

Good Morning

The new year is here! This is our fresh start, our time to begin anew and with renewed enthusiasm. It's a time to make resolutions, visualize goals, and move forward toward success, growth and change. We've made our move to Wilmington, we've joined the Wilmington Newcomers Club, we're making new friends and learning about our new town. Let's commit to make this year our best year yet, a year that will bring us closer together and achieve our personal goals. Now is the time!

Here are some thoughts to light the fire of inspiration and motivation for us throughout this new year.

Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined. - To dream anything that you want to dream, that is the beauty of the human mind. To do anything that you want to do, that is the strength of the human will. To trust yourself, to test your limits, that is the courage to succeed. Through perseverance many people win success out of what seemed destined to certain failure. A little more persistence, a little more effort, and what seemed a hopeless failure may turn to a glorious success.

To accomplish great things, we must not only dream, but also act; not only plan, but also believe. Just as success is not final, failure is not fatal; it is the courage to continue that counts. So reach high for the stars. Dream deep, for every dream precedes the goal. Only those who will risk going too far can possibly find out how far one can go. We cannot discover new oceans unless we have the courage to lose sight of the shore.

Crystallize your goals. Make a plan for achieving them and set a deadline. Then with supreme confidence, determination and disregard for obstacles and the criticisms of others, carry out your plan.

Goals are a means to an end, not the ultimate purpose of our lives. They are simply a tool to concentrate our focus and move us in a direction. The only reason we really pursue goals is to cause ourselves to expand and grow. Achieving goals by themselves will never make us happy in the long term; it's who we become, as we overcome the obstacles necessary to achieve our goals, that can give us the deepest and most long-lasting sense of fulfillment. Remember that goals are simply dreams with deadlines.

We are never too old to set another goal – or to dream a new dream. However, our time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life. Don't be trapped by dogma – which is living with the results of other people's thinking. Don't let the noise of other's opinions drown out your own inner voice. And most important, have the courage to follow your heart and intuition. They somehow already know what we truly want to become.

Finally, we must be at war with our vices, at peace with our neighbors and let every new year find us a better person. Do not lose hold of your dreams or aspirations.

Life is a challenge, meet it! Life is a dream, realize it!
Life is a game, play it! Life is love, enjoy it.