



### This Week—Mar. 3, 2010

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## SPRING !!!

OK, I know it is early, but March is the time of year we are really anticipating the spring season. Enough of dark and snow and cold; enough of being housebound!!

One of the traditional rites of spring (just ask your mother), is spring cleaning.

Before everyone tunes out and quits reading, I would like to share some tips I recently read regarding this annual chore. It is amazing how the same tips apply to our lives in general.

- 1<sup>st</sup> tip: **Start with a manageable chunk of work.** Tackle one room (or job) at a time. Good advise at home, at work or within a club setting.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> tip: **Clean often as it takes less time to remove new dirt than old.** Maybe an occasional reflection or analysis on what and how we are doing things, may save us from getting in the rut of 'we've always done it this way'.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> tip: **Wash walls from the bottom up to avoid streaking.** Before assigning blame to others (on the bottom), we might want to take a good look at ourselves first.
- 4<sup>th</sup> tip: **Rubbing alcohol can remove that dull haze from mirrors.** A fresh perspective from another family member, co-worker or team member, may offer a new solution to a sticky problem.
- 5<sup>th</sup> tip: **Dust before vacuuming or washing the floor.** If we allow the small details in business, home or even club-wise to get away from us, they will become a hindrance keeping us from accomplishing our real goals.
- 6<sup>th</sup> tip: **Conquer clutter.** The suggestions is a 4-box system  
Trash (damaged, non-wanted items)  
Give away/sell (would someone else benefit from using the item or buying it?)  
Storage (needed, but not on a regular basis and inventory as you store  
Put away. (smallest category - needs to be out on a regular basis - be careful not to re-clutter).

These are somewhat self-explanatory, but can also be applied to the "baggage" we all carry around with us. Maybe we can consciously de-clutter that too.

So, Happy Spring to all - and to a reinvigorated and refreshed Rotary in the coming months!

*Article submitted by Editor, Jane Roberts*

## COMING UP.....

March 17th is **A Celtic Evening with Irish Traditions** starting at 5:00 pm with a social hour, followed by a dinner of Irish food, a Leprechaun, an Irish blessing, Irish jokes, Irish songs sung by John Taylor, and the Finale is a Celtic Surprise. New members will also be inducted.

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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?