

There's No "I" In Team



Mongolian Folklore recounts a story of two geese that were about to start on their annual southward migration, when they were beseeched by a frog to take him with them. The geese expressed their willingness to do so if a means of transport could be devised.

The frog produced a long stalk of pond grass, got the geese each to grab an end with their beaks, while he clung to it by his mouth in the middle. In this way, the three began their journey. Some farmers below noticed the strange sight. The men loudly expressed their admiration for the travel device and wondered who had been clever enough to discover it. Whereupon the egotistical frog opened his mouth to say, "It was I!" This caused him to lose his grip and fall to the earth, whereby he was dashed to pieces.

Moral: Bragging about your accomplishments is never a good thing to do, especially when others helped you along the way.

In his book, *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People*, Stephen R. Covey uses the word "Synergize" to describe a way of working in teams. He says that the result of teamwork will exceed the sum of what each of the members could have achieved on their own. The truly effective person has the humility and reverence to recognize his own perceptual limitations and to realize the rich resources through interaction with the hearts and minds of other people. When we open ourselves up to the influence of others, we gain new insights and facilitate the generation of new options. The frog could not have gone south without the help of the geese. Communicating with the geese took him farther than he could go on his own, and had he not boasted about his part, he could have made it all the way south.

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Why Hurricanes Are Named

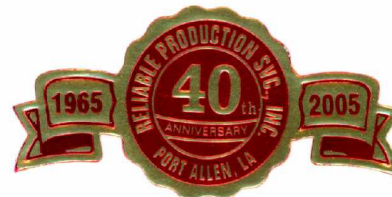
Tropical storms and hurricanes are given names to avoid confusion when more than one storm is being followed at the same time. A storm is named when it reaches tropical storm strength with winds of 39 mph.

Separate sets of hurricane names are used in the Central Pacific, Eastern Pacific, and the Atlantic Basin, which includes the Caribbean Sea and the Gulf of Mexico. The World Meteorological Organization's Region 4 Hurricane Committee selects the names for Atlantic Basin storms. The names are English, Spanish and French - the languages spoken in the National Atlantic Basin where storms hit. They alternate between male and female names. The group has selected six sets of names, which means each set of names is used again each six years. They began naming storms in 1950.

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Pictured from left to right are Jacob Leger, Wilber "Ray" Briley, Jared Courville, Elgie "Sonny" Martin, Chandler "Boo" Hutchins, Van Mires, Fredrick Hutchins and Mark Deville.

Ray is the Cementing Supervisor. He looks after the day to day operations of personnel and equipment. Ray was hired on by Reliable in 1997. Van, Mark, Fred and Boo are Cementers. They are responsible for carrying out the field operations. Van started with Reliable in 2000, while Mark in 2006 and Fred in 2007. Mark and Fred came over from Benton Specialties, Inc. Boo began driving trucks for the cement division in 2006, but was recently promoted to Cementer. Sonny transferred from Rig #16 last year. He came aboard in 1992. Jared has been with the company for two years, and Jacob is the newest member of the team, starting three months ago. They, along with Sonny, get the equipment to the jobsite, help rig up and assist with the task of pumping and cementing. Not pictured is Charner Moore. He helps out during the summer months and during semester breaks from LSU, where he is pursuing a petroleum engineer degree.



August Anniversaries

“Miz Joycelyn” Newton 37 yrs. 8/1 **RPS**
Rosie Bordelon 3 yrs. 8/1 **LRI**
Gerald Guidroz 7 yrs. 8/6 **RPS**
Brent Pitre 16 yrs. 8/7 **RAC**
Carla Hebert 5 yrs. 8/11 **RAC**
John Helweg 6 yrs. 8/12 **RPS**
Keith Burnitt 2 yrs. 8/15 **RPS**
Madelene Hill 3 yrs. 8/15 **LRI**
Marvin Jackson 1 yr. 8/20 **LRI**



