



American Weekly Inspiration

Thoughts for today and every day:

“I have a wheel inside me that never runs down, never gets tired. I work hard —not because I have to — but because I want to. But, then, it’s not work if you like what you’re doing.” Gussie Nell Davis, First Lady of Drill Team and first director of Kilgore College Rangerettes

Courage as an acronym is:

Continuing
Onward
Under
Rigorous
And
Grinding
Experiences

“Gracestrikes us when we are in great pain and restlessness. Sometimes at that moment a wave of light breaks into our darkness, and it is as though a voice were saying: You are accepted.” Paul Johannes Tillich (1886-1965) theologian

“History keeps her secrets longer than most of us. But she has one secret that I will reveal to you tonight in the greatest confidence. Sometimes there are no winners at all. And, sometimes nobody needs to lose.” John Le Carre, novelist

American Update:

Now is the time that everyone is choosing music for their competition routines. It is always a challenge to find a piece that is unique and dynamic. Make sure you are getting someone to do the editing that will make the cuts clean and smooth, as well as editing any inappropriate words or phrases. Count the music to make sure that the transitions are clear and easy to count. Record the music at the

performance tempo. Make several copies of your CD so that one is not used until competition so there are no scratches. This will hopefully insure that your CD will not skip at contest.

Speaking of music, we have heard a 'rumor' from our friends at **Tote Unlimited** that the Mipro sound systems will have a variable speed CD player in them after the first of the year! This will be a huge help to have a portable system that can vary your tempo on your CD. Check with Tom Redden at toteunlimited.com.

It is not too early to start thinking about a charitable project for your office, or team, at Christmas.

This year, the American Dance/Drill Team staff family will be choosing girls from the **Casa Hogar Santa Julia orphanage in San Miguel de Allende**, Mexico, to send money to buy a Walmart gift card so that they can shop for clothing that they will need. To see a list of girls that are available to choose, go to www.danceadts.com/staffinfo/casahogar.htm. Your team can 'adopt' a girl to help with a minimum of \$50. You will receive a photo of the girls receiving their gift cards as well as have the chance to correspond with some of the older girls that are taking English lessons. The English teacher does have internet access where the girls can write their donors. If you would like to choose a girl from the list, please e-mail me no later than December 1st. You can view the girls names and ages on the link provided. It will be a wonderful opportunity to support these girls this Christmas.

Inspiration of the Week:

It all depends on the way you look at things

One day a father and his rich family took his son to a trip to the country with the firm purpose to show him how poor people can be. They spent a day and a night in the farm of a very poor family.

When they got back from their trip the father asked his son, "How was the trip?"

"Very good Dad!"

"Did you see how poor people can be?" the father asked.

"Yeah!" "And what did you learn?"

The son answered, "I saw that we have a dog at home, and they have four. We have a pool that reaches to the middle of the garden, they have a creek that has no end. We have imported lamps in the garden, they have the stars. Our patio reaches to the front yard, they have a whole horizon."

When the little boy was finishing, his father was speechless. His son added, "Thanks Dad for showing me how poor we are!"

Isn't it true that it all depends on the way you look at things? If you have love, friends, family, health, good humor and a positive attitude towards life -- you've got everything! You can't buy any of these things, but still you can have all the material possessions you can imagine, provisions for the future, etc., but if you are poor of spirit, you have nothing! -- author unknown