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Good Afternoon and Welcome to Kiwanis

Tom's Talk

I saw this meme on Facebook this week...

Not meaning to throw Paragould under the bus, but I understand the analogy. Let's all pray for a



respite from the heat and drought, this weekend looks favorable.

I am sorry to miss you today, but pestilence has descended on our home. Last Friday I was pretty sure, and it was confirmed Monday that I have Covid. I will still be in quarantine today, caring for my bride Denise who is enduring it now. I ask that you remember her in your prayers as she is much sicker than I, A-N-D she has me to care for her. She told me once that she would hate to be the goldfish that depended on me to be its caretaker... WELL, be careful what you wish for! She is getting better though, or I wouldn't be cracking jokes.

July Program Chair

James Sturch

July 29

Rex Nelson
Arkansas Democrat-Gazette

Aug 5

The Honorable Bill Walmsley
The Election Process

Saturday is a busy Kiwanis service day, Lyndal and Company will be signing up burly young gridiron combatants for Kiwanis Football. In the afternoon Steven Lewis and Martha and Ron Lewallen will be cooking and feeding hotdogs to Scouts at Riverside Park at 2:30 as they complete the last leg of the Great Canoe Race. Martha will ask for help at the park to help feed and clean up.

Our Kiwanis Officer's Installation Banquet will be at Fox Creek BBQ Tuesday evening, September 27th. Socializing starts at 6, dinner at 6:30, dress nice and bring a date, this is the only fancy event we have over the year, so get a babysitter, invite your significant other out for our gala.

Oh, the fun we'll have.

Remember, next week we meet at Fox Creek for two Fridays as Tavolo's is closed for vacation.

Welcome to Kiwanis!

Upcoming Activities

Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 16th, 6:00pm

Cornhole Tournament

Date is being Rescheduled

Arkansas Children's Hospital

Fund-raiser

All of July

White River Canoe and Kayak Race

Be at Kennedy Park 2:30 on July 30th

2022 Registration

Kiwanis Pioneer Football

10:00am-2:00pm July 30

At Independence Elite Gymnastics

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Reneé Martin	Lyndal Waits

TODAY'S SONG

KEEP IT BOOMING!

Day by day, ev'ry way,
We get better as we play,
As Kiwanis goes building along;
In and out, hear us shout,
As we help the kiddies out,
As Kiwanis goes building along.
Then it's Hi Hi! Hee!
With a heart chock-full of glee;
Sound out your laughter loud and strong.
Where'er you go, let the people know,
That Kiwanis goes booming along.
(Shout) KEEP IT BOOMING!
And Kiwanis Goes Booming along.



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UNITY AND THE LESSONS OF HISTORY *by Stan D. Soderstrom*

Google the term “greatest U.S. presidents.” You’ll find online articles that rank America’s 47 presidents from best to worst. Now click on several links. In almost every case, you’ll see the same two names at the top: George Washington, the nation’s first president, who usually comes in at No. 2, and the 16th president, Abraham Lincoln, who comes in first.

What did they have in common? Both led at a time when the future was extremely uncertain. Washington headed a young nation that had no guarantee of survival. Lincoln lived with uncertainty about restoring the American union. Both had passionate critics, and both had times of doubt and even despair.

Both leaders were also lifelong learners despite lacking formal education. And each led largely through relationships with others. In each case, I think those qualities persuaded both men toward unity as a solution to the tumult of their times.

Washington helped a young country whose motto was e pluribus unum (“out of many, one”) to realize its aspirations — because of, rather than despite, a population that had come from many parts of the world to form many communities in 13 very different colonies.

Lincoln, known for many of his oratorical performances and historic speeches, delivered one to a country on the brink of civil war — two years before he was elected its president. “A house divided against itself cannot stand,” he said in an 1858 address, rephrasing a verse from the Bible to express his own vision for the nation.

In today’s world, it’s easy to find leaders whose style is to divide. And people easily become polarized or splintered. Too often, our first inclination is to think in terms of winning and losing. And we all hate to lose.

But we have big challenges to overcome — together. Whether it’s the global pandemic, the resulting economic turbulence, racial injustice or whatever crisis may be just over the horizon, solutions come only when people pull together.

That’s where leadership comes in. When you analyze the histories of Washington and Lincoln, you see constant effort toward uniting people. They had their critics, and they surely weren’t perfect. But the power of unity overcame the appeal of division — not by magic or mere hope, but because of the framework they created. And both are viewed among history’s winners because of that.

In turbulent times, it can be easy to get caught up in the back-and-forth of public debate. After all, leaders are individuals too — and we all have our own perspectives and experiences. But our responsibility as leaders is to bring different perspectives and viewpoints together for a common purpose. And since the essence of leadership is to create other leaders, we should also look for and mentor other people who have that commitment and talent.

After all, it was good enough for Washington and Lincoln — so I’m confident it’s the best long-term approach for us too.

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