

American Inspiration

Thoughts for today and every day . . .



√“Dance is your pulse, your heartbeat, your breathing. It’s the rhythm of your life. It’s the expression in time and movement, in happiness, joy, sadness and envy.” Jaques D’Amboise

√“Vision without action is a dream. Action without vision is simply passing the time. Action with vision is making a positive difference.” Joel Barker

√“A good character is, in all cases, the fruit of a personal exertion. It is not inherited from parents; it is not created by external advantages; it is no necessary appendage of birth, wealth, talents, or station; but it is the result of one’s own endeavors—the fruit and reward of good principles manifested in a course of virtuous and honorable action.” Joel Hawes

√“We are both burdened and blessed by the great responsibility of free will—the power of choice. Our future is determined, in large part, by the choices we make now.” Dan Millman*



American Update

We continue with our ‘triple header’ weekends of contests in three areas. We are very excited that the Gussie Nell Davis Dance Classic this weekend at Kilgore College has grown into such a grand event! Teams will have a personal escort that is a Kilgore Rangerette, get to see the campus, tour the Rangerette Showcase (museum), and the Gussie Nell Davis Rangerette Residence, all in addition to the competition. All of the admission and sales that day go to benefit Rangerette scholarships. We look forward to seeing the great teams that will compete there this weekend. If you cannot be there, make sure to watch the live feed on our web site, as well as watch the Texas Dance Classic in Rowlett on Saturday.



Inspiration of the Week

Recognize the Need to Transition

John C. Maxwell author of “The 17 Indisputable Laws of Teamwork”

Two emotions usually follow a great achievement: a sign of relief and celebration and a sense of . . . now what? The period after a success can become a dangerous time. Sometimes we feel tempted toward complacency, especially if we lack another goal. We can become satisfied and let down our guard. Momentum leaks.

The moment of victory is a crucial time for any organization. A transitional problem occurs when the leader does not know how to grow with the organization. Here is an illustration of the difference between a catalyst and a consolidator:

Two Types of Leadership Seasons

1. Catalyst: Gets it going
2. Designer: Thinks it up
3. Motivator: Encourages
4. Entrepreneur: Relies on self

1. Consolidator: Keeps it going
2. Developer: Follows it up
3. Manager: Organizes
4. Executive: Relies on Others

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