

FLEET FOCUS

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THE CHARLES SCHULTZ PHILOSOPHY

The following is the philosophy of Charles Schultz, the creator of the 'Peanuts' comic strip. You don't have to actually answer the questions. Just read the article straight through, and you'll get the point.

1. Name the five wealthiest people in the world.
2. Name the last five Heisman trophy winners.
3. Name the last five winners of the Miss America.
4. Name ten people who have won the Nobel or Pulitzer Prize.
5. Name the last half dozen Academy Award winners for best actor and actress.
6. Name the last decade's worth of World Series winners.

How did you do? The point is, none of us remember the headliners of yesterday. These are no second-rate achievers. They are the best in their fields. But the applause dies. Awards tarnish. Achievements are forgotten. Accolades and certificates are buried with their owners.

Here's another quiz. See how you do on this one:

1. List a few teachers who aided your journey through school.
2. Name three friends who have helped you through a difficult time.
3. Name five people who have taught you something worthwhile.
4. Think of a few people who have made you feel appreciated and special.
5. Think of five people you enjoy spending time with.

Easier? The lesson: The people who make a difference in your life are not the ones with the most credentials, the most money, or the most awards. They are the ones that care.

Scottish Reformer

QUOTABLE QUOTES:

Circumstances do not make the man, they reveal him."

- James Allen

Author

"As a Man Thinketh"

If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music which he hears, however measured or far away.

- Henry David Thoreau

Author

Those convinced against their will are of the same opinion still.

Dale Carnegie

Author / Motivator

The nice thing about being a celebrity is that if you bore people they think it's their fault.

Henry Kissinger

Diplomat

You cannot antagonize and influence at the same time.

John Knox

If there is anything the nonconformist hates worse than a conformist, it's another nonconformist who doesn't conform to the prevailing standard of nonconformity.

Bill Vaughn

Syndicated columnist

He that always gives way to others will end in having no principles of his own.

Aesop

Author of fables

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

DO I REALLY NEED TO KNOW THIS?

** The celebration of the New Year is the oldest of all holidays. It was first observed in ancient Babylon about 4000 years ago.

** The tradition of making New Year's resolutions dates back to the early Babylonians. Their most popular resolution was to return borrowed farm equipment.

** The tradition of using a baby to signify the New Year began in Greece around 600 BC. It was tradition at that time to celebrate their god of wine, Dionysus, by parading a baby in a basket, representing the annual rebirth of that god as the spirit of fertility. Early Egyptians also used a baby as a symbol of rebirth.

** Traditionally, it was thought that one could affect the luck they would have throughout the coming year by what they did or ate on the first day of the year. For that reason, it has become common for folks to celebrate the first few minutes of a brand new year in the company of family and friends.

** Traditional New Year foods are also thought to bring luck. Many cultures believe that anything in

the shape of a ring is good luck, because it symbolizes "coming full circle," completing a year's cycle. For that reason, some cultures believe that eating donuts on New Year's Day will bring good fortune.

** The old Scotch tune sung at midnight, "Auld Lang Syne," literally means "old long ago," or simply, "the good old days." It was written by Robert Burns in the 1700's, and was first published in 1796 after Burns' death. Early variations of the song were sung prior to 1700 and inspired Burns to produce the modern rendition.

** The term "haute couture" is French. Haute means "high" or "elegant." Couture literally means "sewing."

** To be called a haute couture house, a business must belong to the Syndical Chamber for Haute Couture in Paris, which is regulated by the French Department of Industry. Members must employ 15 or more people and present their collections twice a year. Each presentation must include at least 35 separate outfits for day and eveningwear.

** The syndicate has about 18 members, including such fashion giants as Coco Chanel, Christian Dior, and Pierre Cardin. The houses generate more than \$1 billion in annual sales and

employ close to 5,000 people, including 2,200 seamstresses. Workers often specialize in one area, such as feathers, fabric, buttons, shoes, etc.

** Made from scratch for each customer, haute couture clothing typically requires three fittings and takes from 100 to 400 hours to make one dress, costing from \$26,000 to over \$100,000. A tailored suit starts at \$16,000, an evening gown at \$60,000.

** Today only 2,000 women in the world buy couture clothes; 60% are American. Only 200 are regular customers.

** The monkey wrench is named after its inventor, a London blacksmith named Charles Moncke.



LAST MONTH'S TRIVIA

What state has cities named: Burnt Corn, Slap Out, Slicklizzard and Zip City?

- A. Tennessee
- B. Oregon
- C. Texas
- D. Alabama

The correct answer is "D" Alabama. This month's trivia winner is **Angelika Witkiewicz**, 2nd shift team leader from the Cape Coral Toll Facility. Way to go Angelika!

Special mention goes to Brenda Debow's grandson, Ari, who also researched and correctly answered the question!

London, William S. Henson and John Stringfellow filed articles of incorporation for the Aerial Transit Company. It failed.

per car per year).
Source: Environmental Defense Fund - (www.edf.org)

FAMOUS FIRSTS

**** First aerial photographers:** Samuel Archer King and William Black made two photos of Boston in 1860, which are still in existence.

