



American Inspiration

Happy first day of Spring to everyone! I hope there is sunshine in your heart, today, if not in your neighborhood. We had a terrific time in Santa Fe, New Mexico, with our competition last weekend and are looking ahead to a fabulous Nationals. We have almost 1200 events that will be performed in 4 different areas. Watch for the schedule to be posted early next week.

Here are some thoughts for the day:

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“If you don’t go after what you want, you will never have it. If you don’t ask, the answer is always no. If you don’t step forward, you’re always in the same place.” Nora Roberts (submitted by Marsha Fields)  
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“The only reason some people get lost in thought is because it is unfamiliar territory.” Paul Fix (1901-1983) actor
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“When success turns a person’s head, he is facing failure.” author unknown  
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“There’s no ceiling on effort.” Harvey C. Freuhauf, business executive
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“If you don’t work, you can’t play.” J.B. Priestly, *Out of Town*  
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Since we work in an industry that is predominantly made up of women, I came across a Maya Angelou piece that I wanted to pass on. I felt myself nodding my head in agreement with so many of the lines. I hope that you enjoy it as much as I did. Have a wonderful week, and, as always, please *keep in touch!*

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Sincerely,

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Maya Angelou's

Best Poem Ever

A Woman Should Have...
enough money within her control
to move out and rent a place of her own,
even if she never wants to
or needs to...

A Woman Should Have...
something perfect to wear if the employer
or date of her dreams
wants to see her in an hour...

A Woman Should Have...
a youth she's content to leave behind...

A Woman Should Have...
a past,
interesting enough that she's looking forward
to retelling it in her old age...

A Woman Should Have...
a set of screwdrivers, a cordless drill,
and a black lace bra...

A Woman Should Have...
one friend who always makes her laugh...
and one who lets her cry...

A Woman Should Have...
a good piece of furniture
not previously owned by anyone else in her family...

A Woman Should Have...
eight matching plates, wine glasses with stems,
and a recipe for a meal
that will make her guests feel honored...

A Woman Should Have...

a feeling of control over her destiny...

Every Woman Should Know...
how to fall in love without losing herself...

Every Woman Should Know...
how to quit a job,
break up with a lover,
and confront a friend without ruining the friendship...

Every Woman Should Know...
when to try harder... and when to walk away...

Every Woman Should Know... that she can't change the length of her calves,
the width of her hips, or the nature of her parents..

Every Woman Should Know...
that her childhood may not have been perfect...
but its over...

Every Woman Should Know...
what she would and wouldn't do for love or more...

Every Woman Should Know...
how to live alone...
even if she doesn't like it...

Every Woman Should Know...
whom she can trust, whom she can't,
and why she shouldn't take it personally...

Every Woman Should Know...
where to go...
be it to her best friend's kitchen table...
or a charming inn in the woods...
when her soul needs soothing...

Every Woman Should Know...
what she can and can't accomplish in a day...
a month...and a year...