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PROGRAMS:

Holiday

~~MONDAY FEB. 19.....JACK WISBAN WILL TALK TO US ABOUT 'YOUNG LIFE'...
A CHRISTIAN ORGANIZATION FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS~~

MONDAY FEB. 25.....HARRY YONEMURA, FROM THE INTERNATIONAL BUSINESSMAN'S
CLUB IN TOKYO, WILL ADDRESS OUR CLUB

THANKS are in order for all of you rotarians who make the official deadline for getting your dues in by the end of January. Your punctuality is much appreciated. For those of you who did not manage to make the deadline, your names will be given top priority for being first on this year's Shrimporee clean-up committee. They will also be posted by the back door at the next regular meeting following this announcement along with a \$25.00 reinstatement fee notice.



In his will, a manufacturer named six of his creditors as pall bearers, stating that since they had carried him all these years, they may as well finish the job.

Optimist Chatter
Coatesville, Pennsylvania

"Now Soldier," boomed the training officer to the new recruit, "if you stood with your back to the East and your face to the West, what would be on your right hand?"

"Fingers, Sir," replied the recruit.

Viewpoint
Vista Del Sol-El Paso, Texas

"Things are really tough," remarked one businessman to another. "This morning, opportunity knocked at my door, but by the time I pushed back the bolt, turned two locks, unhooked the chain and shut off the burglar alarm, it was gone."

The Breakfast Bugle
Breakfast, Evansville, Indiana

"There, there, Mr. Brown," the psychiatrist soothed a new patient. "Anyone who can afford my fee can't be a total failure!"

Bulletin
Covina, California

Fun is like life insurance, the older you get the more it costs you.

Westac Oracle
West, Tacoma, Washington

A fabulously wealthy industrialist was the center of attention at the 50th reunion of his high school class. "How absolutely marvelous," gushed a former classmate, "acquiring so much money hasn't changed you!"

"Actually it has," the millionaire told her. "I'm now eccentric, where I used to be impolite, and delightfully amusing, where I used to be a pain in the neck."

Score Card
Glen Park, Gary, Indiana

When somebody tells you his dog is just like one of the family, don't you wonder which one?

Bulletin
Irvington-Indianapolis, Indiana

Credit: A system of buying on the lay awake plan.

Bulletin
Sevierville, Tennessee

In any organization, there will always be one person who knows what is going on. This person must be fired.

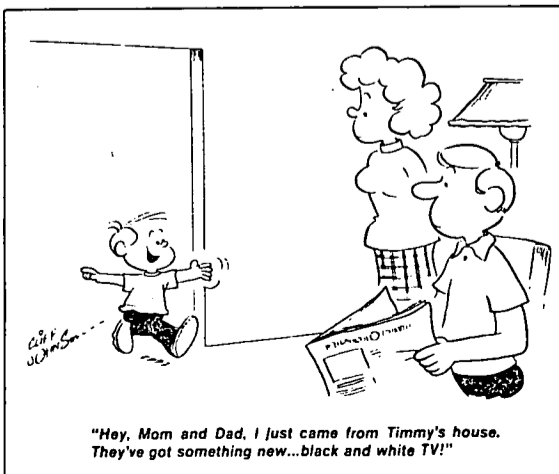
Bulletin
Memorial Spring Branch,
Houston, Texas



"Red heads have bad tempers. Things will get worse before they get better. Electric cars will replace gas guzzlers. If you get lost in the desert, suck on a rock. Puerto Rico will become the 51st state..."

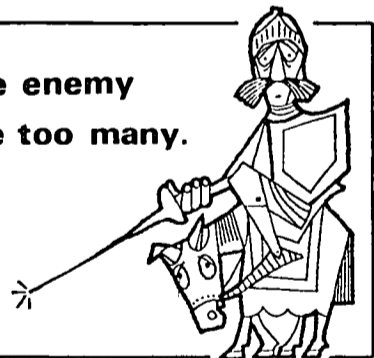
The probability of someone watching you is proportional to the stupidity of your action.

Pipeline
Des Plaines, Illinois



"Hey, Mom and Dad, I just came from Timmy's house. They've got something new...black and white TV!"

One enemy
is one too many.



Bill Jones may well be called the champion optimist. He was sitting on the roof of his house during a flood, watching the water flow past, when the neighbor who owned a boat rowed across to him. "Hello, Bill," said the man.

"Hello, Sam," replied Bill, pleasantly.

"All your fowls washed away this morning,"

"Yes, but the ducks can swim."

"Orange trees gone, too?"

"Yes, but everybody said the crop would be a failure."

"I see the river's reached above your windows, Bill."

