Building A Strong House Together



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It is all about the value of togetherness



Why dress as a “hippie?”

- To get your attention
- What does a hippie have to do with this year’s conference theme?

- Building a house requires working together
- Putting your House in Order requires working together
- Maintaining a strong house requires working together

Togetherness was a strong component of the hippie movement

Hippies lived a life of togetherness



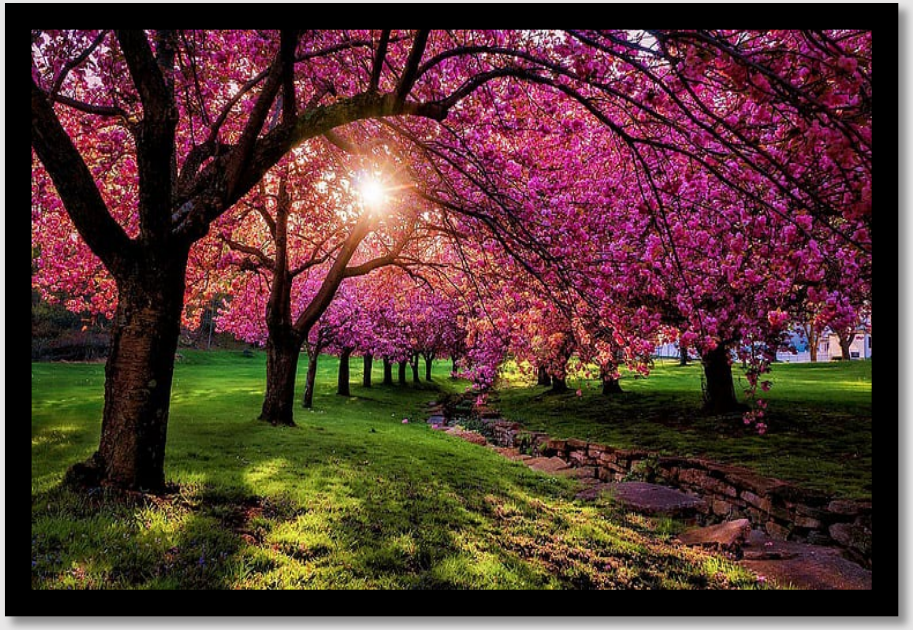
- They often lived in communities
- They travelled together
- They depended on each other
- They were concerned about social responsibility
- They believed in sustainability, grew their own food
- They made their own clothing and practiced recycling
- They protested, raising awareness of social issues
- World peace was important to them with their constant theme of "Make love not war!"

* These were positives

- Yes, there were negatives, drugs, too much free love but think of the positives

Renewal, Reenergize, Rejuvenate







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It’s Spring – Why not now?

- Reenergize your working relationships
- Think of the benefits of **togetherness**
- Accentuate the positives
- See the glass half full, not half empty
- Forget the rain that falls on your parade
- A little sunshine, a little positivity,
  a little **togetherness** mixed with the rain,
  will **always produce a rainbow**
- A rainbow, **a sign of new beginnings, rejuvenation, renewed energy, and always a sign of HOPE**



Building a strong house requires CHANGE

- YIKES – THE C-WORD!!!!!

- The world is changing by the minute
- Through the decades we are changing

- Auxiliaries are constantly changing, together we must change in a changing world
- Fluctuating membership
- Initiatives and goals change
- Finances change
- Leadership changes

Positive Change will require:

1. I**MAGINATION**

"What you can imagine, you can make happen." BETH COMSTOCK

* Remember when you were young, you used your imagination
* You had imaginary friends
• You explored the possibilities without hesitation

