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Drop A Pebble in the Water

Drop a pebble in the water, just a splash, and it is gone;
 But there is half a hundred ripples circling on and on and on,
 Spreading, spreading from the center, flowing on out to sea.
 And there is no way of telling where the end is going to be.
 Drop a pebble in the water; in a minute you will forget,
 But there is little waves a-flowing and there is ripples circling
 And those little waves a-flowing to a great big wave have
 grown;
 You've disturbed a mighty river just by dropping in a stone.
 Drop an unkind word, or careless: in a minute it is gone;
 But there's half a hundred ripples circling on and on and on,
 They keep spreading, spreading, spreading from the center as
 they go,
 And there is no way to stop them, once you've started the flow.
 Drop a word of cheer and kindness: just a flash and it is gone;
 But there is half a hundred ripples circling on and on and on,
 Bearing hope and joy and comfort on each splashing, dashing
 wave,
 Till you wouldn't believe the volume of the one kind word you
 gave.
 Drop a word of cheer and kindness: in a minute you will forget;
 But there's gladness still a swelling, and there's joy circling yet.
 And you've rolled a wave of comfort whose sweet music can
 be heard,
 Over miles and miles of water just by dropping one kind word.

I write this little poem to encourage all of us to provide some kind words to everyone this year. I learned a long time ago that it costs nothing to give a compliment, but can cost a dear friend or family member if you say something that is not at all complimentary. Let's make it a point this year to be that person our children believe we are. .. **GREAT IN THEIR EYES.**

Dear Vietnam Veterans,

My inspiration for writing this to you is a news clip I saw showing how our returning soldiers are being welcomed home at the airport by appreciative citizens as well as veterans of previous wars. I want you to know that I realize that you didn't get that kind of welcome. That's the very reason that I'm writing you now, to let you know that what you did is appreciated and to thank you so much for your service to our country. So often I take my freedom for granted, only to be reminded how very blessed I am to live in the United States. The sacrifice that you made was great, and you deserve the same honor and recognition given to all who risk their lives for the defense and freedom of our nation. Thank you for giving so much of yourselves, and may the Lord Jesus bless you and fill your hearts and lives.
Kimberly Corcoran

Can This Be True??

It is a matter of history that when Supreme Commander of the Allied Forces, General Dwight Eisenhower, found the victims of the death camps, he ordered all possible photographs to be taken, and for the German people from surrounding villages to be ushered through the camps and even made to bury the dead. He did this because he said in words to this effect: 'Get it all on record now - get the films - get the witnesses - because somewhere down the track of, *history some bastard will get up and say that this never happened!*' *All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing.* E. Burke

Why is this important?

This week, the U.K. removed "**The Holocaust subject**" from its school curriculum because it 'offended' the Muslim population which claims it never occurred. This is a frightening portent of the fear that is gripping the world and how easily each country is giving into it. It is now more than 60 years after the Second World War in Europe ended. This e-mail is being sent as a *memorial chain*, in memory of the six million Jews, 20 million Russians, 10 million Christians and 1,900 Catholic priests

Happy New Year in a 2008 Contract

After serious & cautious consideration.....your contract of friendship has been renewed for the New Year 2008! It was a very hard decision to make, so lets try not to mess it up!!! My Wish for You in 2008:

- May peace break into your house and may thieves come to steal your debts.
- May the pockets of your jeans become a magnet of \$100 bills.
- May love stick to your face like Peanut Butter and Jelly.
- May laughter assault your lips!
- May your clothes smell of success like smoke in an old movie.
- May happiness slap you across your face.
- May your tears be tears of joy
- May the problems you had forget your home address!
- In other words Happy New Year !

This is compliments of Gene Crego, thank you Gene

New Years Wishes For 2008

May you get a clean bill of health from your dentist, your cardiologist, your gastro-entomologist, your urologist, your proctologist, your podiatrist, your psychiatrist, your plumber and the I.R.S.

May your hair, your teeth, your face-lift, your abs and your stocks not fall; and may your blood pressure, your triglycerides, your cholesterol, your white blood count and your mortgage interest not rise.

May New Year's Eve find you seated around the table, together with your beloved family and cherished friends? May you find the food better, the environment quieter, the cost much cheaper, and the pleasure much more fulfilling than anything else you might ordinarily do that night.

May what you see in the mirror delight you and what others see in you delight them. May someone love you enough to forgive your faults, be blind to your blemishes, and tell the world about your virtues.

May the telemarketers wait to make their sales calls until you finish dinner, may the commercials on TV not be louder than the program you have been watching, and may your check book and your budget balance - and include generous amounts for charity.

May you remember to say "I love you" at least once a day to your spouse, your child, your parent, and your siblings; but not to your secretary, your nurse, your masseuse, your hairdresser or your tennis instructor?

And may we live in a world at peace and with the awareness of God's love in every sunset, every flower's unfolding petals, every baby's smile, every lover's kiss, and every wonderful, astonishing, miraculous beat of our heart.

And as a side note, may you attend at least one half of the VVA meetings in 2008 and fully invest yourself in our organization that is dwindling by 500 persons per day.

Next Meeting

We'll be having our next meeting on Tuesday, February 19th 2008 at 7:00 pm at the American Legion located at Location is American Legion Post 56 at 1490 W. 3rd Street, Yuma, AZ 85364. We hope to see you there.

We hope you all had an enjoyable holiday season and look forward to a wonderful new year in 2008.