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Words of Wisdom

A person is never what he ought to be until he is doing what he ought to be doing.

One of the greatest things about life is not so much where we stand as what direction we are going.

Appreciation can make a day – even change a life. Your willingness to put it into words is all that is necessary.

Do your best every day, and your life will gradually expand into satisfying fullness.

Will you help make today more pleasant for someone, or more miserable? If the former, your day, too, will be more pleasant; if the latter, it too, will be miserable.

A fault which humbles a man is of more use to him than a good action which puffs him up.

The courage to be great lies deep within each of us.

It is only those who are free inside who can help those around them.



FROM THE OFFICE OF MICK COTTOM:

After a long hard winter, signs of spring are starting to appear. We can see a few buds appearing on trees and flowers are trying to burst forth from the ground. Certainly we will still have a few wintery days and maybe even snow or two, but we know that spring is on the way.

It's always refreshing as we see our neighborhoods come to life. Soon we'll see kids romping in the parks having fun. The crack of the baseball bats can't be far behind, along with softball, soccer and all types of outdoor activity.

It will soon be time to uncover the boat, get the fishing poles dusted off and head for the favorite fishing hole. Regardless of your idea of outdoor fun, spring and summer is not far away.

With the coming of spring and all the beauty and fun associated with spring, there are weather conditions we need to be aware of. Of course, spring in Oklahoma brings to mind tornado season and we want to remind everyone to take some time and review the steps you need to take for tornado preparedness. Go to the RCI Insurance Group web-site, www.rci-ins.com for some tornado preparedness tips and other web-site links.

With the potential for severe weather and potential property damage, now would be a good time to give us a call to review your auto and home insurance along with your "toys". With the economy still very flat, if we don't insure both your home and auto, give us a call to see how much we might save you by combining your coverage's. We have saved some clients up to 37% by combining their home and auto.

All of us here at RCI Insurance Group hope that this spring season puts a "spring" back in your step. We want you to be aware of weather conditions and other potential for accidents. We want you always think safety first. Be prepared. Take some time to check out our web-site, www.rci-ins.com and our fan page on Facebook for all types of information.

Regards,

Mick Cottom

MAGIC LEPRECHAUN

PIE – *Leigh Wheless*

This is a recipe that the children can easily help with! Mix milk with pistachio pudding mix according to directions. Add Cool Whip and mix well. Let the children spoon the mixture into individual graham cracker crusts for little pies they will love. Refrigerate about 30 minutes.

Simple Tricks to Make YOU Look Smarter!

– *Karen Phillips*

- 1- If you plant flower beds in a diamond pattern rather than straight rows, they'll look fuller faster.
- 2- Rub glassware with a cloth dipped in toothpaste to remove small scratches.
- 3- Did you over bake the cookies? Store them in an airtight container for a day and they'll start to soften.
- 4- To remove gum from hair, cover it with peanut butter or petroleum jelly, it will slide off without much tugging.
- 5- To remove wax from candlesticks, freeze them for about 20 minutes. The wax will chip right off.
- 6- Remove stubborn price stickers by warming the glue. Move a blow dryer set on low slowly over the spot.

Health:

Drink plenty of water.
Eat breakfast like a king, lunch like a prince and dinner like a beggar.
Eat more foods that grow on trees and plants and eat less food that is manufactured in plants.
Live with the 3 E's -- Energy, Enthusiasm and Empathy
Make time to pray.
Play more games
Read more books than you did in 2009.
Sit in silence for at least 10 minutes each day
Sleep for 7 hours.
Take a 10-30 minute walk daily. And while you walk, smile.

Society:

Call your family often.
Each day give something good to others.
Forgive everyone for everything.
Spend time w/ people over the age of 70 & under the age of 6.
Try to make at least three people smile each day.
What other people think of you is none of your business.
Your job won't take care of you when you are sick. Your friends will. Stay in touch.

Life:

Do the right thing!
Get rid of anything that isn't useful, beautiful or joyful.
GOD heals everything.
However good or bad a situation is, it will change.
No matter how you feel, get up, dress up and show up.
The best is yet to come.
When you awake alive in the morning, thank GOD for it.
Your Innermost is always happy. So, be happy.

