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O.K. . . . I was asked to write the courier message a week or so ago. At which time I started to write part of it and then thought, I would complete it after Dine A Nite. Well, we all know how that goes and when I woke up this morning, I decided to rewrite the whole thing.

I would still like to start by congratulating all the nominees and the winner of Employee of the year. I have had the pleasure of dealing with Maira and it has always been a good experience. The night was a success! Jeremy was fantastic, surprisingly quiet at the table and quite the humble guy up on stage, his message was simple. It takes a team to win, a team with character, commitment, action, and discipline. Something that a good leader will bring out among his or her people. I would also like to say thank you to the committee and chamber office staff, for all your hard work from organizing to decorating to selling tickets . . . thank you. Lori as our MC, did a great job. I love watching, listening and attending any event Lori MC's . . . you do it so effortlessly. I love it! And how can I forget not winning the "Director of the Year" award which went to Guy Gendreau. You deserve it Guy! Keep up all your hard work with the Public Policy Committee and making Yorkton a better place to live.

Hopefully the first prizewinner was a hit with his jewelry pick . . . probably one of the only people who would have passed up a signed jersey by 54 Jeremy O'Day. I know I would have been choosing that one. LOL.

Now, this is where I start to rewrite . . . A little twist in the courier message this month.

With today's busy, busy life styles, I think we could all use a lesson in manners. When the world around you is moving so quickly, we must remember that life is good, life is beautiful and we should love what we do. If we don't . . . people notice. People feel your nasty vibe.

A long time ago I received a card from my mom.

I would like to share the advice with you . . .

HOW TO MAKE A BEAUTIFUL LIFE.

LOVE YOURSELF. Make peace with who you are and where you are at this moment in time.

LISTEN TO YOUR HEART. If you can't hear what it's saying in this noisy world, slow down.

MAKE TIME FOR YOURSELF. Enjoy your own company. Let your mind wonder among the stars.

TRY. Take chances, it is better to try and fail, than to never know if you could have, should have and most likely would have succeeded.

MAKE MISTAKES. Life can be messy and confusing at times, but it's also full of surprises.

LISTEN TO YOUR INTUITION. Be true to yourself. The next rock in your path might be a stepping-stone.

BE HAPPY. When you don't have what you want, want what you have . . . it's all in your thoughts!

MAKE DO. That's a well-kept secret of contentment. If you don't like something, change it. If you can't, then change your attitude!

MAKE YOUR OWN WAY. There aren't any short cuts to tomorrow. To know where you are going is only part of it. You need to know where you've been, too.

And if you ever get lost, don't worry. People who love you will find you . . . count on it.

LIVE, LOVE, LAUGH. Life isn't days and years. It's what you do with time and with all the goodness and grace that's inside of you.

SO . . . MAKE A BEAUTIFUL LIFE . . . The kind of life you deserve.

In closing, I would like to say. For those people who are so busy, too busy to be pleasant. Nothing is particularly hard if you divide it into small jobs. If you believe it, you can make it happen. That's all you need, belief – and of course the willingness to follow through.

Thanks again to all our members for making the 7th annual DINE A NITE a success. I hope to see you at our next chamber luncheon, which will be on Friday, June 6th at the Best Western, 12 noon. Guest speaker - Walter Garchinsky, from immigration support services, his topic will be helping all business with immigration needs for Yorkton and area.



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