

American Inspiration

Thoughts for today and every day . . .



√“Is anything truly impossible? Or is it that the path to get there appears too obscure to trace? It seems to me that if you seek hard enough, pray hard enough, you usually stumble across a scattering of breadcrumbs that mark the trail leading to the goal you once considered beyond your reach.” Richelle E. Goodrich

√“The man who lives by himself and for himself is apt to be corrupted by the company he keeps.” C.H. Parkhurst

√“In seeking truth you have to get both sides of a story.” Walter Cronkite

√“The person who removes mountains begins by carrying away small stones.” Chinese Proverb



American Update

We had a fantastic group of All American Dancers that performed at the **SMU Football Game** last Saturday in Dallas. Make sure to take a look at the video of their performance on our Facebook page. We start the countdown to Thanksgiving this week and want to ask all of our friends to tune in on NBC Thanksgiving morning, for the annual **Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade™** with Spirit of America Productions.

Continuing on with more **American Special Events**, we have almost 100 dancers in the **Salado Christmas Parade** on November 29th. Over 350 dancers will be featured with the American Collegiate Champions, Blinn College Treasures, in the **Brazos Valley Bowl** on December 1st. Halftime of the bowl game will feature the World Famous Kilgore College Rangerettes!

The last week in December we will have two different groups heading to performances on New Year's Day: the **Capital One Bowl** in Orlando and the **London New Year's Day Parade** in England. Teams and individuals can qualify for these great Special Events performances at our 2013 competitions and summer camps. Visit our web site for dates and locations (DanceADTS.com).



Inspiration of the Week

Manners Matter

Adapted from the St. Louis Post-Dispatch

A lack of manners could stifle your career. If you think manners are dead, you may be right. If you think you can get ahead in a career (or on a team) by being boisterous or a slob, you are wrong, says Dana May Casperson, author of *Power Etiquette: "What You Don't Know Can Kill Your Career."* Here are some simple reminders to help fast-forward you on a successful path—

- Speak and laugh softly
- Use the magic words, “please” and “thank you”
- Don’t whistle or hum while you work
- Don’t bang the keys on your keyboard
- Send cards and flowers to associates when appropriate
- Keep tissues on hand and nearby
- Keep an extra chair close by for visitors
- Clean up after yourself in meetings and in lunch area
- Avoid loud, obnoxious phone conversations

“A spoken word is not a sparrow. Once it flies out, you can’t catch it.” Russian Proverb

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