



American Inspiration

Greetings everyone!

We welcomed the sunshine to Central Texas this week and it has been glorious. I hope that the sun is shining on you today.

Here are some thoughts for today and every day:

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“**Good ideas are not adopted automatically. They must be driven into practice with courageous impatience.**”

**Hyman Rickover (1900-1986) military officer**

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“**Sometimes only a change of viewpoint is needed to convert a tiresome duty into an interesting opportunity.**”

Alberta Flanders

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“**Even if we cannot be happy, we must always be cheerful.**”

**Irving Kristol, editor and educator**

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“**Forever is a long time, but not as long as it was yesterday.**”

Dennis H'Orgnes

We are looking ahead 6 weeks to our **National/International Championship**.

We have teams from around the U.S. Including a team from Alaska. We also have teams from Japan and South Africa coming to compete along with over 20 college teams that will have recruiting booths set up at the event. We will also feature the **Dallas Cowboy's Cheerleaders** again at our awards ceremony and they will also have a recruiting booth as well. If you are interested in attending this event, please visit our web site and write me if you have specific questions. Last year we had over 140 teams!

For many of us, we love to challenge our mind with new material and concepts. I had a friend send me the passage below that is full of interesting trivia that will stimulate the brain. I had fun reading it and hope you do as well

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

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Sincerely,

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SO YOU THINK YOU KNOW EVERYTHING?

"Stewardesses" is the longest word typed with only the left hand and "lollipop" with your right. (Bet you tried this out mentally, didn't you?)

No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver, or purple.

"Dreamt" is the only English word that ends in the letters "mt". (Are you doubting this?)

Our eyes are always the same size from birth, but our nose and ears never stop growing.

The sentence: "The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog" uses every letter of the alphabet (Now, you KNOW you're going to try this out for accuracy, right?)

The words 'race car,' 'kayak' and 'level' are the same whether they are read left to right or right to left (palindromes). (Yep, I knew you were going to "do" this one.)

There are only four words in the English language which end in "dous": tremendous, horrendous, stupendous, and hazardous. (You're not doubting this, are you?)

There are two words in the English language that have all five vowels in order: "abstemious" and "facetious." (Yes, admit it, you are going to say. a e i o u)

TYPEWRITER is the longest word that can be made using the letters only on one row of the keyboard. (All you typists are going to test this out)

A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.

A goldfish has a memory span of three seconds. (Some days that's about what my memory span is)

A "jiffy" is an actual unit of time for 1/100th of a second.

A shark is the only fish that can blink with both eyes.

A snail can sleep for three years. (I know some people that could do this too.)

Almonds are a member of the peach family.

An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.

Babies are born without kneecaps They don't appear until the child reaches 2 to 6 years of age.

February 1865 is the only month in recorded history not to have a full moon.

In the last 4,000 years, no new animals have been domesticated.

If the population of China walked past you, 8 abreast, the line would never end because of the rate of reproduction.

Leonardo Da Vinci invented the scissors.

Peanuts are one of the ingredients of dynamite!

Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.

The average person's left hand does 56% of the typing.

The cruise liner, QE2, moves only six inches for each gallon of diesel that it burns.

The microwave was invented after a researcher walked by a radar tube and a chocolate bar melted in his pocket. (Good thing he did that)

The winter of 1932 was so cold that Niagara Falls froze completely solid.

There are more chickens than people in the world.

Winston Churchill was born in a ladies' room during a dance.

Women blink nearly twice as much as men.

Now you know everything!