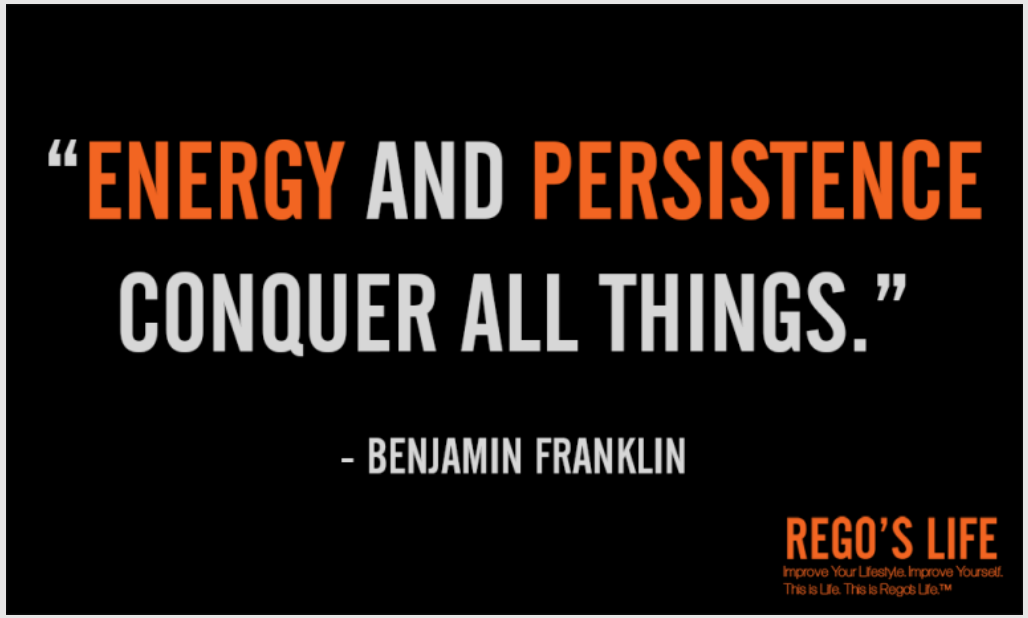
* With your renewed energy, bring that imagination back to life

Positive Change will require

2. **PERSEVERANCE**

* Step out of your comfort zone
* Be enthusiastic about everything
* Challenge the naysayers
* Don’t fear failure

* Eliminate the word can’t from your vocabulary
* The Little Engine that Could –
  I think I can! I think I can!



Positive Change will Require

3. COMMUNICATION – Are you a good communicator?

*Do you really listen?

