

American Inspiration

Thoughts for today and every day . . .



√“Dream lofty dreams, and as you dream, so shall you become. Your vision is the promise of what you shall at last unveil.” John Ruskin

√“Nothing worthwhile comes easily. Half effort does not produce half results. It produces no results. Work, continuous work and hard work, is the only way to accomplish results that last.” Hamilton Holt

√“I have never worshipped money, and I never worked for money. I worked for pride and accomplishment.” Ray Kroc (originator of McDonald’s restaurants)

√“There’s nothing so rewarding as to make people realize they are worthwhile in this world.” Bob Anderson



American Update

It is never too early to start thinking about music, choreography and costumes for upcoming contest season. By now you should have received the latest catalog from Creations by Cicci, our special business friends! If you are a dance team director or studio owner and would like to receive a catalog from Creations by Cicci, simply visit their web site: www.ciccidance.com/request.php and follow the instructions. The costumes will inspire your routine theme for sure!



Inspiration of the Week

Good Leaders Are Good Listeners

John C. Maxwell author of “Leadership: Promises for every day”

Excerpted from “The 17 Indisputable Laws of Leadership”

As a leader of a team or organization, you set the tone for communication. A leader’s communication must be consistent, clear, and courteous. But leaders must also be good listeners. When leaders don’t listen . . .

They stop gaining wisdom.

They stop ‘hearing’ what isn’t being said.

Team members stop communicating.

Their indifference begins to spread to other areas.

Ultimately, poor listening leads to hostility, miscommunication, and a breakdown of team cohesion.

How are your listening skills? Give yourself a 360-degree review. Ask for feedback concerning your ability and willingness to listen from your boss or mentor, your colleagues, and your subordinates. If you

don't get good grades from all of them, then quiet down, listen up, and work to become a better communicator.

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