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Steven Verovich

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Responsibility

What does responsibility mean today? As adults we can't believe how irresponsible our kids are. And our kids can't believe we don't think they're responsible. So, what's the answer? Is responsibility a simple word we use to discipline our kids, or does it really have meaning in today's society? Perhaps responsibility is a simple quote like on of these:

- I believe that every right implies a responsibility; every opportunity, an obligation; every possession, a duty. ~John D. Rockefeller Jr.
- If you want children to keep their feet on the ground, put some responsibility on their shoulders. ~Abigail Van Buren

Maybe it's deeper than that. I think we can find the answer by asking ourselves the following question; Why do our kids want to grow up? After thinking about it for a long while here is what I've come up with, and I'll let you adults and kids decide if I'm on track or way out in left field.

Just as when we were kids, our children experience their lives from the inside of a box. On the inside of the box is immaturity, but outside the box is adulthood and with it freedom and opportunity. Who wouldn't long to be let out of the box? The problem I see is that as adults we open the lid of the box and toss the wrong stuff into the box. What is there now, in our society that any adolescent wants to do but cannot do? Not Much: they can "do" drugs, they can "have" sex, they can "make" babies, they can "get" money (from their parents, a job, or crime) all without thinking about responsibility, and for these adolescents adulthood becomes more about having to become responsible rather than freedoms and opportunities. Is it any surprise that their behavior remains adolescent?

Whether you are an adult or a kid and whether you agree or disagree with my viewpoint at least take this opportunity to talk to your children or your parents. You'd be surprised what a little communication can do for a relationship!

Dad Shuler



September Events

- 5 Stated Meeting LCC/RD - 7:30pm (Parent's Club 6:30pm)
- 10 2nd District Bowling - 1:30pm
- 16 Harvest Dinner and Square Dance 5:00pm
- 17 2nd District Bowling - 1:30pm
- 19 Stated Meeting 7:30pm (Advisory Council 6:30pm)
- 24 2nd District Father/Son Bowling - 1:30pm & CD - 5:00pm
- 29 Haunted House - 7:00pm
- 31 2nd District Bowling - Noon



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Morning News

Brothers,

Greetings from the East. First, I would like to thank everyone who attended all the events in September and made it a big success. We Initiated two new members last month and performed both degrees. We were thankful for the opportunity to put on the DeMolay Degree for Ebenezer Lodge in Wooster. I hope they enjoyed watching it as much as we enjoyed putting it on for them. Some of the up coming events are the harvest dinner and square dance on sat. 10/16/04, and district bowling every Sunday at 1:30pm. Also we will attend a haunted house on Friday Oct 29th. There is one thing that I would like to make very clear members of medina DeMolay are encouraged to attend all of the events, whether it is a fun activity or a stated meeting. Everyone who stands up at meetings for activities has made a commitment to show up for that event. Even though you are a new member to our chapter you should still show up for activities you stand up for. It's not fair to our advisors who plan for transportation, it's not fair to the person who planned the activity and it's not fair to your brothers if you do not follow through with your commitments. We all have a lot of other activities with school, sports, or church, etc., but if we don't put DeMolay as a higher priority, especially when we become Councilors, then we are destined to fail. Besides, if we have more support from the members now we can make our chapter stronger then it is now. I hope to see you all at the events this month.

Fraternally,

Sean Shuler

Sports

2nd District Bowling continues, so please let your Master Councilor or Advisors know if you wish to participate. After the first two weeks we are in 4th place out of 7 teams. We have had 6 different bowlers on our 4 man team, but we have had our 4 there every week. Remember coming up on the 24th is Father/Son bowling. You do not have to be on the team to participate, so get your Dads involved. If your Dad can't make it let Dad Shuler know and he will find a Dad-for-the-day for you.

Medina Chapter

The News at Noon

Membership...Hmmm, what can we do to improve our membership? I'll tell you. We need to be proud to be DeMolays. None of us think twice about going to school and telling our friends about the latest video game or the coolest movie that just came out on DVD, and I would be willing to bet that our recommendation of that movie or game has resulted in someone else buying it. The same would be true for DeMolay. How many of you went to school and told your friends all about our fishing trip or our bowling team or our way cool education day? Well, if you didn't you missed a great opportunity to promote your organization. Here is our plan for success in membership for this term. I challenge each member to talk about DeMolay activities to at least one prospective member every day for the next month, and bring at least one prospect to one activity over the next month. We will have a prospect party on October 23 (To be announced) each member who brings a prospect will attend free and all prospects will also attend free. You don't want to miss this one!

Dad Shuler for Steven Verovich

Evening News

Our September fundraiser is finished and is expected to be a huge success when all the paperwork is wrapped up. We are also beginning the "Current" fundraising program this month. The kits should arrive soon and the members will be briefed on the details at that time. Don't forget to bring your family and friends to our Harvest Dinner and Square Dance Oct. 16th.

Dad Shuler for Zachary Hilko

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