

# Stop Saving

Nathaniel dreaded telling his wife that he'd just been fired from his job as a clerk, but to his amazement, she was thrilled by the news that he'd lost his livelihood and couldn't support her. "Now you can write your book!" she exclaimed.

Nathaniel had long wanted to devote himself to literary pursuits, but practical matters prevailed. He was touched by her enthusiasm, but reality kept him from sharing it. "Yes," he replied. "And what will we live on while I'm writing it?"

His wife went over to the bureau, opened a drawer and pulled out a bundle of cash. "Where on earth did you get that?" he asked.

She smiled. "I've always known you're a genius and would someday write a masterpiece. So every week I've put aside some money. I've saved enough to last a whole year."

By demonstrating her faith in his talent and willingness to bank on his success, Nathaniel Hawthorne's wife inspired him to spend that year writing *The Scarlet Letter*, one of the great novels in American Literature.

Who are you saving up for? What's keeping you from telling someone how much you believe in their talents? There's no better time than the present to support a friend, family member or co-worker. Let others know that you stand behind their dreams, and show them by helping make it happen. When someone is banking on your support, it's time to stop saving and start spending time helping them live their dream. Now may be your time to start spending.

# "Tee" Boudreaux

One day, Marie sent her little boy "Tee" Boo down to the pond to get some water for cooking dinner. As he was dipping the bucket in the water, he saw two big eyes looking back at him from the water. He dropped the bucket and hightailed it back to the kitchen. "Now, where's my bucket and my water?" Marie asked him. "I can't get any water from that pond, Momma" cried "Tee". "There's a BIG ol' alligator down der!" "Now don't you mind that ol' alligator, "Tee". He's been there for a few years now, and he ain't never hurt nobody. Cher, he's probably as scared of you as you are of him!" "Well, Momma," replied "Tee" Boo, "if he's as scared of me as I am of him, then dat water ain't fit to drink!"



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Pictured from left to right are Donald Marks, Chandler "Boo" Hutchins, Clint Lalonde, Jacob Leger, Lloyd Miller, Van Mires, Jason Soileau, Johnny Nacoste, Ray Briley, Mark Deville, and Alexander "Big Kahuna" Davis. Not pictured, Cecil Freeman who was on his scheduled days off.

Ray is the Cementing Supervisor. He looks after the day-to-day operations of personnel and equipment. Ray will celebrate fifteen years with Reliable on September 26, 2012. Van, Cecil, Boo, Mark, and Jacob are Cementers. Van started with RPS on November 16, 2004. Cecil came aboard on October 11, 2010. Boo came aboard on March 10, 2006. Mark left us for a while, but rejoined the team on August 15, 2011. Jacob started out on the rigs on May 5, 2008, but transferred to RPS. Lloyd also transferred over to RPS Cementing after spending thirty-plus years on the rigs. Jason began work on June 7, 2011. Kahuna was hired on July 13, 2011. Clint joined the RPS team on September 19, 2011. Johnny is the newest member, having signed on in November 2011. Jason, Lloyd, Johnny, Kahuna, and Clint help get the equipment to the jobsite, and assist with the task of pumping and cementing.



# February Anniversaries

Gary Rivet 33 yrs. 2/1 **RPS**  
Paul Bergeron 8 yrs. 2/1 **LRI**  
Tim Zeno 21 yrs. 2/1 **RPS**  
Derrick Knot 1 yr. 2/8 **RPS**  
James Granier 12 yrs. 2/10 **RAC**  
Brad Farris 1 yr. 2/11 **DLS**  
Jane Stelly 6 yrs. 2/20 **RPS**



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# February Birthdays

Gary Rivet 2/1 **RPS**  
Randall Young 2/6 **LRI**  
James Goode 2/10 **RPS**  
Ricky Carriere 2/16 **RPS**  
Brad Farris 2/18 **DLS**  
Darrell Harris 2/23 **RPS**  
John Helweg 2/25 **RPS**  
Steve Gosserand 2/25 **LRI**  
Kenneth Clardy 2/26 **RPS**  
Connie Gosserand 2/27 **RAC**  
Allen Vallin 2/28 **RPS**

# "SAFETY FIRST"



## Top Ten Workplace Safety Tips

- 1) Maintain a clean work area. Removing hazards from a work area by keeping it clean will provide a more productive work environment for your employees.
- 2) Use guards and engineering solutions wherever possible instead of just relying on PPE - personal protective equipment.
- 3) Assume your employees want to work safely and give them that chance. Incentive programs seemed to be based on the idea that employees want to get hurt and you have to bribe them not to stick their hand in the machine.
- 4) Give clear work instructions. Make sure your employees know the right way to do what you expect of them. Include safety instructions in every procedure you write.
- 5) Don't dwell on worst case scenarios, but focus on what is most likely to occur. Start by focusing your energy in preventing your most common incidents.
- 6) Love your employees. Don't confuse this with something that might get you a sexual harassment claim. I mean, care about your employees and let them know you do.
- 7) Spend time getting to know the work your employees do. Even if you once did that job, it is likely it is done differently by different people.
- 8) Maintain the equipment in good working order. Many times employees get into dangerous situations by having to compensate for bad equipment. A strong preventive maintenance program makes for a strong safety program.
- 9) Avoid unnecessary hazards. Look for new materials or equipment that can eliminate the hazards your workers are exposed to.
- 10) Keep morale high. The benefit in employee productivity is worth the effort.

# Go Figure!

I've watched many Hollywood thriller movies over the years. I especially like those that incorporate the "crack the code" theme into the design of the movie. Depending on the plot, when the code is cracked you will find where the treasure is buried, who the killer is, or you'll discover your enemy's true intent. I like being involved in what I'm watching to the degree that I have to figure out what the villain's next move is. But most of all, I like the way the villain in the movie has chosen to communicate his message by coding it in a way that only his intended target will know how to figure it out. For instance, Carol Burnett used to tug on her earlobe at the end of her show to let her daughter know that it was time for her to go to bed. She kept that between the two of them for many years until a guest at the show asked her for an explanation.

As teenagers, my circle of friends would communicate in Pig Latin when we didn't want adults or other teenagers who weren't familiar with the jargon to understand what we were saying. After others caught on, we did it just for amusement, but the fact remained that if you didn't understand how to alter the English language to conceal the meaning of the word, you were left in the dark as to whom or what we were talking about. Why all this talk about codes? Well, if you think about it, codes are a big part of our lives. For example, I have to set the code on my alarm system when leaving my home, then unset it to reenter. To use my I-Phone, I have to enter the correct code. The ATM requires the right sequence of numbers and to unlock my computer I must type in the preselected password. And God willing, the persons whom have been entrusted with the codes to powerful nuclear weapons will never have to utilize them, but thank God they are coded.

Codes can keep us safe, protect our property, conceal a message, and they occupy a lot of our time trying to figure them out.