*Expression, demeanor, posture

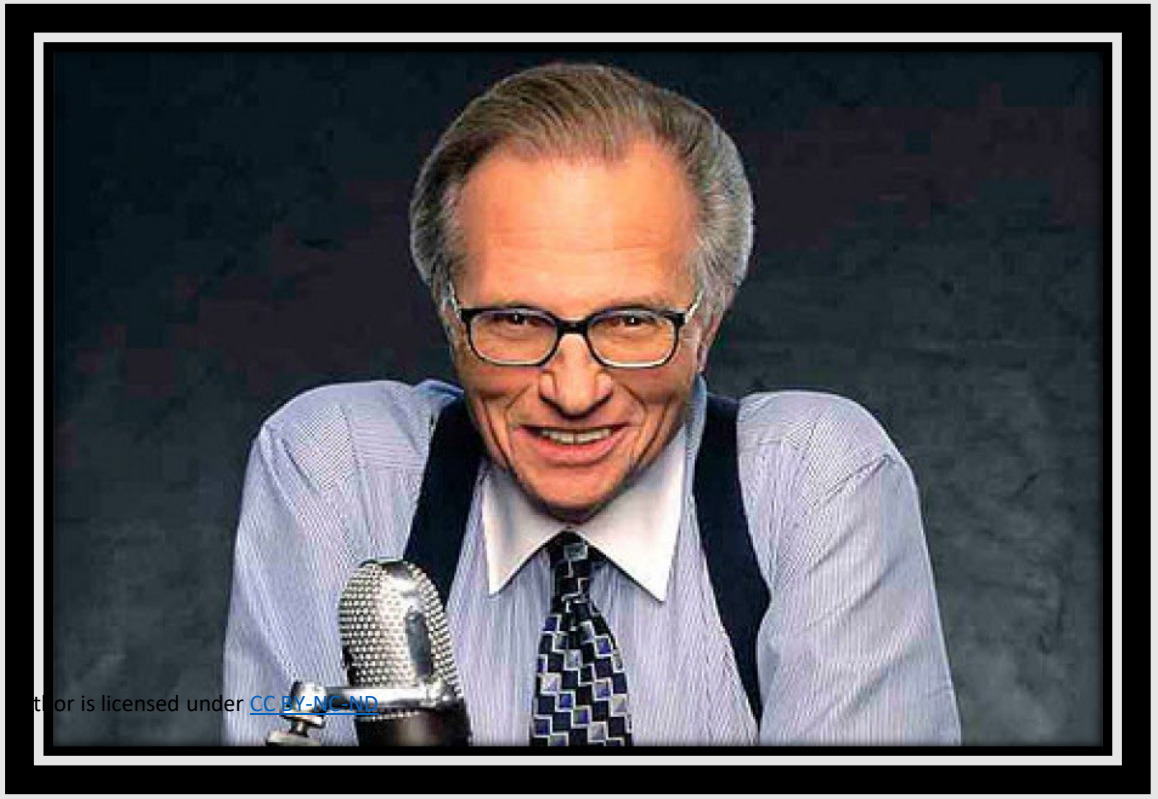
*Put yourself in the speaker's place

*Are you seeing the conversation from his/her point of view

*Age, education, life experience all play a role in point of view

Communication and Learning

“ I remind myself every morning: Nothing I say this day will teach me anything. So, if I’m going to learn, I must do it by listening.” Larry King



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Positive Change will Require

- 4. **TEAMWORK**
- Stronger together
- Never alone in an organization
- Always someone to learn from
- Always someone to draw strength from
- Allows us to appreciate our good pts.
- The cement that brings us together
- “Whatever you do,
  you muddle through it together!”



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“Together is Better”

- “……..we can all find the courage we need, and know the joy of service, the minute we learn together is better.” Simon Sinek





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Working Together

- There's a certain safety in numbers
- A mate, a friend, a co-worker gives us confidence, support, encouragement
- Sharing with a colleague, volunteer friend boosts the immune system
- Physical and Social connection is good for the body and the mind
- Networking and Brainstorming – another act of productive togetherness
- WORKING TOGETHER HAS A MYRIAD OF ADVANTAGES
- A STRONG HOUSE WILL BE BUILT BY WORKING TOGETHER

Positive Change will Require

- 5. **HUMOUR**
- Creating pleasant, happy memories
- Remembering happy times
- Sharing happy times
- Laughing
- Not taking yourself too seriously



“Coming together is a beginning, keeping together is progress, working together is success.” Henry Ford





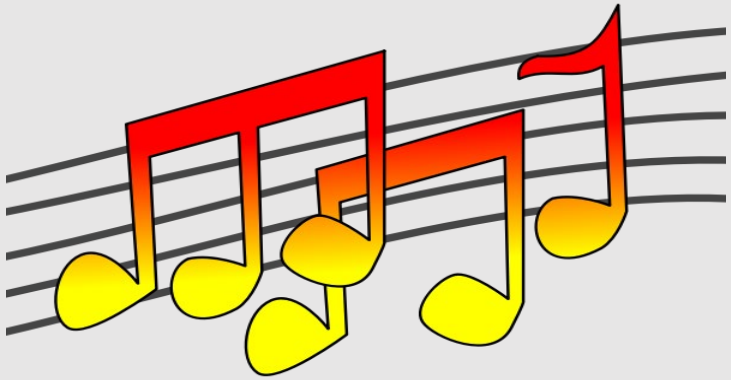






“Together, Wherever We Go”

by Stephen Sondheim, Jule Styne



Wherever we go, whatever we do, we’re gonna go through it together.

We may not go far but sure as a star, wherever we are, it’s together.

Wherever I go, I know he goes, Wherever I go, I know she goes,

No fits, no fights, no feuds and no egos, Amigos, together!

Through thick or through thin, all out or all in

And whether it’s win, place or show,

With me for you and you for me, we’ll muddle through whatever we do,

Together, wherever we go!