



## RESHAPING THE FUTURE **HONORING THE PAST**

CAP TIPS is a series of periodic messages to assist in the planning and implementation of NCVRW Community Awareness Projects. Please feel free to send your individual questions or requests for assistance to Anne Seymour at [annesey@atlantech.net](mailto:annesey@atlantech.net).

# CAP TIPS #2

## To Improve *Public Awareness*

### Notable Quotables

#### Introduction

The 2011 National Crime Victims' Rights Week theme – “Reshaping the Future. Honoring the Past” – allows us to consider our individual and collective histories as victim advocates and as a dynamic, professional field that has contributed much to public safety and social justice; and how we can learn from the past to build a positive, proactive vision for the future.

There are many quotations from noted leaders and famous people throughout the world's history that address the “future” and the “past.” This CAP TIP features inspirational quotations that span 2000 years of the world, and feature a highly diverse group of authors.

A great resource is the website [www.quoteland.com](http://www.quoteland.com) at which many of the following quotes and many more can be found.

#### How to Use Notable Quotables

The possibilities are endless!

The quotations that follow can be used in virtually *all* aspects of 2011 NCVRW planning, victim/survivor outreach, and community and public awareness. For example:

- Begin each meeting of your NCVRW Planning Committee by reading one of the quotations.
- If you find one quotation to be particularly inspiring, incorporate it into any theme artwork or include it at the bottom of any letterhead designed specifically for 2011 NCVRW.
- Match a specific inspiring quotation to your target audience (for example, by gender, culture, or profession) and use it to seek their support, or to encourage their participation in your 2011 NCVRW activities.
- Provide sample quotations to people you are seeking as inspirational speakers for your NCVRW events.

- Include a quotation that incorporates “future” and “past” in public presentations for NCVRW, and feature them in any audio/visual aids (such as PowerPoint presentations).
- Cite the quotations in any media interviews conducted in conjunction with NCVRW.

### Quotations for “Reshaping the Future”

“I am not influenced by the expectation of promotion or pecuniary reward. I wish to be useful, and every kind of service necessary for the public good, becomes honorable by being necessary.”

—*Nathan Hale*

“The battle of life is, in most cases, fought uphill; and to win it without a struggle were perhaps to win it without honor. If there were no difficulties there would be no success; if there were nothing to struggle for, there would be nothing to be achieved.”

—*Samuel Smiles*

“Whether you be man or woman you will never do anything in this world without courage. It is the greatest quality of the mind next to honor.”

—*James Allen*

“We must remember that any oppression, any injustice, any hatred, is a wedge designed to attack our civilization.”

—*Franklin D. Roosevelt*

“Remember, people will judge you by your actions, not your intentions. You may have a heart of gold -- but so does a hard-boiled egg.”

—*Anon.*

“We cannot always assure the future of our friends; we have a better chance of assuring our future if we remember who our friends are.”

—*Henry Kissinger*

“The many of us who attain what we may and forget those who help us along the line we've got to remember that there are so many others to pull along the way. The farther they go, the further we all go.”

—*Jackie Robinson, Baseball Has Done It, 1964*

“When you are kind to someone in trouble, you hope they'll remember and be kind to someone else. And it'll become like a wildfire.”

—*Whoopi Goldberg*

“Usually a person has more faith in their fear than faith in their future. “

—*Doug Firebaugh*

“It's tough to make predictions, especially about the future.”

—*Yogi Berra*

“When all else is lost, the future still remains.”

—*Christian Nevell Bovee*

“I look to the future because that's where I'm going to spend the rest of my life.”

—*George Burns, At age 87; he lived to be 100*

“Let your hopes, not your hurts, shape your future.”

—*Robert H. Schuller*

“All endeavor calls for the ability to tramp the last mile, shape the last plan, endure the last hours toil. The fight to the finish spirit is the one...characteristic we must possess if we are to face the future as finishers.”

—*Source Unknown*

When planning for a year, plant corn. When planning for a decade, plant trees. When planning for life, train and educate people.

—*Chinese Proverb*

“Planning is bringing the future into the present so that you can do something about it now. “

—*Alan Lakein*

“Don't let the past steal your present.”

—*Terri Guillemets*

“You can clutch the past so tightly to your chest that it leaves your arms too full to embrace the present.”

—*Jan Glidewell*

“When one door closes another door opens; but we so often look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door, that we do not see the ones which open for us.”

—*Alexander Graham Bell*

“Behold the turtle. He makes progress only when he sticks his neck out.”