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August Birthdays

Leslie Dixon 8/1 **RPS**
David Tullos 8/4 **RAC**
Glen Parker 8/4 **RPS**
Leroy Duncan 8/5 **RPS**
Lena Joseph 8/8 **RPS**
Robert Patin 8/8 **RAC**
Mrs. Rita Dupre 8/10 **RPS**
Oreste Theriot 8/13 **RPS**
Mark Deville 8/14 **RPS**
David Minish 8/14 **RAC**
Wallace Breaux 8/15 **LRI**
Michael Pate 8/15 **RPS**
Warren “Biscuit” Basco 8/23 **RPS**
“Miz Joycelyn” Newton 8/25 **RPS**
Joe Sampere 8/29 **RAC**
James “Jim” Moore 8/29 **RPS**

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SAFETY FIRST



Every 12 minutes someone dies in a motor vehicle crash, every 10 seconds an injury occurs and every 5 seconds a crash occurs. Many of these incidents occur during the workday or during the commute to and from work.

You are your employer’s most valuable asset! The way that you drive says everything about you and your company. Make a positive statement by following safe driving practices.

USE a seat belt at all times – driver and passenger(s). As the most effective safety device in vehicles, they save nearly 12,000 lives and prevent 325,000 serious injuries in America each year.

AVOID taking medications that make you drowsy. Medications can affect a person’s ability to drive safely due to decreased alertness, concentration, coordination and reaction time.

NEVER drive if you are impaired by alcohol. Alcohol use is involved in 40 percent of all fatal motor vehicle crashes, representing an average of one alcohol-related fatality every 30 minutes.

STAY focused - Avoid distractions such as eating, drinking, setting GPS, and talking on the cell phone. Distracted driving is a factor in 25 to 30 percent of all traffic crashes.

STOP to stretch, take a walk, and get refreshed. Fatigued or drowsy driving may be involved in more than 100,000 crashes each year, resulting in 40,000 injuries and 1,550 deaths.

BE patient and courteous to other drivers. Keep your cool in traffic. Aggressive driving acts include excessive speed, tailgating, failure to signal a lane change and running a red light.

LETS GO FISHING!



Do you remember, or better yet, do you still use the line, “You’re full of bull” when you believe someone is self-absorbed? I ran across a short story that helps illustrate the point...

A hungry mountain lion came out of the hills to stalk a grazing herd. The lion attacked a bull and killed it. As it feasted on its kill, the lion paused from time to time to let out a loud roar in triumph. A hunter, who was in the area, heard the commotion, found the mountain lion and shot it dead. The moral of the story: When you’re full of bull, keep your mouth shut.

One of my former teachers was in the habit of telling the students, “It’s better to keep your mouth shut and let others believe you are ignorant then to open your mouth and prove them right,” and “Don’t open your mouth just to hear yourself talk.”

Over time, and with comments like, “God gave you two ears and only one mouth because you are suppose to listen twice as much as you talk”, I’ve learned to be more attentive to what others have to say. Believe it or not, I do listen more than I talk. Really, it’s the only way to fully understand others perspective.

When we take on the role of spouse, parent, teacher, friend, or any occupation that involves a relationship with others, we will surely be faced with a situation when someone will ask us the question, “What should I do?” At this point, we must fight the urge to solve the problem for them. I know, we want to be the one to get them out of their jam, but in reality, the person who has the problem is in the best position to solve the problem. Be that as it may, someone has placed a lot of confidence in us, so now is the time to listen with an attentive ear and to be an objective voice giving good counsel. You probably can fix it for them, but as the Chinese Proverb states, “Give a man a fish and he’ll have fish for a day, but teach a man to fish and he’ll have fish for a lifetime.” Believe me, you’ve done someone a great favor when you’ve helped a person find the tools to rebuild their life, and the best thing of all, once these tools are used, the new carpenter will always have them handy in their proverbial tool box for the next repair job.