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A RECYCLED PRESIDENT

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IF we can recycle bottles, cans and paper, why not a president?

Oh! What a joy it is to be elected once again as president of our alumni association. This, after a 9 year hiatus. I can "hear" some of you" thinking": "Now that the bugger is older, hopefully he is wiser". Only time will tell (smile).

We are all in this for FUN + PROFIT. We enjoy what we do. We have fun while doing it and we raise money for Saints. Of course we have disagreements, even heated discussions, but we never forget our need to work together to accomplish our common goal - Helping SAINTS.

When we organize a fund-raiser, we try to maximize the profit while providing excellent value to our supporters, but PROFIT means PROFIT. Income needs to exceed expenses for there to be a profit. Our profit is not defined by a Worldcom or Enron executive. Each fund-raiser is accounted for by the Chairman in charge and audited by our Treasurer and the books must balance or someone is "shot".

It has always been and remains a cornerstone of our fund-raisers that EVERYONE pays to get in. Every Executive Member, every non-member, even non-alumni who help at our functions pay. I have known Executive members who take money out of their own pockets to purchase tickets for non-alumni helping at fund-raising events. This one guiding principle has saved us thousands of hours of bickering (not to mention the \$\$\$) to determine who gets in free. NO ONE DOES. A fund-raiser is a fund-raiser.

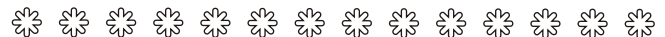
Another cornerstone of our association is we let the "doers" do and support them the best we can. We find that it is easier on all of us if we encourage our guys/girls to work based on what they want to do, utilizing their STRENGTHS and not cajoling them to commit to something they do not have an interest in. If a guy is not

a ticket-seller, he will NEVER sell tickets. On the other hand, if that same guy is a writer, let him write and he will astound you with his prose.

We are an open association. Anyone can attend our Executive meetings. Anyone at our meetings can say whatever they want (bad language cost a buck, each time). Sometimes we even allow non-members at our Executive meetings to vote, especially on issues of fund-raising. After all we don't know it all. This entices some attendees to want to belong. This is how we attract "new blood", some of whom have gone on to be stalwarts of this organization.

Bottom line is: we are a bunch of guys/girls who have SAINTS at heart, who want to help, who recognize we are not all "cut from the same cloth", but who never forget our common goal - helping SAINTS. And most of all, we have FUN doing what we do. Our school motto is "AETERNA NON CADUCA", loosely translated by a guy who did not pass Latin means "Not for this life only but for eternity". As the song says, "When the SAINTS go marching in, I want to be in that number". We all want to be in that number (smile).

I promise my fellow Executive members and all who attend our meetings that we are all going to have fun. We are, I am sure going to "fight like hell" but we will all continue to be friends and carry on our work - Helping SAINTS.



MONTHLY EXECUTIVE MEETINGS ARE HELD IN THE ST. STANISLAUS COLLEGE BOARDROOM AT 4544 SHEPPARD AVENUE, EAST, SCARBOROUGH, ONTARIO AT 7:30 P.M. ON THE 2ND THURSDAY OF EACH AND EVERY MONTH.

