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Teach Your Kids....

INDEPENDENCE DAY

The Wise Woman by Author Unknown

A wise woman who was traveling in the mountains found a precious stone in a stream. The next day she met another traveler who was hungry, and the wise woman opened her bag to share her food. The hungry traveler saw the precious stone and asked the woman to give it to him. She did so without hesitation.

The traveler left, rejoicing in his good fortune. He knew the stone was worth enough to give him security for a lifetime.

But, a few days later, he came back to return the stone to the wise woman. "I've been thinking," he said. "I know how valuable this stone is, but I give it back in the hope that you can give me something even more precious. Give me what you have within you that enabled you to give me this stone."

Sometimes it's not the wealth you have but what's inside you that others need.

Ask most kids to talk to you about Independence Day and you're likely to get a discourse on the 1996 Will Smith movie regarding the earth battling invading space aliens. Or they may tell you it's the day you get to watch the fireworks, catch a ballgame or eat hotdogs. I'm a firm believer that it is the role of parents and grandparents to ensure that our children/grandchildren are well aware of what this wonderful day means. With that in mind, let's pause for a moment to consider the magnitude of America's founding. In the mid-1700s the sentiment among the Colonists was that they should not be paying taxes to England and King George III. It was the event now known as the Boston Tea Party (1773) that largely brought the 13 colonies together to oppose this taxation without representation. An English-owned tea company in India had been losing money, compelling England to levy a tax on tea sold in the colonies. One of the great heroes of the Revolution, Samuel Adams, along with several other Bostonians, dressed as Indians and hurled the India Company Tea cargo into the Massachusetts Bay. King George III was livid; but he was stubborn and refused to lift the tax. Later, in Boston Harbor, as the colonists threw stones and taunted British soldiers, the soldiers fired into the crowd, killing some of the people. The theme of war was quickly in the air. My beloved Virginia was the first colony to call for independence, voting to establish a committee to speak for the colonies. They called it the First Continental Congress and they met in September 1774, where members sketched out a record of grievances against England. The great George Washington, later to become our first president, was given command of the Continental Army and combat soon broke out in Massachusetts. It was the onset of an eight-year Revolutionary War. As the war raged on, the men who would come to be known as our Founders gathered in Philadelphia. On July 2, 1776, the Second Continental Congress penned a second draft of the grievances against England. John Hancock, the president of the Second Continental Congress, was the first to sign this document – the Declaration of Independence – his signature outsized and flamboyant so King George would quickly recognize it. In total, 56 courageous men placed their signatures on the document. England saw this declaration as an act of treason, and the 56 men who called for independence from the Crown expected that their very lives were now in harm's way. And they were right. Five of them were later captured by the British, tortured and killed. Nine died in the war. Twelve lost their homes. Two lost

their sons in war. All of them paid a heavy toll for their action. But these men embodied the heartfelt words of Patrick Henry who said on March 23, 1775, "I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!" We can never imagine the pain and suffering that came to these men and their families. But they invested in the future of an adored nation and in the future of freedom that we embrace today.

After the Declaration of Independence was signed in 1776, it was read aloud in the public squares, stirring the Colonists to celebration and a determined commitment to independence. One year later, in Philadelphia, our nation celebrated what would become an ongoing tradition, a pre-Independence Day we might call it since independence was far from secure. The Colonists rang out the bells of the city, and ships in the harbor fired off their great guns. Firecrackers and candles were lighted in the streets. And the people joined together in hope and prayer for a swift end to the war and a foundation for their freedom.

But the wearisome war would carry on until 1783. When independence had finally been secured, many lives had been given for the cause. Those brave Colonists had made the ultimate sacrifice that we remember even today. In the year 1783, the Colonists celebrated their first official Independence Day. John Adams, our second U.S. president and one of signers of the Declaration of Independence, in a letter to his wife, wrote: "I believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival ... it ought to be celebrated by pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires and illuminations from one end of this continent to the other. ..."
And so today we do celebrate the courage and valor of the men who secured our freedoms. In this age of rewriting history and ignoring the Judeo-Christian underpinning of our nation, I pray that those who love this nation will never let the truth of our founding die. This Independence Day, spend a little time with the young people and ensure that they understand what this wonderful day is really all about.

Next Time You Decide To Travel...



If you're traveling this holiday we thought you may enjoy these airplane stories. All too rarely airline attendants make an effort to make the in-flight "safety lecture" and announcements a bit more entertaining. Here are some real examples that have been heard or reported on various airlines:

On a Southwest flight (SW has no assigned seating, you just sit where you want) passengers were apparently having a hard time choosing, when a Flight Attendant announced, "People, people we're not picking out furniture here, find a seat and get in it!"

On a Continental flight with a very "senior" Flight Attendant crew, the Pilot said, "Ladies and gentlemen, we've reached cruising altitude and will be turning down the cabin lights. This is for your comfort and to enhance the appearance of your Flight Attendants."

On landing, the Flight Attendant said, "Please be sure to take all of your belongings. If you're going to leave anything, please make sure it's something we'd like to have."

"There may be 50 ways to leave your lover, but there are only 4 ways out of this airplane"

After a particularly rough landing during thunderstorms in Memphis, a Flight Attendant on a Northwest flight announced, "Please take care when opening the overhead compartments because, after a landing like that, sure as hell everything has shifted."

"In the event of a sudden loss of cabin pressure, masks will descend from the ceiling. Stop screaming, grab the mask, and pull it over your face. If you have a small child traveling with you, secure your mask before assisting with theirs. If you are traveling with more than one small child, pick your favorite."

"Your seat cushions can be used for flotation; and, in the event of an emergency water landing, please paddle to shore and take them with our compliments."

"As you exit the plane, make sure to gather all of your belongings. Anything

left behind will be distributed evenly among the Flight Attendants. Please do not leave children or spouses."

And from the pilot during his welcome message: "Delta Airlines is pleased to have some of the best Flight Attendants in the industry. Unfortunately, none of them are on this flight!" Heard on Southwest Airlines just after a very hard landing in Salt Lake City: The Flight Attendant came on the intercom and said: "That was quite a bump, and I know what y'all are thinking. I'm here to tell you it wasn't the airline's fault, it wasn't the Pilot's fault, it wasn't the Flight Attendant's fault, it was the asphalt."

After a real crusher of a landing in Phoenix, the attendant came on with: "Ladies and Gentlemen, please remain in your seats until Captain Crash and the Crew have brought the aircraft to a screeching halt against the gate. And, once the tire smoke has cleared and the warning bells are silenced, we'll open the door and you can pick your way through the wreckage to the terminal."

SAFETY TIPS

A responsible adult should supervise all fireworks activities.

Never give fireworks to young children.

Always purchase fireworks from reliable sources.

Follow label directions carefully.

Never point or throw fireworks at another person.

Never carry fireworks in your pocket or shoot them in metal or glass containers.

Light them one at a time then move back quickly.

Don't experiment with homemade fireworks.

Sparklers, fountains and other items that many states allow for use by consumers are not appropriate when a large crowd is present.

If attending a community display, leave your own fireworks at home there will be plenty of excitement provided by the display.

This news is all about you...

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Patient Quiz!

Last Month's Quiz Question:
It regulates our daily movements, but it feels no interest in our lives. It directs us when to come and go, but does not care if we pay attention. What is it?

Answer: A clock

This Month's Quiz Question!

What would you get if you crossed the American national bird with Snoopy?

Answer: A Bald Beagle