

# American Inspiration

## Thoughts for today and every day . . .



✓“Learn from everyone; copy no one.” Don Shula (former coach for Miami Dolphins)

✓“In all proper relationships, there is no sacrifice of anyone to anyone.” Ayn Rand (*The Fountainhead*)

✓“Too many people think they are being creative when they are just being different.” Author Unknown

✓“To be wronged is nothing unless you continue to remember it.” Confucius



## American Update

We hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and that you were able to see the Spirit of America Dancers in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade™. If not, make sure to visit our Special Events page and view the video of their feature performance at Herald Square.

We have over 200 teams that have pre-registered for our 2012 Contests. Make sure to go to our Contest Page on our [web site](#) and view the 23 locations for our regional, state and national competitions. Also, if you are planning a trip to a contest or want to take your team to a great destination, contact Dalana at [ATS Tours and Travel](#), the *dance team specialists*, for a bid for your trip and suggestions on fun activities.

We are proud of our business friendship with [Happy Feet Boots](#), sponsor of the All American Kick Company and Miss American High Kick awards at our nationals. We want your team to show off their Happy Feet Boots by posting a team photo in your boots on their [Happy Feet Boots Facebook page](#). The team that has the most 'Likes' for their team photo posted on their page by December 12<sup>th</sup> will receive a \$200 credit towards an American Dance/Drill Team 2012 contest, and one free pair of Happy Feet Boots on your next team order!



## Inspiration of the Week

## The Two Go Together

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

Many leaders commit the error of separating leadership from relationships. This happens when people step into leadership positions and assume that everyone will follow them because of their position. Some

leaders wrongly believe that their knowledge alone qualifies them to lead others. People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care. We cannot separate leadership from relationships. Leaders help themselves by developing good relationship skills.

Here are some instructions on how to lead through relationships:

- *Avoid hypocrisy*
- *Be loyal to colleagues*
- *Give preference to others*
- *Be hospitable*
- *Return good for evil*
- *Identify with others*
- *Be open-minded toward others*
- *Treat everyone with respect*
- *Do everything possible to keep peace*
- *Remove revenge from your life*

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