



FHC Outreach News

Fisheries and Habitat Conservation "Healthy Fish and Wildlife, Healthy Habitats, Healthy People and Healthy Economies"

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Planning for "March Madness" Gets Underway – Volunteers Needed!

Planning for "March Madness" is underway! The theme this year will be **Wetlands** (official title to be announced soon). If you are interested in volunteering to work on a committee, please contact the appropriate person listed below. Let's all pitch in and make this year's celebration a huge success!!

Upcoming Events:

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND:

We are anxiously looking forward to Steve Fochtman repeating his overwhelmingly popular FHC Academy workshop: **WORKING TOGETHER: Deaf and Hearing People**. Coming back in January or February—if you didn't make the first one—**DON'T MISS IT!!!**

On December 11th, the FHC **Holiday Festival** takes place! Over 70 people have signed up to enjoy dinner and dancing at the Holiday Inn-Arlington from 5:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

A great big **THANK YOU** goes out to Gina Jones and Kelly Geer, creators of the new web format for the FHC "News You Can Use" newsletter.

Already tons of positive comments have been received on the new format...

Way to Go, You Two!!!

Event Program Team—Mike Weimer (x2180)

Briefing Materials Team—Fran Mann (x1897)

Promotional Items Team—Yvonne Hawkins (x2462)

Display Team—Amy DeWeerd (x2523)

Awards Team— Laura Henze (x2398) (Dolores Savignano, x1864)

Friends Group Meeting Coordination— Amy Gaskill (503.231.6120)

Invitation List Coordinator – Jo Ann Mills (x2430)

There will be LOTS of other opportunities to volunteer for the events—watch for regular updates!

Happy Holidays!



To All Fisheries and Habitat Conservation employees, friends and their families:

I would like to wish you and your loved ones a joyous holiday season and a bountiful new year. Please take the time to enjoy this special season and consider all of the treasures that enhance our everyday lives...celebrate life, family, friends, co-workers, and give thanks for all of the wonderful gifts around us!

-Dr. Mamie Parker

"Cheers to a new year and another chance for us to get it right."

-Oprah Winfrey

Success Isn't Always Easy!

When you think of highly successful people, do you assume that things always went well for them? That is was easy? Well, think again! Here are 11 examples of famous people that overcame many obstacles to make it big.

Louisa May Alcott was told by an editor she'd never write anything popular. Her book, *Little Women* is considered one of the best American children's books of the past 200 years.

Florence Chadwick, the first woman to swim the English Channel, also attempted to be the first woman to swim from Catalina Island to the California coast. Caught in thick fog, she had to abandon her try. Only two months later she tried again and succeeded, beating the men's record by 2 hours!

Louis Freeman, the first African-American chief airline pilot, tried to join the Air Force after graduating from college but failed the required test. Not used to failing, he took the test again and passed.

Walt Disney was fired by a newspaper editor because "he had no good ideas."

Charles Goodyear was sent to debtor's prison before he discovered the process that revolutionized the rubber industry.

John James Audubon, the renowned naturalist artist, was roundly criticized for frolicking in the woods instead of going to school. Later, he bankrupted the family business.

John F. Kennedy, Jr. had to take the New York bar exam three times before he passed.

Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak, founders of Apple Computer, tried to sell the rights to their personal computer to a Hewlett Packard executive, who told them, "We don't need you. You haven't got through college yet."

Michael Jordan didn't make the varsity basketball team as a sophomore in high school.

Abraham Lincoln started out as a captain at the beginning of the Blackhawk War. By the end of the war, he had been demoted to private.

Oprah Winfrey wasn't always the star that she is today. In her own words, "I only came to co-host a talk show because I had failed at news, and I was going to be fired."

So as you make your way through the upcoming holidays and begin to focus on the new year, take a moment to consider your future direction.

Success isn't always easy or guaranteed and failure isn't always the end — certainly this list should be evidence of that! Your future is what you make it!!

Happy Holidays to all of FHC—see you all next year!!!



On success...

"It doesn't matter who you are, where you come from. The ability to triumph begins with you. Always."

-Oprah Winfrey

DECEMBER was the 10th month in the Roman Calendar, "decem" is the Latin word for ten.



The FHC Outreach Mission:

"To create and share a passion for Fisheries and Habitat Conservation that unifies, engages, and inspires all our audiences."