



American Weekly Inspiration

Thoughts for today and every day:

“Kindness is the universal language that all people understand.”
Jake Gaither (1903-1994) college football coach

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“There is nothing wrong with making wrong with making mistakes. Just don’t respond with encores.” author unknown

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“One deed is worth a thousand speeches.” American proverb

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“My job is to be resilient. That’s why I call life a dance.” Bill T. Jones, dancer

American Update:

Happy 2008 to everyone! This year, **American Dance/Drill Team** will be celebrating our **50th anniversary** in the industry. The first drill team camp was held at Southern Methodist University in 1958 and the company was started by Gussie Nell Davis (founder of the Kilgore Rangerettes) and Dr. Irving Dreibrodt (band director at SMU and wrote thesis on drill teams). Fifty years later, we have seen drill teams evolve into spectacular dance teams and the camps, competitions and special events are all a part of who we are. I hope you will be joining us for many special celebrations in the coming year.

This week is the **Texas Dance Educators Association** convention in Houston. There will be almost 400 directors and school administrators in attendance. I hope that each of you, as directors, are members of your state or national professional associations.

Inspiration of the Week:

"Beauty Tips" ~ by Audrey Hepburn

1. For attractive lips, speak words of kindness.
2. For lovely eyes, seek out the good in people.
3. For a slim figure, Share your food with the hungry.

4. For beautiful hair, let a child run his or her fingers through it once a day.
5. For poise, walk with the knowledge you'll never walk alone.
6. People, even more than things, have to be restored, renewed, revived, reclaimed, and redeemed; Never throw out anyone.
7. Remember, if you ever need a helping hand, you'll find one at the end of your arm. As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands, one for helping yourself, the other for helping others.
8. The beauty of a woman is not in the clothes she wears, the figure that she carries, or the way she combs her hair. The beauty of a woman is seen in her eyes, because that is the doorway to her heart, the place where love resides. True beauty in a woman is reflected in her soul. It is the caring that she lovingly gives, the passion that she shows. And the beauty of a woman only grows with passing years.

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