

DAZZLING TIMES

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Come one, Come all !Come Shine!

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Note: Anne is on Vacation. Her column will return in November, when she will bring us news from South Africa!

September Safety First by Melissa Bishop

Technology is such a great advancement in the way society functions on a daily basis. Developments such as HD Television, Satellite TV and Radio, Laptops, Smart phones, Tablets, iPads and so on. Unfortunately these advancements can come with a price and we must all ask ourselves if we are willing to pay that price.

Do you text while you are behind the wheel? Do you talk on your phone while driving without using a hands-free device? Ask yourself, is this text or call so very important that it can't wait until it's safe for me to respond? I'm guessing that 98% of the time whoever is trying to reach you can wait and wouldn't want you to put yourself in danger. Do you do these activities while your *children* are in the car?

Every day you can see commercials about the dangers of texting and driving from companies like AT&T. They don't always give you the hard cold statics so let me share some with you from www.textinganddrivingsafety.com:

* In 2011 at least 23% of auto accidents involved cell phones equaling 1.3 million crashes.

* The average time you take your eyes off the road texting and driving is five seconds. If you're driving at 55mph, it's the same as driving the length of a football field without looking at the road.

* Based on time with your eyes-off-the-road activities: text messaging makes a crash 23x's more likely to happen; dialing your cell phone makes a crash 2.8x's more likely to happen; Talking or listening on your phone 1.3x's more likely to crash; and reaching for your device make the likelihood of a crash 1.4x's greater.

* Of the 82% of Americans ages 16-17 who own a cell phone: 52% say they have talked on their phones while driving; and 34% say they've text while driving.

*1 in 5 drivers of all age's admit to surfing the web while driving.

Let us now talk about how your actions as a parent can influence your teen driver's actions.

- * 48% of kids 12-17 have been in a vehicle while the driver is texting.
- * 48% of young drivers have seen their parent talking on their phones while driving.
- * 15% of young drivers have seen their parent text while driving.
- * 27% of adults have sent or received a text messages while driving.

According The Center for Disease Control and Preventions (CDC) in 2011, 3,331 people were killed in crashed involving a distracted driver. (http://www.cdc.gov/motorvehiclesafety/distracted_driving/) Closer to home, "In 2011, there were 25,165 fatal and personal injury crashes involving distracted driving in New York, compared to 4,628 caused by alcohol-related driving." (<https://www.governor.ny.gov/press/05312013-texting-while-driving>) That's over 5 x's more!!!

What can you do? It's very simple; all you have to do is not touch your cell phones when you're behind the wheel. Ask yourself if that text or call is more important that the lives of your children or you? I highly doubt it.

For more information and to take the pledge to never text and drive visit: www.itcanwait.com Trust me when I say, IT CAN WAIT!!

Mural for Theatre



The photo above is our theatre. The Recreation Department of the City of Rochester paid to have text based murals put up all over Rochester. Our Theatre was chosen as a site for this project. The Mural, which features chalkboard black stars and even a giant "chalk" contains a quote from Anne: "Empower with Faith, Hope and Love and Keep Reaching for those Stars!" This is the city volunteer crew putting the mural together.

WORD FROM THE EDITOR

BY Matthew Darby

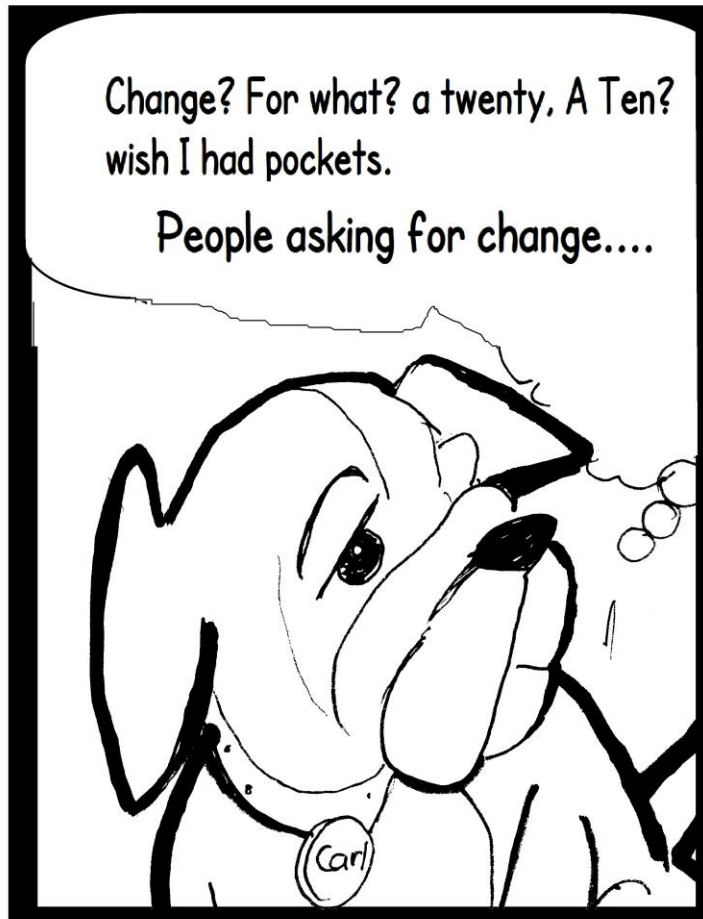
The Word is CHANGE. And now by explanation, some more words. This is the Autumn season and it is a time of transition. At Dazzle this involves many things. Our Children are returning to school, and for some of them this means a new school and /or a new schedule. Dazzle's color groups have been re-organized and one of them has re-opened. New Individuals are entering our program, and we are re-welcoming individuals who had been away from us for a while. Our Schedule for regular dazzle programing is in process of being adjusted. Music, for example has been changed to twice a week after supper, as opposed to once a week before supper. So many changes are the sign of a vital and growing program. And we are GROWING! We know that you and your children appreciate our efforts to keep you attuned to changes as they happen. In every issue, I appeal to any person involved in Dazzle to send any article or information they'd like to share, in order that everyone can benefit and grow. You will find the contact information on the last page of this Newsletter. I appreciate that changes can be challenging, but also rewarding. I am honored to edit this publication and hope you continue to enjoy it and, and to benefit from Dazzle.



Community Heroes

On the last Saturday in August some of the orange Group took a field trip to Wegman's on East Avenue to drop off all of the Cans and bottles we had been Recycling. Orange group had been learning that doing simple things to help others can make you a hero.

They chose to make their world a better place by recycling and turning the money in to Anne towards future field trips. If you ever go to East Avenue Wegmans, look for the community signs in the front foyer, You may see our individuals on one of the posters.



If you have an article for the Dazzling times, you may email mail@dazzleschool.org and Anne will direct it to the editor. Or you may submit it to Matt yourself if you are a student. See you soon.

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