

## Thoughts for today and every day . . .

"When a man eats his words, it's recycling." Frank A. Clark



"We are all manufacturers—making good, making trouble, or making excuses."
H.V. Adolt



"No one rises to low expectations." Les Brown



"Think of fear like alcohol. It impairs judgment. You shouldn't make any decisions while under it's influence." Gregory Berns

## **American Update**

It is hard to imagine such a tragedy like happened at Fort Hood, Texas, last Thursday. We pray for all of the soldiers and their families that were affected. These men and women sacrifice so much for our freedoms. Make sure that you never miss an opportunity to thank them for their service.

Now is the time to start thinking about your choreography and costuming for competition season. You can take an old costume and make it look current, or simplify your costumes to save money in the coming year. Do a trade out with another team to loan them your costumes and they loan theirs back to your team. There are always ways to cut corners.

Also, make sure you start early on the music. Look up all the lyrics on songlyrics.com or other web sites that list the lyrics. Sometimes there are hidden meanings to phrases that might end up being inappropriate for your team's performance. There can also be some music that is in a foreign language that could have a bad connotation or interpretation. Make sure to always check your music out thoroughly before your performance or choreography.

We are so delighted to be welcoming back five teams from Japan. They will be coming from different cities that have attended in the past. Several teams will be from Sendai City and are very talented. Make plans now to attend our 2010 American National/International Championship and the American Collegiate Championship held March 26-27<sup>th</sup>.

## Inspiration of the Week Greatest Values in Life

The Greatest HandicapFEAR
The Best DayTODAY
Hardest Thing To DoTO BEGIN
Easiest Thing To DoFINDING FAULT
Most Useless AssetPRIDE
Most Useful AssetHUMILITY
The Greatest MistakeGIVING UP
The Greatest Stumbling BlockEGOTISM
The Greatest ComfortWORK WELL DONE
Most Disagreeable PersonTHE COMPLAINER
Worst BankruptcyLOSS OF ENTHUSIASM
Greatest NeedCOMMON SENSE
Meanest FeelingREGRET AT ANOTHER'S SUCCESS
Best GiftFORGIVENESS
The Hardest & Most Painful to AcceptDEFEAT
The Greatest MomentDEATH
The Greatest KnowledgeGOD
The Greatest ThingLOVE
The Greatest Success in the WorldSELF- FULFILLMENT & PEACE OF MIND

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