

STANDARD DEVIATIONS: Quote Me on This

Quick,

Did I forget Lab Week? No way. This is s canned newsletter coming out a week after Lab Week for a couple of reasons.

1. I'm out of town for some work training the past two weeks.
2. The episode last (really, next) week "piggy-backed" the previous week's topic.
3. Respecting the work and importance of our profession is not simply a week kind of thing, for me.

Any day that you or I pull on gloves and pick a colony or pick up a pipette is significant. I'm not going to pigeon-hole what we do each and every day in a "week" commemoration.

24/7/365, that's when I chose to recognize labs and we creatures that inhabit them. I hope you feel that you have been acknowledged over the past week, but **my** respect is there last week, today, tomorrow and the next day, *ad infinitum*.

So, here's some extras to share with your group...

Dave Barry (American journalist) musings:

"Not all chemicals are bad. Without chemicals such as hydrogen and oxygen, for example, there would be no way to make water, a vital ingredient in beer."

"If you had to identify, in one word, the reason why the human race has not achieved, and never will achieve, its full potential, that word would be 'meetings.'"

"You can only be young once. But you can always be immature."

"Fishing is boring, unless you catch an actual fish, and then it is disgusting."

"The word user is the word used by the computer professional when they mean idiot."

"Your modern teenager is not about to listen to advice from an old person, defined as a person who remembers when there was no Velcro."

"Never be afraid to try something new. Remember that a lone amateur built the Ark. A large group of professionals built the Titanic."

"Your hand and your mouth agreed many years ago that, as far as chocolate is concerned, there is no need to involve your brain."

"A perfect parent is a person with excellent child-rearing theories and no actual children."

"If it weren't for marriage, men and women would have to fight with total strangers."



"A person who is nice to you, but rude to the waiter, is not a nice person."

"There comes a time when you should stop expecting other people to make a big deal about your birthday. That time is age 11."

"Proofread carefully to see if you any words out."

G. K. Chesterton (1874-1936, English author) sayings:

"I am not absentminded. It is the presence of mind that makes me unaware of everything else."

"The true soldier fights not because he hates what is in front of him, but because he loves what is behind him."

"Without education, we are in a horrible and deadly danger of taking educated people seriously."

"The Bible tells us to love our neighbors, and also to love our enemies; probably because generally they are the same people."

"We do not need to get good laws to restrain bad people. We need to get good people to restrain us from bad laws."

"Lying in bed would be an altogether supreme experience if one only had a colored pencil long enough to draw on the ceiling."

"If men will not be governed by the Ten Commandments, they shall be governed by the ten thousand commandments"

"Education is simply the soul of a society as it passes from one generation to another."

"Do not be so open-minded that your brains fall out."

"There are two ways to get enough. One is to continue to accumulate more and more. The other is to desire less."

John Wooden (1910-2010, basketball coach) quotes:

"Success is never final, failure is never fatal. It's courage that counts."

"Talent is God given. Be humble. Fame is man-given. Be grateful. Conceit is self-given. Be careful."

"It's the little details that are vital. Little things make big things happen."

"Discipline yourself, and others won't need to."

"Whatever you do in life, surround yourself with smart people who'll argue with you."



"Be more concerned with your character than your reputation, because your character is what you really are, while your reputation is merely what others think you are."

"Things turn out best for the people who make the best of the way things turn out."

"If you don't have time to do it right, when will you have time to do it over?"

"If you're not making mistakes, then you're not doing anything."

"Consider the rights of others before your own feelings, and the feelings of others before your own rights."

"I had three rules for my players: No profanity. Don't criticize a teammate. Never be late."

"Don't let making a living prevent you from making a life."

"The most important thing in the world is family and love."

Okay, that's it for my Lab Week salute. Belated? Nope, cuz these thoughts are good every day; just like you.

Have a great week and be safe,

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