



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 TIP #5**

### ***To Improve Public Awareness***

#### **Notable Quotables**

The theme for 2014 National Crime Victims' Rights Week is *"30 Years: Restoring the Balance of Justice."* This provides NCVRW CAP programs with the opportunity to reflect on the progress made in the victim assistance field since the publication of the landmark 1982 President's Task Force on Victims of Crime *Final Report* and the 1984 passage of the *Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)*. It can also incorporate concepts related to *justice, balance* and *victims' rights*.

This CAP TIP features quotations from a diverse range of leaders, authors and dignitaries that address these three concepts within the 2014 NCVRW theme.

#### **How to Use Notable Quotables**

The quotations that follow can be used in all aspects of 2014 NCVRW planning, victim/ survivor outreach, community awareness and media relations. For example:

- Beginning on March 6, 2014, include one of the 30 quotations in a Twitter feed each day, with hashtag "#2014NCVRW."
- Begin each meeting of your NCVRW Planning Committee by reading one of the quotations.
- Provide the quotations to people who will be speaking during your 2014 NCVRW activities for reference and inspiration.
- On your email outreach for 2014 NCVRW, include a different quotation at the bottom of your messages.
- Create a PowerPoint presentation that features some of the quotations, which can be used as an "opening slide show" when people are arriving at your NCVRW event(s).
- Print the quotations in large print on 8-1/2" by 11" paper; affix each quotation paper to a colorful background piece of paper; and post them on the walls of any events you sponsor.

#### **Quotations about Justice**

"Justice isn't served until crime victims are." —2005 NCVRW Theme

"Justice is truth in action." —*Benjamin Disraeli (British Prime Minister in the 1800s)*

"There may be times when we are powerless to prevent injustice, but there must never be a time when we fail to protest." —*Elie Wiesel (Professor and anti-Nazi activist)*

"Justice will not be served until those who are unaffected are as outraged as those who are." —*Benjamin Franklin*

"We are not to simply bandage the wounds of victims beneath the wheels of injustice; we are to drive a spoke into the wheel itself." —*Dietrich Bonhoeffer (Theologian and anti-Nazi dissident)*

"A single injustice, a single crime, a single illegality, a single wrong to humanity, a single wrong to justice and to right; a single crime shatters and is sufficient to shatter the whole social pact, the whole social contract; a single legal crime, a single dishonorable act will bring about the loss of one's honor, the dishonor of a whole people. It is a touch of gangrene that corrupts the entire body." —*Charles Peguy (French poet, essayist and editor)*

"We must remember that any oppression, any injustice, any hatred is a wedge designed to attack our civilization." —*Franklin D. Roosevelt*

"We cannot seek or attain health, wealth, learning, justice or kindness in general. Action is always specific, concrete, individualize, unique." —*John Dewey (Philosopher, psychologist and educational reformer)*

"It is from the numberless diverse acts of courage and belief that human history is shaped. Each time a man (or woman) stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, he (or she) sends a tiny ripple of hope, and crossing each other from a million different centers of energy and daring, those ripples build a current which can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance." —*Robert F. Kennedy*

"He who commits injustice is ever made more wretched than he who suffers it." —*Plato*

"Generosity is the flower of justice." —*Nathaniel Hawthorne*

"The dead cannot cry out for justice; it is a duty of the living to do so for them." —*Lois McMaster Bujold (Science fiction author)*

"May we, in all our dealings with all the peoples of the earth, ever speak the truth and serve justice." —*Dwight D. Eisenhower*

"Recompense injury with justice, and recompense kindness with kindness." —*Confucius*

"It is in justice that the ordering of society is centered." —*Aristotle*

"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 Nordau (Physician, author and social critic)*

"It is a denial of justice not to stretch out a helping hand to the fallen; that is the common right of humanity." —*Seneca*

"Justice is the greatest interest of man (and women) on earth." —*Daniel Webster*

"Justice cannot be for one side alone, but must be for both." —*Eleanor Roosevelt*

"The trouble with the laws these days is that criminals know their rights better than their wrongs." —*Author Unknown*

### Quotations about Balance

"A civilized man (or woman) is one who will give a serious answer to a serious question. Civilization itself is a certain sane balance of values." —*Ezra Pound*

"The most important human endeavor is the striving for morality in our actions. Our inner balance and even our very existence depend on it. Only morality in actions can give a beauty and dignity to life." —*Albert Einstein*

"People maintain their balance, poise and sense of security only as they are moving." —*Maxwell Maltz (Physician and author)*

"The world is in balance; to light a candle is to cast a shadow." —*Ursula K. LeGuin (Author of novels and children's books)*

"When you cannot make up your mind which of two evenly balanced courses of action you should take, choose the bolder." —*William Joseph Slim (British military commander)*

"The best and safest thing is to keep a balance in your life, and acknowledge the great powers around us and in us. If you can do that, and live that way, you are really a wise man (or woman)." —*Euripides*

### Quotations about Rights

"A right is not what someone gives you; it's what no one can take away from you." —*Ramsey Clark (Former U.S. Attorney General)*

"'Freedom from fear' could be said to sum up the whole philosophy of human rights." —*Dag Hammarskjold (Former U.N. Secretary-General; Nobel Peace Prize)*

"Among individuals as well as among nations, respecting other people's rights leads to peace." —*Benito Juarez Garcia (Mexican President in the 1800s)*

"This nation was founded by many men (and women) of many nations and backgrounds. It was founded on the principle that all men (and women) are created equal, and that the rights of every man (and woman) are diminished when the rights of one are threatened." —*John F. Kennedy*

"Laws not enforced cease to be laws, and rights not defended may wither away." —*Thomas Moriarty (International public relations consultant)*

"So long as we have enough people in this country willing to fight for their rights, we'll be called a democracy." —*Roger Baldwin Co-founder, American Civil Liberties Union)*

"The basic difference between being assertive and being aggressive is how our words and behavior affect the rights and well-being of others." —*Sharon Anthony Bower (Author)*

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