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The Greatest Salesman in the World Review

— Ingrid Johnson

I found this book to be somewhat simple but encouraging. When I purchased it, I don't know why, but I thought it might be something quick to read. Now I plan to purchase three copies for my sons. The book is titled "The Greatest Salesman in the World" by OG Mandino. As I began to read this book it started revealing life traits needed for success. The chapter this passage is from states that our moods are like the seasons, and though we cannot control nature, we can control our actions.

"There will be days when I must constantly struggle against forces which would tear me down. Those such as despair and sadness are simple to recognize but there are others which approach with a smile and the hand of friendship and they can also destroy me. Against them, too, I must not relinquish control -----

If I become overconfident-----I will recall failure
 If I overindulge -----think of past hunger
 If I feel complacency-----remember my competition
 If I enjoy moments of greatness-----remember moments of shame
 If I feel all powerful-----try to stop the wind
 If I attain great wealth-----remember one unfed mouth
 If I become overly proud-----remember a moment of weakness
 If I feel my skill is unmatched-----look at the stars

Today I will be master of my emotions. "

Diversity Month Activities for October

As the Jefferson Parish Employee Diversity Advisory Board prepares for Diversity month in October, we selected fun and educational activities to be performed each day of the month. The activities include:

Monday- Learn to say a word or phrase in a different language.

Tuesday- Try a cuisine from various regions of the world.

Wednesday- Wear orange to signify your commitment to diversity awareness.

Thursday - Diversity book club - - a list of culturally-specific books will be recommended by the Jefferson Parish Library.

Friday- Proverbs from around the world- Share your wisdom with words to live by.

Please submit suggestions to DiversityFeedback@jeffparish.net.

We would like to thank you in advance for your participation and look forward to seeing you in your Orange.

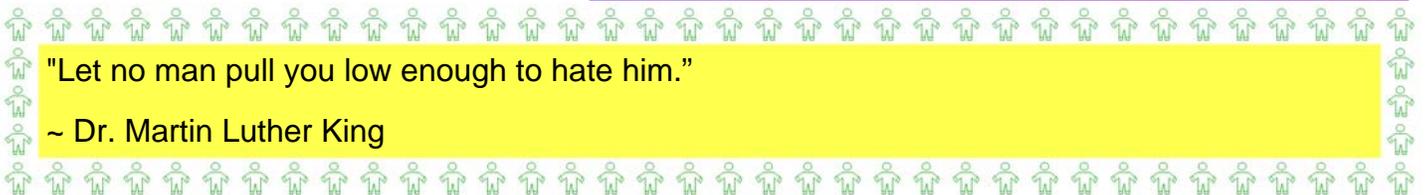
Diversity is a Variety of Differences

By Geri Jackson

Diversity is a variety of differences that may be found in each of us. Unity brings harmony to these differences and is our strength as we stand together in acceptance of each other. Diversity opens the door that allows us to celebrate these differences and not just tolerate them.

Although we are all different, we can work together as one. When like minds come together we are taught from one another. Through diversity we receive knowledge, language, perception and identity from others. Unity draws us together and can be achieved by having the same purpose, which is to make Jefferson Parish a great place to live, work and raise our children.

Diversity must become our life style as we embrace the difference in others and allow them to embrace our differences.



"Let no man pull you low enough to hate him."

~ Dr. Martin Luther King

Upcoming Multicultural Festivals

The sixteenth edition of **Carnaval Latino 2015** will be held on October 9-11, 2015. A celebration of the extraordinary Latin Music and Hispanic heritage and culture. Carnaval Latino's XVI will be held in the Downtown and French Quarter areas, the historic and vibrant heart of the City of New Orleans. Launching the festivities will be the Desfile of the Americas Parade. The parade includes over 12 floats, each representing a different country from the Americas. Every float holds between 20 and 30 people, with its own music, costumes and throws for festivalgoers to enjoy.

The **Taste of Italy** will be held on October 10, 2015 at the Piazza d'Italia in New Orleans, adjacent to the Lowes Hotel. This event will celebrate Italian-American heritage month with the Italian food, music and culture. Dine on Italian delicacies from over 20 different restaurants. Dance the night away in the Piazza d'Italia to classic Italian songs while sipping a fine Italian wine or libation. Dive into the local Italian culture with a walk through the American Italian Museum and view the works of famous Italian artists.



"Hate - It has caused a lot of problems in this world, but it has not solved one yet."

~ Maya Angelou