****First transatlantic attempt:** In 1873, the New York Daily Graphic sponsored the attempt with a 400,000-cubic-foot balloon carrying a lifeboat. A rip in the bag during inflation brought the collapse of the balloon and the project.

**** First airplane maneuvers:** In 1904, Orville Wright made the first turn with an airplane (Sept. 15); five days later his brother Wilbur made the first complete circle.

**** First powered balloon:** Gen. Jean Baptiste Marie Meusnier developed the first propeller-driven and elliptically shaped balloon in 1784. The crew had to crank three propellers on a common shaft to give the craft a speed of about three mph.

**** First balloon flight in America:** In 1793, Jean Pierre Blanchard, a French pilot, made it from Philadelphia to near Woodbury, N.J., in just over 45 min.

****First air transport company:** In 1843 in



GOING GREEN

**** Idling for more than 10 seconds uses more gas and creates more pollution than simply restarting the engine. If a vehicle is stopped for more than 10 seconds - except in traffic- turn off the engine.**

**** Aggressive driving wastes fuel, not to mention increases stress and accidents. Rapid acceleration and braking reduces gas mileage and can burn an extra 125 gallons of gas per year.**

**** In highway travel, exceeding the speed limit by a mere 5mph results in a 6 percent average fuel economy loss.**

**** Carrying around an extra 100 lbs. in a car reduces fuel economy by up to 2 percent.**

**** Keeping engines properly tuned can save up to 165 gallons of gas per year.**

**** Low tire pressure wastes over 2 million gallons of gasoline in the US every day (one tank**



FLEET CONTINUES TO COLLECT FOOD

In light of the tough economic times, Fleet Management will continue to collect non-perishable food items for needy families in Lee County. Non-breakable products such as canned vegetables, tuna, soups, toothpaste, rice, pasta, and diapers, can be dropped off in the box in the Fleet lobby or at the back parts room counter. Fleet will also be accepting gift cards for Publix, WalMart, Sam's Club for the needy families.

How else can you help? If you have some gift cards you received for the holidays that you would like to donate, we will make sure they get to a deserving family! OR if your department would like to collect canned goods in your location, please contact Brad Wright at Fleet (533-5350) to have the food

picked up. Have an employee in your office whose family could use some assistance with food? Contact Marilyn Rawlings at Fleet and we will see what we can do to help. Thanks in advance for your help with this worthwhile project.



THIS MONTH'S TRIVIA

How many baseball bats did San Francisco Giants slugger Barry Bonds go through in 2001, the year he hit 73 home runs?

- A. 74
- B. 82
- C. 95
- D. 126

Send your guess to Marilyn Rawlings at Fleet Management. One prize winner will be selected from all correct respondents.



Top 10 Names for Dogs

- 1. Buddy
- 2. Max
- 3. Daisy
- 4. Lucy
- 5. Charlie
- 6. Bella
- 7. Molly
- 8. Jack
- 9. Sadie
- 10. Lady

Top 10 Names for Cats

- 1. Lucy
- 2. Smokey
- 3. Midnight
- 4. Bella
- 5. Molly
- 6. Daisy
- 7. Oreo
- 8. Shadow
- 9. Charlie
- 10. Angel



DID YOU KNOW THIS ABOUT MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY?

** Congressman John Conyers of Michigan, introduced legislation for a commemorative holiday four days after King was assassinated in 1968. The bill first came to a vote in the U.S. House of Representatives in 1979. It fell five votes short of the number needed for passage.

** The King Center turned to support from the corporate community and the general public to make it a paid holiday. The success of this strategy was cemented when musician Stevie Wonder released the single "Happy Birthday" to popularize the campaign in 1980 and hosted the Rally for Peace Press Conference in 1981.

** Six million signatures were collected for a petition to Congress to pass the law, termed by a 2006 article in The Nation as "the largest petition in favor of an issue in U.S. history." At the White House Rose Garden on November 2, 1983, President Ronald Reagan signed a bill creating a federal holiday to honor King. It was observed for the first time on January 20, 1986. The bill established the Martin Luther King, Jr. Federal Holiday Commission to oversee observance of the holiday, and Coretta Scott King was made a member of this commission for life by U.S. President George H. W. Bush in May, 1989.

** In 1990, Arizonans were given an opportunity to vote to observe the MLK holiday. John McCain successfully appealed to former President Reagan to support the holiday. Prior to that date, New Hampshire and Arizona had not observed the day.

** Martin Luther King Day is observed in the Japanese city of Hiroshima under the mayor Tadatoshi Akiba, who holds a special banquet at the mayor's office as an act of unifying his city's call for peace with King's message of human rights.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO U****Jayne Winters** 1/04

Don Shula 1/04

Russell Ball 1/05

Robert Duvall 1/05

Julia Luis-Dreyfuss 1/13

Alicia Keyes 1/23