

# Weekly Message Weekly Message



Greetings special friends,  
I hope the sun is shining on you today. We have just passed the shortest day of the year yesterday so from this day forward, we will have a little more sunshine in our days. We are delighted to be headed to Kilgore College this weekend, in East Texas, for the Gussie Nell Davis Dance Classic that benefits Rangerette scholarships. Over \$65,000.00 has been raised over the past seven years that has gone towards tuition scholarships for current Rangerettes. To find out more about this event visit our web site at [www.danceadts.com](http://www.danceadts.com). To learn more about the Kilgore College Rangerettes, visit [www.rangerette.com](http://www.rangerette.com).

Here are some thoughts for the day:

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**“Wise sayings often fall on barren ground,  
but a kind word is never thrown away.”**

**Arthur Helps (1813-1875) writer**  
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**“Don’t meet trouble half way.  
It is quite capable of making the entire journey.”**

**Bob Edwards**  
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**“Our problems are man-made, therefore they may be solved by man.**

**An, man can be as big as he wants.**

**No problem of human destiny is beyond human beings.”**

**John F. Kennedy (1917-1963) U.S. President**  
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**“A leader takes people where they want to go. A great leader takes  
people where they don’t necessarily want to go but ought to be.”**

**Rosalyn Carter, U.S. First Lady and activist**  
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Everything in life happens for a purpose. Even the people we meet are there for a purpose in our lives and we can learn from each and every experience, good and bad. I came across a passage today that is full of good information. I am not sure who authored it but the lessons are valuable. I hope that there are many messages within it that will touch your life this week.

Have a great week, and, as always, please *keep in touch*.



*Sincerely,*

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## **The Story of Life**

Sometimes people come into your life and you know right away that they were meant to be there, to serve some sort of purpose, teach you a lesson, or to help you figure out who you are or who you want to become. You never know who these people may be (possibly your roommate, neighbor, co-worker, long-lost friend, lover, or even a complete stranger), but when you lock eyes with them, you know at that very moment they will affect your life in some profound way.



And sometimes things happen to you that may seem horrible, painful, and unfair at first, but in reflection you find that without overcoming those obstacles you would have never realized your potential, strength, willpower, or heart.

Everything happens for a reason. Nothing happens by chance or by means of good luck.

Illness, injury, love, lost moments of true greatness, and sheer stupidity all occur to test the limits of your soul. Without these small tests, whatever they may be, life would be like a smoothly paved, straight, flat road to nowhere. It would be safe and comfortable, but dull and utterly pointless.

The people you meet who affect your life, and the success and downfalls you experience, help to create who you are and who you become.

Even the bad experiences can be learned from. In fact, they are probably the most poignant and important ones.

If someone hurts you, betrays you, or breaks your heart, forgive them, for they have helped you learn about trust and the importance of being cautious when

you open your heart.

If someone loves you, love them back unconditionally, not only because they love you, but because in a way, they are teaching you to love and how to open your heart and eyes to things.

Make every day count. Appreciate every moment and take from those moments everything that you possibly can for you may never be able to experience it again.

Talk to people that you have never talked to before, and actually listen.

Let yourself fall in love, break free, and set your sights high.

Hold your head up because you have every right to.

Tell yourself you are a great individual and believe in yourself, for if you don't believe in yourself, it will be hard for others to believe in you.

You can make of your life anything you wish. Create your own life and then go out and live it with absolutely no regrets.

Most importantly!!!, if you LOVE someone tell him or her, for you never know what tomorrow may have in store.

And learn a lesson in life each day that you live.

That's the story of life... Author unknown