

SORTING THINGS OUT

Dear Readers,

July 21st, 2008

I received a letter from a woman asking for help. When I tried to contact her at the phone number she gave me in her letter, the phone was answered by a man who sounded drunk and slurred his words. He was making an effort to be polite but he was not the kind of person I would offer assistance to. When I let him know I was looking for the woman of the house he answered, "My sister's not here." I knew I needed to keep trying to reach the woman who wrote for assistance because I felt there was more to this story.

When I come across people like this half-drunk brother my mind starts thinking about all the negatives and comes up with many reasons why I do not want to help. At the same time this can be seen as a test to sort things out. It is much easier to walk away than to risk being taken advantage of or using extra time to investigate an alcoholic situation.

Occasionally people question our assisting people who they think may be taking advantage of us. In fact one time a well educated person told me, "I don't even know why The Time is Now exists. You should just tell all these people to get a job." Then I happened to be going through the want ads trying to find someone a job, which we commonly do, when I noted this same person who thinks everyone should just get a job, was advertising for help. I called and said I have some people I'd like him to interview for the job. When I told him, "I have a young, energetic, physically fit person for the job, the only problem is they have a slight handicap, they are blind. What kind of job do you have available for them?" The answer came back as "Ahhh.....I can't employ that person." "Okay, I have another one here. She really needs to help herself and would like to be employed. She has developed many different skills over the years. She is 81 years old but very willing to work. Do you have any jobs for this person?" Once again his reply was, "No. I can't employ some one that old."

I continued through my list of about 12 different people I knew were looking for employment. This person told me none of these people were employable. They were either too elderly or they had a handicap. I responded, "This is the kind of people The Time is Now helps, in addition to the many who are working that just need a helping hand." We had a lengthy conversation and at the conclusion he thanked me for opening his eyes and heart to those truly in need.

A week later I received a three page letter from this same person, with a donation to The Time is Now, apologizing for not understanding how The Time Is Now to Help fills a great need. They also made a commitment to make monthly donations. With a new understanding of how The Time is Now works they thanked

us for the time and effort that is put into the networking we do to help our fellow citizens.

Returning to our request for help; I made the tough choice to continue to call, to continue to visit, until I got in touch with the sister. It turns out she had her children being taken care of by a neighbor who needed a few extra dollars to make ends meet at home. She was working very hard to make ends meet. Then one day her brother showed up needing a place to live. Being a good-hearted sister, she gave him a place to live. I told her we would help but we needed her brother's help. I told her he needed to join AA, a wonderful organization that makes a world of difference for people.

After a month, I received a phone call. The call was from her sober brother telling me he had joined an Alcoholic's Anonymous group. He also told me he was looking for a job. It doesn't always work out like this, but we sure need to help turn people away from alcohol abuse. The stressed sister thanked us profusely for seeing past her brother and sorting out the good, which was her, her children, her heart, the help and support she was giving those around her, including the people who needed the income from watching her children. Before we helped she cried herself to sleep every night. Now she includes us in her prayers.

I want to thank everyone for networking, for Caring and Sharing. I also wanted all my readers to know that it looks like August 18 is the last day The Week newspaper will publish our column because The Week newspaper is shutting down. Our column is being switched over to The Shopper newspaper which has been purchased by Skip Bliss, the present owner of The Week, so I look forward to everyone networking and reading the column in The Shopper. I am told it will be printed on page five.

Please let us keep our networking going. The changes we make by helping our fellow creations have been monumental over the years. There are thousands of people we have provided assistance to because we Cared and Shared.

Health and Happiness, God Bless Everyone, WC

Richard Driehaus \$30,000 Matching Grant: Richard Driehaus has again generously offered The Time Is Now to Help a \$30,000.00 Matching Grant. For every dollar you give Richard will match it with another. God Bless you for Caring and Sharing for those in need.

Side by Side Chicken Dinner Fundraiser: Side by Side will be having a fundraising chicken dinner on Monday, August 4th. It will be held at Crandall's restaurant in Hebron, IL from 4-8 p.m. This is an all you can eat chicken dinner, beverage and tip included: \$12 adults and \$8 children. Tickets can be purchased at

Immanuel Lutheran Church in Lake Geneva or at the door the day of the event. If you have any questions call (262) 248-4613.

Please Help: Make checks payable to: The Time Is Now to Help, P.O. Box 70, Pell Lake, WI 53157. The Time Is Now to Help is a federally recognized 501(c)3 charitable organization licensed in the states of Wisconsin and Illinois. You will receive a tax deductible, itemized thank you receipt showing exactly what every penny of your donation provided for the poverty stricken.

A Special Thank You to: Stackpool Chiropractic, Paper Dolls, Dick & Jean Honeyager, Dan & Maureen Winkler, Steinke Funeral Home, Flitcroft Septic Systems, Drew Linendoll, Marilyn Desing in memory of David Desing, Juanita Gallagher, James & Janice Batten, Robert Waesco, Jim & Karen Goodrick, Gregory & Angelika Betz, Thomas Michalchik, Marvin Hersko, Gary & Carol Marvin, Tamara Yuknis, Lynn & Jan Jeka, Robert & Ruby Boniface, Harold & Bonnie Mayer, Sandra Wolf, Kunes Country Ford & Kunes Country Chevrolet & Cadillac, Paul Ziegler, Phyllis Weeden in memory of Ken Weeden, Jay Ieronimo, Alan Homan, Richard Mertes, Elizabeth Cox, Walter Zimmerman Jr, Michael Kuhl, Virginia Moser, Donald & Marie Voss, J.D. Development, Bill & Lois McEssy, ALL of you who support The Time Is Now to Help donation boxes, and the businesses that allow our donation boxes. Anyone who would like a Time Is Now donation box in your business, please call (262)249-7000.

Desperately Needed Cars: Once again we have a desperate need for used cars. If anyone has a car they are thinking of trading in or an extra car you are not using, please think of those who are in desperate need of transportation to get them to and from work so they can provide the daily necessities for their families. Without reliable transportation it makes their situation even more desperate. Please Care & Share.

Pick 'N Save "We Care" Program: Please sign up for the "We Care" program at your local Pick 'N Save. A percentage of each purchase will go directly to The Time is Now to Help. All you have to do is designate The Time is Now, account number **832410**, on your Advantage Plus Savers Club Card application.

Goodsearch for The Time Is Now: Search the web with www.goodsearch.com and help to raise funds for The Time Is Now to Help. Just make www.goodsearch.com your homepage, pick The Time Is Now as your charity and the rest is simple. You can even shop some of your favorite online retailers. It is a fun and easy way to help the poverty stricken.

Endowments/Helping Others through Your Will: For those of you who wish to leave an endowment for the poverty stricken, we would greatly accept any gifts. Please think of those in desperate need, good people, living in fear of poverty and consider helping them through your will.

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Consider donating shares of appreciated stocks and mutual funds to The Time Is Now to Help and receive twice the benefits from your gift. Please call 262-249-7000 if you would like more information.

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