—*James Bryant Conant*

“I am always doing that which I cannot do, in order that I may learn how to do it.”

—*Pablo Picasso*

“Though no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending.”

—*Author Unknown*

“Seventy percent of success in life is showing up”

—*Woody Allen*

“The best angle from which to approach any problem is the try-angle.”

—*Author Unknown*

“The past is our definition. We may strive, with good reason, to escape it, or to escape what is bad in it, but we will escape it only by adding something better to it.”

—Wendell Berry

## Quotations for “Honoring the Past”

“The innocent victims of crime have frequently been overlooked by our criminal justice system, and their pleas for justice have gone unheeded and their wounds – personal, emotional and financial – have gone unattended. So I’m signing today an Executive Order establishing the President’s Task Force on Victims of Crime.”

“In proclaiming Crime Victims’ Week, I stated that our commitment to criminal justice goes far deeper than our desire to punish the guilty or to deter those considering a lawless course. Our laws represent the collective moral voice of a free society – a voice that articulates our shared beliefs about the roles of civilized behavior. Both the observance of Crime Victims’ Week and the creation of this Task Force are entirely consistent with principles that lie at the heart of our nation’s belief in freedom under law.”

“Our concern for crime victims rests on far more than simple recognition that it could happen to any of us. It’s also rooted in the realization that regardless of who is victimized or the extent to which any one of us may personally be threatened, all of us have an interest in seeing that justice is done not only to the criminal, but also for those who suffer the consequences of his crime.”

*President Ronald Reagan, April 23, 1982, On signing Executive Order 12360, establishing the President’s Task Force on Victims of Crime*

“I’m proud that this Administration led the way in passing new legislation and new programs for the victims of crime. But most of all, I share the pride of all Americans today in honoring those who have, through their work for the victims of crime, turned anguish and fear into constructive action.”

*President Ronald Reagan*

*April 19, 1985*

*Remarks on Signing the Victims of Crime Week Proclamation*

“Civilization is built on a number of ultimate principles...respect for human life, the punishment of crimes against property and persons, the equality of all good citizens before the law...or in a word, *justice*.”

—Max Nordic

“Safeguarding the rights of others is the most noble and beautiful end of a human being.”

—Cahill Libran

“Action springs not from thought, but from a readiness for responsibility.”

—Dietrich Bonhoeffer

“Strength is born in the deep silence of long-suffering hearts; not amid joy.”

—Felicia Humans

“There is not higher religion than human service. To work for the common good is the greatest creed.”

—Woodrow Wilson

“One never notices what has been done; one can only see what remains to be done.”

—*Marie Curie*

“Our deeds determine us, as much as we determine our deeds.”

—*George Eliot*

“Only a life lived for others is worth living.”

—*Albert Einstein*

“My ability to survive personal crises is really a mark of the character of my people. Individually and collectively, we react with a tenacity that allows us again and again to bounce back from adversity.”

—*Chief Wilma Man killer*

“Service is the rent you pay for being.”

—*Marian Wright Edelman*

“He profits most who serves best.”

—*Arthur F. Sheldon*

“Service: giving what you don’t have to give; giving when you don’t need to give; giving because you want to give.”

—*Damien Hess*

“One generation plants the trees; another gets the shade.”

—*Chinese Proverb*

“No one’s death comes to pass without making some impression, and those close to the deceased inherit part of the liberated soul and become richer in their humanness.”

—*Hermann Broch*

“I answer the heroic question Death where is thy sting? It is here in my heart and mind and memories”

—*Maya Angelou*

“For some life lasts a short while, but the memories it holds last forever.”

—*Laura Swenson*

“To live in hearts we leave behind, is not to die.”

—*Thomas Campbell, Hallowed Ground*

“Nothing fixes a thing so intensely in the memory as the wish to forget it.”

—*Michel de Montaigne*

I think of you often and make no outward show,  
But what it means to lose you, no one will ever know  
You wished no one farewell, not even said good-bye,  
You were gone before I knew it, and only God knows why.  
You are not forgotten nor will you ever be,

As long as life and memories last, I will remember thee.  
To some you may be forgotten, to others a part of the past,  
But to me who loved you dearly, your memories will always last.  
Nothing can be more beautiful than the memories I have of you.  
To me, you were someone special, God must have thought so too!  
If tears could build a staircase and memories a lane,  
I would walk all the way to Heaven, and bring you back again.

—Anon.

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