

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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It is interesting to witness how we, as humans, measure the major milestones of life success, failure and change — by the major and minor events in our lives, the happy and catastrophic events — all measured through the prism within blocks of time...

Since the pandemic arrived at our shores, every aspect of our lives has been measured (almost literally) by the opening lines of Charles Dickens 1859 historical novel — A Tale of Two Cities - “It was the best of times, it was the worst of times”.

With all that has happened since the pandemic's arrival, one's head begins and continues to spin, as we try to fully process where we've been pre-pandemic, to where we are now — post pandemic. That is to say, in EVERY aspect of our lives.

For our own safety, we were forced to revert inward, into our own individual and familial shells — just for survival. What a milestone!

For our own sanity, we were forced to deal with how to survive in that “New World”, with literally no guideposts to help us along the way. What a milestone!

We now begin to emerge from our collective shells, rubbing our eyes, and looking at our surroundings wondering what the hell happened. What a milestone!

It is just as if we are all living in and emerging from an episode of Rod Serling's 50's and 60's popular and classic television series — The Twilight Zone.

To coin one of Mr. Serling's most famous opening lines to The Twilight Show series — “...there's a(nother) signpost up ahead... (a milestone!) ... we need to overcome and survive.

Our November Date with History is quickly approaching.... Our date to VOTE!

It cannot be stressed enough how consequential our Date with History is this November!

I am not here to tell you how to vote. For that is your decision — and yours alone - to make living in this current and Historic Experiment known as Democracy.

But I am here to encourage you to exercise your Right To VOTE, and highly recommend that you express the direction that this Democracy should take through your Right To VOTE!

Think about it... The stakes could not be higher... The sign post up ahead reads MILESTONE!

VOTE!

With Fervent Prayer... May God Bless Our Troops around the world, and May God Bless the United States of America...



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Let your life shine as an example!

WREN'S WESTERN OUTPUT

By Annette Wren, FCSI

My end of the year mantra is the same. **Let your life shine as an example!**

One of our September OCCCSI speakers knowingly told me, "These are uncertain times." No kidding! It seems that extraordinary events happen everyday. This is indeed a time for good examples to step up!

Let your life shine as an example!

A menacing example of creating "uncertain times" is a gift and a curse in our lives, social media. This is especially traumatizing for young people. They have enough challenges negotiating how to be human. Young people are especially sensitive to the opinions of others. Influencers and celebrities project a mixture of positive and negative messages. In addition, EVERYBODY has an opinion about EVERYTHING that they can disperse instantaneously on the Internet. Young people are put on edge. Social media creates overwhelm. Good examples of humanity need to be front and center for everyone to deflect that negativity!

Let your life shine as an example!

My true belief is that the solution to positive empowerment for young people is good parenting. Parents are the MOST important humans on this Earth! Parenting is not easy.

It is extremely difficult to guide a family through many obstacles. All you need to do is look at the "way the wind is blowing" in the world to see obstacles. Parents have challenges managing their households and all the humans within. The outside world has positive and negative influences. Parents need to control the narrative that influences their families. Parents always need to let their positive lives shine.



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Let your life shine as an example!

An example of positive parenting exists in my new state. Although I had been in Texas for my career many times, I did not realize how southern it was. Many parents bring their children up with southern manners. I am addressed by children as Ms Annette. (Dale Catt is Miss Dale!) I was surprised that my 8 year old nephew in Austin was experiencing the Cotillion. He learned manners and how to treat a lady at social events like dances. He is learning this in school with his parents reinforcing this behavior at home. Parents are letting their lives shine!

Let your life shine as an example!



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BUCH NOTES

By Ed Buch, FCSI, CCS, AIA, LEED AP

Our topic for our April 2, 2025 trade show is Monuments.

Stop and think for a minute about the last time you stopped and took note of a public monument, statue, or memorial. (Can anyone even name a monument in Los Angeles?) Unless you've been to Washington, DC lately, I'm guessing it's been a while since you've even thought about them. Judith Dupre's new book, "MONUMENTS, America's History in Art and Memory", aims to help us see monuments in a new light, to understand how they came to be in the first place, to understand their purposes and importance, and to see how their designs have evolved through history.

Where does one start in the design of a monument? There's no space program to look to for a design direction, there isn't a user group whose functional needs have to be addressed, and sometimes even the budget is undefined at the start. On the other hand the site is usually a given and the person or event being commemorated is known. But, unless it's a straight forward representational "statue", it's the designer's difficult task to determine the appropriate symbolism and then create the physical expression necessary for the monument to be successful. This complexity may explain why some recent monuments have endured so much controversy.

Dupre takes us through the evolution of monuments, from the ancient pyramids and obelisks to the more familiar bronze statues of the late 19th Century, to the Lincoln Monument and the Jefferson Memorial of the 20th Century, to the more recent Vietnam Veterans Memorial, and the Oklahoma City National Memorial. Most of our famous American monuments and memorials are included. Along the way other national historic sites are presented even though these aren't strictly "monuments" in the conventional sense. In each instance she describes how the monument originated, the important features of the monument and how the monument has been used over its lifetime. Monuments have little in common with one another except they attempt to incorporate a timeless design motif and are made of permanent materials. Recent monuments have struggled with tension between representational and abstract design.

In monuments of the late 20th century and today, Dupree describes the almost impossible environments of conflicting emotions

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note: This article is actually timely!

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Tyler Lowe & Edward Thome
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