

# MENTORING NEWSLETTER: SEPTEMBER

## FUN TEEN JOKES...SELECTED BY LOCAL TEEN R.K.B.

\* Did you hear that the governor's mansion in Alabama burned down? Pert' near took out the whole trailer park. The library was a total loss, too. Both books--poof!--up in flames and he hadn't even finished coloring one of them.

\* I'd like to help the homeless, but they're never home."

\* There was this guy and he had a girlfriend called Lorraine and he liked her a lot. One day he met a new girl. Her name was Clearly and she was absolutely gorgeous.

He became quite entranced with her and after a while it was obvious that she was interested in him too. But he was a loyal guy and he wouldn't do anything with Clearly while he was still going out with

Lorraine. He decided he had to break up with her first, then go out with the new girl. He planned several times to tell Lorraine but he couldn't bring himself to do it.

One day they went for a walk along the river bank and Lorraine slipped, fell into the river, and drowned. The guy stopped for a moment by the river and then ran off smiling and singing.....

**"I can see Clearly now, Lorraine has gone"**

\* When the officer says "Gee son...your eyes look red. Have you been drinking?" You probably shouldn't respond with "Gee officer your eyes look glazed. Have you been eating doughnuts?"



**A** Teen Girl's Prayer ----- Dear Lord: So far today, I am doing all right. I have not gossiped, lost my temper, been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish, or self indulgent. I have not whined, cursed, or eaten any chocolate. I have not charged on my parents' credit card.

However, I am going to get out of bed in a few minutes, and I will need a lot more help after that. **Amen.**

## SHARE WITH US..SUBMIT YOUR THOUGHTS FOR THE NEWSLETTER

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| 1. What did you do over the summer?             | survey at school and show your school's opinions on what you deem an important topic. | movie or an event you attended                                               |
| 2. What are your hopes for the new school year? |                                                                                       | 7. Submit your photographs or drawings                                       |
| 3. Finish the story from August's newsletter.   | 5. Write your own story or poem                                                       | 8. Request topics, articles, or things you would like to see or learn about. |
| 4. Do your own poll or                          | 6. Write a review of a                                                                |                                                                              |

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# HOW TEENS ARE!

From the thoughts of a local teenager who provides an interesting perspective!

This page is written by R.K. B.

## HOW TO GET ON THE GOOD SIDE OF YOUR

-Do not interrupt them when they're trying to prove you wrong. Listen to them speak first.

-Give them what they want most and stick to it.

-Never say no to some-

thing they've wanted for a while, like a car on their 16th birthday or like going to see a concert they've been dying to see. Be reasonable with them.

-DO NOT embarrass your teen in front of a friend or someone they

like or are dating!

### Why are teens so bitter?

Teens are usually bitter cause they never think of why the parents say no to most of their

wants. The teens never think of the outcome in most situations. Most teens are

"IMPULSIVE"!(as my mom would say)

And most teens think that when they don't get

their own way they think the parents don't love them, but obviously most parents do!



For more information go to <http://www.byparents-forparents.com>

For anything I didn't answer or help you with!

## why teens do what they do!

When it comes to pop culture, hit music, electronics, fashion trends, celebrity-doings, sex and partying. Most of you, American teenagers, are "ppsssttt" ... sizzlin' hot. But if the subject is say, American freedoms, world history or current events, many of you all are clueless. Come on. But many of you ask why

teens do what they do. There may be some answers. Scientific research may explain once and for all, why teenagers do the things they do. Why some of you make your parents and teachers crazy. Why many of you engage in risky behaviors, experiment with sex, drugs and alcohol, drive recklessly, develop frequent mood swings, disrespect authority, and seem

totally absorbed with yourselves.... Why teens do what they do! Your brains may be big, but scientists now say they are not fully developed. Guess what? They won't be "grown up" brains until you're close to 25 years old!

<http://abcnews.go.com/US/BreakingItDown/story?id=513871&page=1>



# HOW MANY WORDS CAN YOU FIND IN THE WORD B I C E N T E N N I A L

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## LIFE LAW 2: YOU CREATE YOUR OWN EXPERIENCE

What this means is that you are responsible for your own life, your own choices, the consequences (good or bad), your behavior and your reactions.

Learn to realize how much you are in control of and to make good choices that are the best for you. Hey, and no taking the easy way! The easy way is not always the

best way!

If you don't like how things are going in your life, try changing your behavior or how you react to things. Keep going with the new behavior, change takes time and it also may take time for people to really notice. Once that happens...things may be going much better.

With your mentor make a list of those things that are not going good in your life and brainstorm ways in which you can change your behavior to try and get a more satisfactory outcome to your life.

If you want something you will work hard for it...if you are not working hard for it...maybe it is not as important as you thought?



## LIFE LAW 2 CONTINUED:

- \* If you look and act like a wild-child or dumb-but, you will get treated as such.
- \* So what role or image are you putting forth now?
- \* Is that the role or image you really want?

Answer the following questions and review them with your mentor to determine

how you are and what changes you could make.

1. Stand in front of a mirror & study your clothes, hair, and posture. What do you think your appearance/style is saying to others? Are you getting the respect and responses you want from people? If not sure how to answer go to the mall

with your mentor. Sit & watch people and discuss what your first impressions are of the people you see.

2. Think about how you meet strangers. How do you speak to them? Now how do you think, they think you are?
3. How do you talk to your parents? Do you try and

rebel by fighting, remaining silent, being sarcastic, etc? Or, are you willing to listen and consider their side of the story? Can you debate and compromise in an adult fashion? Is what you are doing getting the results you want? How would you respond if they treated you as you treat them? How do you treat your friend? To you take or do you give and take?

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HAVE FUN...MAKE A  
DIFFERENCE...BE A MENTOR



**Here are some images from our  
group activity on the Minnie Ha  
Ha on August 12th, 2010.**

Again we thank Doreen Brown for donating our cruise tickets and to Domino's Pizza in Hudson Falls for the pizza.

Donations help our youth experience the local community.



## THINGS TO DO

- \* **September 10-11** The Annual Sandy Hill days. Hudson Falls. Carnival rides , live music ,craft show, food vendors and more 747-5426
- \* **Sept. 10-12th:** Adirondack Nationals Car Show at Fort William Henry in Lake George
- \* **Sept. 11-12th:** The Cheese Tour. Annual drive-yourself tour to artisan's cheese-makers's facilities throughout Washington County. Free 10am-4pm [www.washingtoncountycheese.org](http://www.washingtoncountycheese.org) for a map.
- \* **Sept . 17** Student Talent show finals. Little Theater on the Farm, Plum Road, Fort Edward. \$4, 7pm
- \* **Sept 23rd– 26th:** Annual Hot Air Ballon Festival at the Floyd Bennett Airport, Queensbury .4 day event featuring 100's of balloons.
- \* **Sept 26th:** Slate Valley Museum 's 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary Granville.
- \* **Sept 25th –26th:** Lakeside Craft Festival. Beach Rd, Lake George Village
- \* **Sept. 25th:** Downtown Harvest Festival. Downtown Greenwich. Free about 10am-4pm
- \* **Sept. 25-26th:** Southern Adirondack Fiber Festival at Wash. County Fair grounds, 10am-5pm