Personality:

Don't compare your life to others. You have no idea what their journey is all about.
Don't have negative thoughts or things you cannot control. Instead invest your energy in the positive present moment.
Don't overdo things. Keep your limits.
Don't take yourself so seriously. No one else does.
Don't waste your precious energy on gossip.
Dream more while you are awake.
Envy is a waste of time. You already have all you need.
Forget issues of the past. Don't remind your partner with His/her mistakes of the past. That will ruin your present happiness.
Life is too short to waste time hating anyone. Don't hate others.
Make peace with your past so it won't spoil the present.
No one is in charge of your happiness except you.
Realize that life is a school and you are here to learn. Problems are simply part of the curriculum that appear and fade away like algebra class but the lessons you learn will last a lifetime.
Smile and laugh more.
You don't have to win every argument. Agree to disagree...

“You Decide”

By: Tommy Harvey

What can you do to SAVE money on your Auto Insurance?

By: Jeri Giles

1. Choose a safe car, safety sells.
2. Drive smart, obey the laws of the road.
3. Fight insurance fraud. Report to law enforcement or the State Insurance Department.
4. Talk to your agent about ways you can save.
5. Secure your automobile & prevent auto theft. Always lock your car!
6. Help control medical costs. Educate yourself on appropriate medical treatments.
7. Lower your repair costs by using competitive replacement parts.

This article isn't to help you make the decision; it is supposed to make you think about what drives you to make the decision. We all have greed and we all have a conscious. But when it comes down to our subconscious, what leads us to make one choice instead of another on what drives you?

Have you ever had a tough decision to make? Most people have. What efforts go into making a decision? Some people have someone they have to ask while others make the decision on what benefits them most, yet some people base their decision on what benefits the greatest amount of people. What kind of person are you? Good decision making is an essential skill for career success and effective leadership. Difficult decisions usually involve uncertainty and high risk consequences. So these difficult decisions are where some people set aside their personal values in order to gain the most from their decisions.

Decisions have a great deal to do with our personal values. Your values are the things that you believe are important in the way you live and work. They should determine your priorities. A value is a belief, a mission, or a philosophy that is meaningful. Whether we are consciously aware of them or not, every individual has a core set of personal values.

Spring Cleaning Chores

By: Roilene Blan

Store your seasonal clothing – pack your winter weather clothing and bring out the warmer spring weather attire.

Beds & Bedding – Inspect your mattresses, sometimes they need to be cleaned or repaired, and in some cases, cleaned.

Window Treatments – Getting your window treatments clean after a long winter can brighten an entire room! Be sure to dust the window casing, sills, and clean any window hardware.

We can energize our lives by making the full effort to implement the values we subscribe to. Once we identify values that are meaningful to us, we can develop ways to implement them. When we make the determined effort to implement those strategies, good fortune is sure to follow in the form of new opportunities, new sources of revenue and income, and other forms of material and psychological benefit. We may even notice that as we implement values, we experience instances of life response where good fortune suddenly comes to us from seemingly out of nowhere, defying our normal perceptions of what is logical and possible. In my opinion this only happens when our decisions are directly related to our personal values. Life gives back to us in abundance, but only when we are giving to life.

So the next time you have a tough decision to make remember to align it with your personal values and for the greater good and you cannot go wrong!

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We wish to extend our sincere appreciation to Tommy Harvey @ RCI for the professional way, exceptional courtesy, and unbelievable patience shown in our business dealings. Tommy should be considered an extremely valuable asset to your company. – Martin & Betty Daniels, Claremore OK

Tell Others About Us And Win a Prize

Congratulations to this month's winner, Scott Wilson!! Scott has won a \$25 Gift Card for sending us referrals. Keep telling others about RCI and you could be our next monthly winner or yearly winner. This year, our annual drawing will be a weeks vacation to Branson and \$500 spending cash!! Every time you send us a referral and they give us your name, you will be entered into our grand prize drawing. Plus, you'll be entered in the monthly drawing as well!! So keep sending us your referrals. We