

Character Community



E-News



A Town of Richmond Hill initiative.

A Town of Richmond Hill Character Community monthly e-letter

April is Respect

*I will treat myself and others
with consideration, high
regard and dignity.*

April 2007

Town of Richmond Hill Character Community Organizations

- Arts Richmond Hill Inc.
- The Curtain Club
- Girl Guides of Canada York South
Division
- Helpmate Community Information
- Hill House Hospice
- Ja'fari Islamic Housing
- Learning Disabilities Association of
York Region
- Lions Club of Richmond Hill
- Music For Young Children
- Music to Care for Your Life
- My Canada! Integration Settlement
Services
- Optimist Club of Richmond Hill
- Richmond Hill Aquatic Club
- Richmond Hill Canoe Club
- Richmond Hill Chamber of
Commerce
- Richmond Hill Community Food Bank
- Richmond Hill Rams Hockey Club
- Richmond Hill Social & Bocce Club
- Richmond Hill Training Centre
- Richmond Hill Winter Carnival
- Royal Canadian Legion Branch #375
- Spiritual Assembly of the Bahai's of
Richmond Hill
- St. Matthew's United Church Health
Cabinet
- Stroke Recovery Network
The Amici Centre
- Wilderness Lifeskills of Youth Inc.

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"Network Night"

All Character Community Organizations are invited to join us for an evening of networking on Wednesday, April 25 in Council Chambers at 225 East Beaver Creek 7 – 9 p.m.

New E-mail Address!

The Town of Richmond Hill Character Committee now has an e-mail address. If you have any questions or concerns you can contact us at charactercommunity@richmondhill.ca.

Get Your Canada Day Booth Ready!

Stayed tuned for more information in next month's issue on how your Character Organization can reserve a booth for Canada Day 2007 at Richmond Green.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to The Town of Richmond Hill's Character Community Committee.

They have been awarded the Community of Character Award for 2007.

This award is presented to a York Region Community that has developed an active community task force and a comprehensive community wide initiative and have integrated character development throughout their community (see photo on page 2).



Big Difference

by: Author Unknown, Source Unknown

The Boss drives his men, The Leader inspires them.
The Boss depends on authority, The Leader depends on goodwill.
The Boss evokes fear, The Leader radiates love.
The Boss says "I", The Leader says "We."
The Boss shows who is wrong, The Leader shows what is wrong.
The Boss knows how it is done, The Leader knows how to do it.
The Boss demands respect, The Leader commands respect.

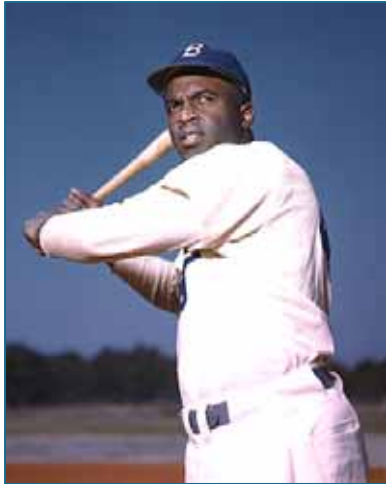
Source: <http://www.inspirationalstories.com/10/1090.html>



Take a Stand

by: Denis Waitley, *Chicken Soup for the Soul at Work*

Jackie Robinson made history when he became the first black baseball player to break into the major leagues by joining the Brooklyn Dodgers. Branch Rickey, owner of the Dodgers at that time, told Robinson, "It'll be tough. You're going to take abuse you never dreamed of. But if you're willing to try, I'll back you all the way."



And Rickey was right. Jackie was abused verbally (not to mention physically by runners coming into second base). Racial slurs from the crowd and members of his own team, as well as from opponents, were standard fare.

One day, Robinson was having it particularly tough. He had booted two ground balls, and the boos were cascading over the diamond. In full view of thousands of spectators, Pee Wee Reese, the team captain and Dodger shortstop, walked over and put his arm around Jackie right in the middle of the game.

"That may have saved my career," Robinson reflected later. "Pee Wee made me feel that I belonged."

Be sure that the employees on your team feel that they belong.

Source: <http://www.inspirationalstories.com/2/298.html>

Respect Quotes



"Probably no greater honor can come to any man than the respect of his colleagues."

-Cary Grant



"If one doesn't respect oneself one can have neither love nor respect for others."

-Ayn Rand



"We confide in our strength, without boasting of it; we respect that of others, without fearing it."

-Thomas Jefferson

Next Month's Attribute:
May is Responsibility

A Native American Legend

Nation Unknown

There once was a man, who was raising his young son. The mother had passed away in childbirth and he was teaching his son all that he knew. This son, grew up and in time wanted to go to a nearby village and find him a companion. Many months passed and the young man returned to his home, and with him he had a woman, his wife. They lived in the home of his father.

Shortly after, They had a son. And the father, now a grandfather began teaching this young boy all that he knew: how to respect the forest, the animals and life. The mother, tiring of sharing her home with the old man told her husband that she wanted the old man out.

The father spoke "I cannot, this is his home and he built it for us." She spoke "If you do not make him leave then I will take our son and I will leave." The father agreed and spoke to his son. "My son, tomorrow I want you to take Grandpa out and leave him. Give him this blanket." The young boy cried. "Why do you do this? Grandpa has been teaching me all that I know. Why do I have to do this to him?" The father spoke. "Son, follow the wishes of your father." So the next morning, the father went hunting to the North. The son took Grandpa as far as he could walk to the South.

That evening the young boy was sitting on the bed crying when his father came in. He saw the blanket on the bed. "Son, I thought I told you to give Grandpa the blanket?" "I gave Grandpa half of the blanket. The other half, I will give to you some day." The mother and father understood the message. And they went and brought Grandpa back.

Source: <http://www.firstpeople.us>



Members of the Town of Richmond Hill Character Community Committee receive their award for being chosen the 2007 Community of Character by the York Region Character Council at Markham Theatre on March 29, 2007.

Character Community E-News is a monthly e-mail newsletter to share information about upcoming events within our organization and beyond. If you would like to contribute upcoming Character Community event information, story ideas or photos, please forward it to the Editor, Michelle Lipkus, at mlipkus@richmondhill.ca.