

CHARACTER

During his days as a lawyer, Abraham Lincoln was approached by a stranger to secure his services. After reading a history of the man's case, Lincoln astonished him by saying, "I cannot serve you, for you are wrong, and the other party is right." The man replied, "That is none of your business, if I hire and pay you for taking my case." "Not my business!" exclaimed Lincoln. "My business is never to defend wrong. I never take a case that is manifestly wrong." "Not for any amount of pay?" said the stranger. "Not for all you are worth," replied Lincoln.

Years ago, William Hersey Davis wrote a comparison between reputation and character:

1. "The circumstances amid which you live determine your reputation; the truth you believe determines your character.
2. Reputation is what you are supposed to be; character is what you are.
3. Reputation is the photograph; character is the face.
4. Reputation comes over one from without; character grows from within.
5. Reputation is what you have when you come to a new community; character is what you have when you go away.
6. Your reputation is learned in an hour; your character does not come to light for a year.
7. Reputation is made in a moment; character is built in a lifetime.
8. Reputation grows like a mushroom; character grows like an oak.
9. A single newspaper report gives you your reputation; a life of toil gives you your character.
10. Reputation makes you rich or makes you poor; character makes you happy or makes you miserable.
11. Reputation is what men say about you on your tombstone; character is what the angels say about you before the throne of God."

TWENTY-NINE MINUTES A DAY... THREE DAYS A WEEK

The Suncoast YMCA located in the SunTrust Bank building at US19 & Main Street in New Port Richey is looking to increase the traffic at the YMCA fitness center.

Anyone interested in beginning a fitness program can try the NPR-SunTrust YMCA for one week, free of charge. They must print this out and bring it to the branch...go to www.ymcasuncoast.org.

CALUSA BPW ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

Calusa Business & Professional Women recently elected new officers for 2007.

Cindy Ewald of Republic Bank has moved into the position as club president. First vice-president is Jackie Barnett also of Republic Bank, and in the role of second vice president is Patty Fitzgerald of Master Title Services, Inc.

Calusa BPW was chartered in 1981. This local club offers luncheon meetings on the third Thursday of each month from noon to 1 p.m. Guest speakers present a variety of topics of timely interest. Through BPW projects and meetings, members build invaluable networks with other professional women. The club is open to new membership and guests are welcome.

For information about the club, contact Cindy Ewald at (727) 853-0842.

LOCAL BUSINESS HELPS COMMUNITY FIGHT EYE DISORDERS PORT RICHEY EYE EXPERTS JOIN NATIONWIDE VISION AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

More than 11 million Americans have an uncorrected visual impairment that can impact their quality of life. To help educate children and adults on the importance of regular vision care, Linsey Eyecare, a retail eye care center located in Port Richey, has joined forces with the national public awareness campaign, Check Yearly. See Clearly.

Nicole Linsey Parsons, O.D. and Brent E. Parson, O.D., the company's owners and optometrists, are offering free eye screenings to children under 12 years old on Saturday, May 19th.

Linsey Eyecare encourages children from age 5 to get an annual eye exam. Good vision is vital for a child's learning, and doctors at Linsey Eyecare are trained in performing eye exams for young patients. "Kids may not know that they have bad vision," says Dr. Nicole Linsey Parsons. "They always have seen things blurry or out of focus and think it's normal."

Parents are quick to rely on an eye screening performed at school or by a pediatrician as a complete eye exam. However, many problems can exist in children's vision that only a complete eye exam can cover. "The cost of a complete eye exam is so little compared to the problems bad vision can create for a child. Vision is important in a child's early learning," says Dr. Brent Parsons. "A yearly screening by a board certified optometrist or ophthalmologist is imperative to a child's vision health."

Linsey Eyecare also reaches out to various community organizations and businesses to promote the importance of yearly vision care for adults. According to the American Optometric Association, 70-75% of people who use computers in their daily work experience eye and vision problems, widely known as computer eye strain or Computer Vision Syndrome. Symptoms of this condition include blurry vision, sore and tired eyes, and neck and

shoulder pain. Headaches and migraines can be associated with poor vision as well. "Adults need to have their eyes checked every year, too," said Dr. Parsons. "Your vision can change dramatically in a year's time and with proper care, you can avoid headaches and eye strain."

For more information on the Check Yearly. See Clearly. campaign, and Linsey Eyecare, visit www.LinseyEyecare.com

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