weekly Message Weekly Message



Greetings special friends!

This week starts our 2006 contest season with a bang as we head to for our Junior competition. You can view a schedule for this competition and information about our other contests at <http://www.danceadts.com/contests.htm>. We also leave today for the **Texas Dance Educators Association** convention at the Marriott in Houston. There will be over 400 directors from around the state ([www.tdea.org](http://www.tdea.org)). It is so important that you, as dance educators, be a part of your state or national association. Visit our links page <http://www.danceadts.com/links.htm> for links to TDEA and other state and national professional groups.

Here are some thoughts for the day:

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**“He who angers you, controls you.” author unknown**  
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**“No man really becomes a fool until he stops asking questions.”  
Charles P. Steinmetz (1865-1923) electrical engineer**  
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**“The shoe that fits one person pinches another; there is no recipe for  
living that suits all cases.”  
Carl Jung (1875-1961) psychologist**  
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**“Putting off an easy thing makes it hard.  
Putting off a hard thing makes it impossible.”  
George Lorimer**  
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**“Some folks are natural born kickers.  
They can always find a way to turn disaster into butter.”  
Katherine Paterson**  
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As we head into contest season, everyone has visions of being a winner. Many never realize what a winner really is or what it takes to be a winner. Nancy Smith offers a view of what it takes to be a winner in the passage below.

Have a wonderful week, and, as always, please *keep in touch!*



*Sincerely,*

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## *Be a Winner*

**Winners take chances.  
Like everyone else, they fear failing,  
but they refuse to let fear control them.  
Winners don't give up.  
When life gets rough, they hang in until  
the going gets better.  
Winners are flexible.  
They realize there is more than one way  
and are willing to try others.  
Winners know they are not perfect.  
They respect their weaknesses  
while making the most of their strengths.  
Winners fall, but they don't stay down.  
They stubbornly refuse to let a fall  
keep them from climbing.**

**Winners don't blame fate for their failures  
nor luck for their successes.  
Winners accept responsibility for their lives.  
Winners are positive thinkers  
who see good in all things.  
From the ordinary, they make the extraordinary.  
Winners believe in the path they have chosen  
even when it's hard,  
even when others can't see  
where they are going.  
Winners are patient.  
They know a goal is only as worthy  
as the effort that's required to achieve it.  
Winners make this world to a better place be.  
---Nancy Smith**

