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THE FOUR-WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

THIS WEEK.....Health Care Since 1897

All the back and forth arguments and bitterness during the past several months over healthcare has somewhat distracted us from what is already working.

Our speaker today is from Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare system, which was founded in 1897 by Dr. Arthur Gillette and Jessie Haskins. The hospital was originally created as a facility dedicated solely to the treatment of children with disabilities. Although the hospital has undergone changes in name and structure over the years, its' mission remains primarily the same: "To meet the special health-care needs of people - primarily children and teens - who have disabilities.... to help those we serve realize greater well-being, independence and enjoyment in life." Gillette has several metro locations and is a regional resource for our medical community.

The Gillette approach follows many disciplines: medical, nursing, therapeutic, technical, and psychological and other expertise in family oriented programs. These disciplines are focused in a team setting in their various 'centers of excellence' such as centers for cerebral palsy, cranio-facial surgery, gait and motion analysis, pediatric orthopedics, pediatric neurosciences, pediatric rehabilitation, pediatric rheumatology and spina bifida.

There are also services for teens and adults who were diagnosed during childhood with conditions that limit their abilities. Many services are available such as adaptive equipment including customized seating, alternative-communication devices and computer access controls. Also physical therapy, radiology and social work are available to aid the patients in improving gross motor-skills, comfort and meeting social and emotional needs.

A recurring theme throughout Gillette's literature is family-centered and, from those this editor has talked to, that mission carries through to the staff of the facility. I would suggest that many of us are aware of the benefits of having such a resource available, be it because of family or friends, and have been amazed at the rich and positive quality of life that is now possible for special needs people.

Dates To Remember.....

April 22, 2010—Menomin Park Volunteer Day—9:00 am to 2:00 pm

April 24, 2010—District Assembly—Glacier Canyon Lodge, Wisconsin Dells

April 27, 2010—Visioning—5:30 to 9:30 pm—Olde Towne

May 1, 2010—Rotarians At Work Day—9:00 am—Westconsin Credit Union East Office

Happy April Birthdays!!!

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