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In our previous leadership articles we talked about people who motivate others: their strengths, their ability to inspire, show courage, be undaunted, perhaps talented in specific ways, and usually looked up to by their peers. For some people, however, motivation comes from spoken words. Last month's orator wasn't meant to be a motivator: she was an accomplished author of some thirteen books written over a 45-year period, mostly poetry and prose about beauty, the environment, and love. She was recognized and honored as a pioneer American aviator, and was married to a fellow aviator who is also noted in history for his aviation achievements. A tragic event in 1932, the kidnapping of their first-born son Charles, leaves our writer and orator often remembered more for a heartbreaking happening than her accomplishments and the beautiful words she wrote. In her first published book, "*North to the Orient*", written three years after her personal loss, ***Anne Morrow Lindbergh*** tells us "***One can never pay in gratitude; one can only pay 'in kind' somewhere else in life.***" Perhaps this was her guiding star through her next 69 years. For those of us for whom these words reside in the motivational recess of our makeup, they are perhaps our guiding stars as well. *Congratulations to Eric Hansen-NE, Mike Moye-NM, and Bob Cross-CO who correctly identified our mystery orator/author and her background.*

Convention will be here shortly... so this will be an abbreviated issue of the *NSA Affiliate News on the Web*. We will have a special July 20th Convention Issue on-line, updating you on bylaw issues, candidates, education, vendors, what to do in San Diego, and other suggestions to enhance your August NSA convention activities. We will follow up with a September 20th issue highlighting convention happenings as well as our usual Leadership content.

Note the Date Correction:

October 22nd through October 25th: Dates of the 2009 Leadership Networking-Legislative Strategies-Leadership Development Conference (LNC) to be held at the Tremont Plaza Hotel in Baltimore, MD. NSA room rate is \$149; Conference

fee is \$200. Plan to arrive early and take advantage of Inner Harbor restaurants and shopping, all within walking distance. ***“What Got You Here Won’t Get You There”*** is the theme of this year’s LNC, and includes several new presentations. Watch for flyer with information and application form.

State Directors’ Column: Tips for Success ...

Coming Soon: a great new NSA Member Benefit that you can share with your ASO members, and a great enticement for new member sign-ups. The NSA/CCH “What’s New in Tax” Package will soon be available to all NSA members. Users will have free access via their computers to daily tax news including journal articles, alerts, newsletters and expert commentaries from more than 25 federal and state publications. Watch your MemberLink emails for links and new member applications highlighting this benefit.

A-N’s Leadership Corner

Each of us has an invisible bucket. It is constantly emptied or filled, depending on what others say or do to us. When our bucket is full, we feel great. When it’s empty, we feel awful. Each of us also has an invisible dipper. When we use that dipper to fill other people’s buckets – by saying or doing things to increase their positive emotions – we also fill our own bucket. But when we use that dipper to dip from others’ buckets – by saying or doing things that decrease their positive emotions – we diminish ourselves. Like the cup that runneth over, a full bucket gives us a positive outlook and renewed energy. *Reprinted from How Full is Your Bucket? by Tom Rath and Donald O Clifton, Ph.D, Gallup Press, NY*

Our Quote Challenge this Month:

“A journey of a thousand miles must begin_____.”

Spoken by _____

Think you know the missing orator and when and why the phrase was said? Let us know and we’ll acknowledge you in our next newsletter: slevitt2007@kc.rr.com

Watch for the July 20th issue of the NSA Affiliate News on the WEB

“To give without any reward, or any notice, has a special quality of its own.”

Anne Morrow Lindbergh