

# American Inspiration

*A weekly motivational message compiled by Joyce E. Pennington*



## Thoughts for today and every day . . .

**“Don’t just dream of grandiose acts of doing good. Every day do small ones, that add up over time, to positive patterns.” Marian Wright Edelman**

 “I think of a hero as someone who understands the degree of responsibility that comes with his freedom.” Bob Dylan

 “Nothing great is ever accomplished by one person.”  
Sheryl Leach

 “Trust only those who stand to lose as much as you when things go wrong.”  
**Bralek’s Rule for Success**

## American Update

Most of the country has been blessed with beautiful weather these past few weeks. The leaves are starting to turn and the crisp morning temperatures help us gain the energy for the day. Thanksgiving is only a few weeks away and Christmas will be following up soon after. 2009 has truly flown by quickly. It is already time to plan ahead for 2010. Yes, we are almost a full decade into the twenty first century!

Time is of the essence for many of you that are planning on attending destination competitions that will require overnight accommodations. If you will need hotel space for an upcoming trip, don’t hesitate to book now. Many of the hotels are already booked with some having a few rooms still

blocked for events. Contact [ats@atstoursandtravel.com](mailto:ats@atstoursandtravel.com) to help you book your dance team for their contest travel.

If you are a dance team director and did not receive one of our contest brochures by mail last month, simply reply to this e-mail and request that one be either e-mailed or 'snail mailed' to you. We can respond to you quickly. Or, you can simply go to our web site to download a copy that is linked to our home page as well as the contest page. [www.DanceADTS.com](http://www.DanceADTS.com)

## Inspiration of the Week

### **Miracles from a common household product....WD-40**

One of my favorite products and now I know I can use it for even more stuff. The product began from a search for a rust preventative solvent, and de-greaser to protect missile parts. **WD-40** was created in 1953 by three technicians at the San Diego Rocket Chemical Company. Its name comes from the project that was to find a "water displacement" compound. They were successful with the fortieth formulation, thus WD-40.

The Corvair Company bought it in bulk to protect their Atlas missile parts. The workers were so pleased with the product, they began smuggling (also known as "shrinkage" or "stealing") it out to use at home. The executives decided there might be a consumer market for it and put it in aerosol cans. The rest, as they say, is history.

It is a carefully guarded recipe known only to four people. Only one of them is the "brew master." There are about 2.5 million gallons of the stuff manufactured each year. It gets its distinctive smell from a fragrance that is added to the brew. Ken East says there is nothing in WD-40 that would hurt you.

#### **Here are some of the uses:**

- Protects silver from tarnishing
- Cleans and lubricates guitar strings
- Gets oil spots off concrete driveways
- Gives floors that 'just-waxed' sheen without making it slippery
- Keeps flies off cows
- Restores and cleans chalkboards
- Removes lipstick stains
- Loosens stubborn zippers
- Untangles jewelry chains
- Removes stains from stainless steel sinks

- Removes dirt and grime from the barbecue grill
- Keeps ceramic/terra cotta garden pots from oxidizing
- Removes tomato stains from clothing
- Keeps glass shower doors free of water spots
- Camouflages scratches in ceramic and marble floors
- Keeps scissors working properly
- Lubricates noisy door hinges on vehicles and doors in homes
- Gives a children's play gym slide a shine for a super fast slide
- Lubricates gear shift and mower deck lever for ease of handling on riding mowers
- Rids rocking chairs and swings of squeaky noises
- Lubricates tracks in sticking home windows and makes them easier to open
- Spraying an umbrella stem makes it easier to open and close
- Restores and cleans padded leather dashboards in vehicles, as well as vinyl bumpers
- Restores and cleans roof racks on vehicles
- Lubricates and stops squeaks in electric fans
- Lubricates wheel sprockets on tricycles, wagons and bicycles for easy handling
- Lubricates fan belts on washers and dryers and keeps them running smoothly
- Keeps rust from forming on saws and saw blades, and other tools

**We're not through. Here's more:**

- Removes splattered grease on stove
- Keeps bathroom mirror from fogging
- Lubricates prosthetic limbs
- Keeps pigeons off the balcony (they hate the smell)
- Removes all traces of duct tape
- I have even heard of folks spraying it on their arms, hands, knees, etc., to relieve arthritis pain.
- One fellow claims spraying it on fishing lures attracts fish.

WD-40 has been designated the "official multi-purpose problem-solver of NASCAR," a ringing endorsement if there ever was one. I told my NASCAR loving sons about this and they said they couldn't imagine how WD-40 can solve the Jeff Gordon problem.

In celebration of their 50th year, the company conducted a contest to learn the favorite uses of its customers and fan club members, (Yes, there is a WD-40 Fan Club).

They compiled the information to identify the favorite use in each of the 50

states. Naturally I was curious about Georgia and Alabama and found the favorite use in both states was that it "penetrates stuck bolts, lug nuts, and hose ends."

Florida's favorite use was "cleans and removes 'love bugs' from grills and bumpers."

California's favorite use was penetrating the bolts on the Golden Gate Bridge.

Let me close with one final, wonderful use--the favorite use in the State of New York, WD-40 protects the Statue of Liberty from the elements.

No wonder they have had 50 successful years.

<http://www.twbc.org/wd40.htm>  
**2000 more uses for WD-40**

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