"That's all right, Sam," was the reply. "Those windows needed washing."—Ark Baptist.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE FOLLOWING ROTARIANS

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And now, a thought for all you health addicts: Millions and millions of orange trees are being destroyed because they're diseased. What did vitamin C do for them?

Once upon a time there was a good-hearted man who was sensitive, idealistic and humanitarian. Visionary by nature, he had a lot of good ideas—but lacked confidence. The reason he lacked confidence was that he was different—and he knew it. He marched to the tune of a different drummer.

His standards were high. Honesty was important to him and he went to great lengths to preserve it. He lacked formal education, thus he taught himself. His ideas, being expansive, were hard to express. They seemed vague, as far as others were concerned, even though they were clear to him. And his sensitivity at times led to oversensitivity which encouraged shyness.

Nevertheless, he was very determined. It didn't matter how many times this man failed, he refused to give up. It didn't make sense. He lost two businesses, his sweetheart died and he had a difficult marriage. At one point, he even experienced a nervous breakdown, the pressure was so great. But, no matter what happened, this man stubbornly persisted. He refused to accept "no" for an answer. His name was Abraham Lincoln. He serves as a beautiful example of holding on to an ideal with dogged determination.

Many people thought Lincoln was crazy, impractical and didn't have sense enough to know when to quit. It would have been easy for Lincoln to give in to public opinion and turn from his dreams, but something inside him would not allow it.

Lincoln achieved little in life without first experiencing defeat. He lost the race for the legislature, speaker of the house, sen-

ate, and vice president. He was a strange kind of fellow. Defeat made him strong—motivated. Today he would be accused of being radical, a nonconformist and even dangerous. (Nonconformists are often viewed as dangerous. They shake the status quo and norms of society and are frightening to people who depend on these for security.) But was Lincoln really impractical, or did he mentally know what he could have if he kept trying?

Ultimately president, Abraham Lincoln facilitated reforms that changed the course of the nation. His fairness and farsightedness altered the thinking of people all over the world, and he left a mark in history as a man ridiculed and driven to do what he knew in his heart was right.

"Using your dreams... can make you special in the world..."

Challenges of the magnitude Lincoln faced are uncommon for most of us, but failure is not. It was the vision of what could be that drove him onward, that kept picking him up and that wiped the word defeat from his vocabulary.

Each of us has a vision of a kind. We can dream of great things, adventure, challenge, new experiences. It is important to believe in these ideals enough to offer them to ourselves as goals with conviction and determination.

Your dreams are valid. They represent a view of yourself that has reality and purpose. For instance, suppose you imagine yourself a famous orator. You stand before vast audiences, inspiring, stimulating, captivating them. It's fun and exciting. Sharing your ideas is gratifying—it fills you up. Consider this image

symbolically. Speaking before audiences relates to the desire to express yourself. You have something to say and you want to stimulate and inspire yourself and others as you expose your ideas.

This dream is important because it describes an inner yearning that must be fulfilled. It is not the dream itself that is so meaningful, but what it symbolizes.

We each have our dreams. They tell us what we must do to gratify ourselves. Accept them as luminaries guiding you toward an inner goal. It doesn't matter what it takes to reach this goal. Facing defeat with renewed motivation will keep you moving. Using your dreams to spur you on can make you special in the world—a visionary.

Confidence comes with effort and experience as it did with Abraham Lincoln. When failure stares you in the face, it is time to reestablish your vision. What do you want? Define it clearly in picture form. What are you doing?

How does it feel? Give your dream definition and detail. Make it real again and again until you have inspired yourself once more.

Each time you need to, recreate your picture and remember what you want. Acknowledging your goal puts failure in proper perspective. It becomes nothing more than a step toward success.

Few people have as many defeats as Abraham Lincoln, but then most of us do not dream as big as he did, either. What is important is that we accept our goals as attainable...and keep trying.

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DO YOU BELIEVE IT?

A new York handwriting expert announced — after a careful study of the original "Declaration of Independence" — that all 56 signatures on that historic document had been signed by just one person. Graphoanalyst Mollie Freedman now reports she has determined, through handwriting comparisons, the true identity of the individual who faked all of those signatures. According to Freedman, the culprit was — believe it or not — Benjamin Franklin. The reason for all this fakery, Mollie Freedman explains, is that the delegates to the original Continental Congress in 1776 feared for their lives. She says that the colonial leaders were terrified that they'd be executed if they signed something as revolutionary as the Declaration of Independence, so they agreed to a secret ruse. They convinced Ben Franklin to sign all of their names, according to Mrs. Freedman, knowing that if they were later captured by the British, they could insist under oath that their signatures on the Declaration of Independence were fakes. *Freedom Today*



Experience is something you acquire when the opportunity for using it is gone.

