

TEAM, QUALITY AND A QUEST FOR EXCELLENCE

(Installation of International President 1994/1995, Terry Rowe)

To be the best in work and in life involves choices, aiming for higher goals, fostering positive attitudes, placing trust in ourselves and in God, taking needed action, managing time properly and setting goals both long term and short, and having a "Future Vision."

Throughout the ages, well-known writers, religious thinkers, philosophers, politicians and noted figures have shared their secrets of success through their enlightening and encouraging words. Words that have set a standard of "excellence" for us to follow in our lives personally, in business and as volunteers in organizations.

Confucius wrote: "It is true that we shall not be able to reach perfection, but in our struggle toward it we shall strengthen our characters and give stability to our ideas, so that whilst ever advancing calmly in the same direction, we shall be rendered capable of applying the faculties with which we have been gifted to the best possible account."

Each person mounts stage as name is called:

Gail Ottinger, CCCE, Treasurer:

A sense of commitment, passion and an attitude of excellence. No one can predict to what heights you may soar. Even you will not know until you spread your wings.

Carol Smith, Secretary:

For excellence: Today's preparation determines tomorrow's achievements. It takes courage to push yourself to places you've never been before, to test your limits, to break through barriers.

Barbara Hall, CCCE, Second Vice President:

Excellence is achieved when challenges are faced with determination and patience, to master a skill beyond adversity.

Ruth Zardezed, CCUE, First Vice President:

Excellence is the exceptional drive to exceed expectations. It can be attained if you:

Care more than others think is wise

Risk more than others think is safe

Dream more than others think is practical

Expect more than others think is possible

Terry Rowe, CCCE, President:

Excellence is going far beyond the call of duty, doing more than others expect. This is what excellence is about. And it comes from striving, maintaining the highest standards, looking after the smallest detail and going the extra mile. Excellence means doing your very best. In everything in every way.

Coming together is a beginning

Keeping together is progress

Working together is success

La Rochefoucauld wrote:

"There is a kind of greatness which does not depend upon fortune; it is a certain manner that distinguishes us, and which seems to destine us for great things; it is the value we insensibly set upon ourselves; it is by this quality that we gain deference of other men, and it is this which commonly raises us more above them than birth rank, or even merit itself.

Theodore Roosevelt said,

"It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbled or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena; whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, and comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; who does actually try to do the deed; who knows the great enthusiasm, the great devotion, and spends himself in a worthy cause; who, at the best, knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who, at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly. Far better is it to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs even though checkered by failure, than to rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy nor suffer much because they live in the gray twilight that knows neither victory nor defeat...Life's a game. Don't flinch, don't foul, and hit that line hard. Play up, play up, and play the game."

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Join me as we welcome our new officers for 1994/95

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