YOUR LEADERSHIP STYLE

Are you a Tiger? Or a Pussycat?



Attila the Hun had a different leadership style than did Francis of Assisi. Different times and needs foster differences in leadership style. Take a look at your own leadership style. How effective is it for our time and for meeting today's needs?

Being a leader in your club and your community isn't something you are born knowing about. It is a specific skill, like driving a car, which you have to learn. Fortunately, we don't let anyone get behind the steering wheel with-

by Joel David Welty

out being trained and tested. Unfortunately, we thrust some men into leadership positions without training, sometimes without their even having given the question of leadership any thought.

We all tend to pick up leadership techniques from those we admired earlier in life. The trouble with doing so is that we also pick up antiquated notions which are of little use. Many of the most common ideas about leadership get in our way, rather than help us develop a personal leadership style of our own.

Leadership is not a contest for dominance, with ape-like men clawing for power, trying to push each other out of the tree. J. R. Ewing makes a good story on television, but in real life the J. R. type is a fiasco as a leader.

Leadership is not a "lonely job at the top." The job of a leader always involves him with other people in reciprocal support. Also, leadership is needed in an organization at every level, not just "at the top."

Leadership does not dehumanize a man; the image of the machine-like, insensitive, cold bully is false. In a leadership role, you need the human characteristics most sensitive to others' needs, initiative, humor, intuitive understanding, ability to express clearly what people feel, and most of all, a soaring spirit. If this weren't true, we could leave all leadership functions to our computers, and we humans could take it easy.

Take a close look at what leadership is: leadership is any action which furthers the purposes of your club (or your community) and helps to maintain its effectiveness. Nurturing the bonds among us which strengthen our fellowship is leadership. Welcoming a new member, making him feel he is part of the club, is leadership. Encouraging a fellow member to handle a club chore is leadership. Reconciling two members who are feuding with one another is leadership. Building a constructive, positive atmosphere in the club is leadership.

Re-focusing members' attention on the club's purposes is leadership. Utilizing the club's

resources—men, talent, community connections and money—most intelligently to meet the club's goals is leadership. Proposing fresh programs for fulfilling the club's purposes is leadership.

None of these leadership functions is the exclusive preserve of the club's officers. Every member of the club can (should!) be a leader, whether holding an office or not. The more members who think and act as leaders, the stronger your club will be. A club in which every member is a leader would be a powerful force in your neck of the woods.

"Every member of the club can be a leader..."

An officer is a club member who has been trusted to handle certain repetitive chores for the club. In doing them, he will find opportunities for exercising leadership. But all the other members have ample opportunities for leadership as well. If you pass by your opportunities for leadership merely because you don't happen to be an officer, you are weakening your club.

Under the old style of leadership to which Attila the Hun subscribed, everyone knew how to relate to the dominant leader; you did what you were told or had your head chopped off. The simplicity of this relationship no longer is adequate for the modern style of leadership. Now there is an unwritten contract between each club member and the club which defines the relations among leaders. This contract contains a commitment and consideration.

The commitment is to work in a collaborative manner with other members of the club in furthering its purposes. As one club member, you are sensitive to the opinions of other club members. You remain open to fresh ideas. You know that your ideas can be improved by the thoughts of others, just as you can improve upon their ideas. Leadership and fellowship are intertwined, so that there is no telling where one ends and the other begins.

This mutual acceptance among friends with shared commitment means that each one will exercise his leadership role in a personal, unique fashion. The style by which you fulfill your leadership functions is an expression of your own personality, as is true of each of the other club members as well.

Never underestimate your own capacity for leadership. If you don't enjoy the flamboyant style of others, you can be your own style of leader, working in quiet ways, one on one with other members, to strengthen your club. If vigorous debate isn't your cup of tea, put your effort into the creation of a friendly atmosphere. If public speaking turns you off, be a sympathetic listener instead, praising what helps the club and encouraging the positives.

The consideration in this contract is as important as the commitment. You gain as much as you give. Your enthusiastic performance of your leadership role gains for you sharpened skills, enhanced self-confidence and a more sophisticated understanding of the world. You are participating in the world, not merely drifting along in it. Your problem-solving capacity grows. You are more insightful, more resilient, more tough-bred and at ease.

Your club, like any treasured possession, needs regular maintenance and even occasional repairs. Your leadership makes that possession worth more, as your club gains the strength to meet its objectives — your goals — more effectively. The increased value of your club benefits you, your fellow members and your community.

It's a pretty good contract, a bargain for all parties.

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