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Integrity

Bobby James, the golfing legend, lost the U.S. Open in 1925 by one stroke. He's not the first golfer to lose a major tournament by one stroke, but the way in which he lost it is memorable.

He penalized himself one stroke for accidentally moving his ball a fraction of an inch. No one else saw him do it. He certainly didn't have to admit it. But he did and lost one of the world's most prestigious golf tournaments and a large amount of cash – at least for the time.

When other people commended him for his integrity, Jones replied, "There's only one way to play the game of golf. You might as well praise a man for not robbing a bank."

Character

- **Character is what you do when you think nobody is watching you.**
- **Character is how you treat people who can do absolutely nothing for you.**
- **Character is how you behave during the petty aggravations of everyday life.**
- **Character is how you react when the pressure is on.**
- **Character is deciding beforehand that you're going to do the right thing.**

Every choice you make is a building block of your life. Every act, every word, every decision becomes a part of you. The way you see and respond to the world you live in is the result of the choices you have made. In a sense, not only do your choices make you who you are but they, in effect, make your world, because the world that you see is the world you live in.

Welcome to 2006 ~ A New Year and a new opportunity to develop character & integrity!

Each Month a Different Simonson Employee is Featured

Spotlight on Carolyn Schommer



Carolyn Schommer

Carolyn is a drafter for The Design Team. She has worked there approximately a year and a half. Cari's parents live in Pierz. She has 2 brothers, 3 step-brothers, and numerous nephews. She is planning to get married in June. In her leisure time, Cari enjoys quilting, watching the Twins & the Wild. When we asked her if she had any pets, she said, "an adoptive puppy, Ellie, who belongs to my roommate." She says she likes working at the Design Team because of the great people and the flexibility. She also likes all the vacation time! Cari tells us that she is living her dream. She has wanted to be a drafter since she was 10 years old!

A favorite childhood memory is playing cards at her Grandpa & Grandma's house on Sunday afternoons. Cari's mother gave her the best advice she has ever received. It was to make yourself happy first as you can't be responsible for everyone else's happiness. Cari says that her pet peeve is when someone says they will do something and then they don't follow through and do it. A precious possession of Cari's is a "Hope" Chest her grandfather gave her before he died. He knew he wouldn't be around for her wedding so he gave it to her early. She would never consider parting with it.

We asked Cari if there was somewhere she would like to travel if time and money were no object. She said she would like to visit Paris France and see the Eiffel Tower. She would take her husband-to-be, Dave, with her. "After all," she says, "it is the city of romance!"

EMAIL ETIQUETTE TIPS

1. Be concise and to the point
2. Answer all questions
3. Use proper spelling, grammar and punctuation
4. Make it personal
5. Use templates for frequently used responses
6. Do not attach unnecessary files
7. Do not overuse the high priority option
8. Don't use all CAPITALS or lower case letters.
9. Don't leave out the message thread
10. Read your email before you send it.
11. Do not overuse "Reply to All"
12. Be careful with abbreviations
13. Take care with formatting
14. Be careful with rich text and HTML messages
15. Do not ask to recall a message
16. Do not copy a message/attachment without permission.
17. Use active instead of passive tense.
18. Avoid using "URGENT" & "IMPORTANT"
19. Don't send emails containing defamatory, offensive, racist, sexist or obscene remarks.
20. Make sure your language is gender neutral



"Friendly Football" Standings

Congratulations to Brandon VanDriel for having a perfect score of 136 and winning our contest for Week #13! (Denise Wilkens missed it by 1 point.)
Week #14's winner was Willem Koopman & Week #15 was won by Larry Hanson.
Congratulations to them all!



CELEBRATING A SIMONSON ANNIVERSARY

John Dressen 2 yrs, Mark Buchite 4 yrs,
Jim Simon 4 yrs, Sarah Goodrow 7 yrs,
Jody Hess 8 yrs, Jim Tower 8 yrs,
Dave Schreder 21 yrs,
and Bob Rogers 44 yrs.



News from the Yards

Crosslake reports that Paul Nylin spent 2 weeks over the holidays in Texas with his family again this year.

Lynn Geyen (Properties) spent a wonderful week before Christmas with her family in Mexico at her brother's condo.

Congratulations to Bob & Cyndy Miller who became the parents of a beautiful baby daughter on December 16th. Morgan Miller weighed 6 lbs.7 oz .and was 18 1/2" long at birth. Big brothers, Bradley & Nathan will enjoy a little sister.

Heidi Eckerman reports that her son, Chris, flew in from his home in Florida to spend the holidays with her and the family. She was excited to have him home.

The Design Team had their Christmas Party at Mulligans in Sartell. They enjoyed a prime rib & seafood buffet and then were entertained by 2 really funny comedians. Jane says that everyone had a very good time.

On Thursday, December 22nd, 6 employees from the Brainerd yard gave of their time and took turns ringing the bells for the Salvation Army. Jim Tower, Trevor Ebinger, Brian Knettel, Denise Wilkins, Scott Kneeland & Rob Meinenger manned the kettle and raised quite a bit of money for this wonderful charity.

Keep It Up!

An acquaintance seated next to R.J. Wigley on a flight to Chicago asked the multimillionaire why he continued to advertise his chewing gum when it was already far and away the most successful product in its field.

Wigley replied, "For the same reason that the pilot keeps this plane's engines running even though we're already in the air."



HAPPY BIRRRRTHDAY

Carol Niezgocki 1/02,	Larry Leger 1/05,
Cory Broich 1/06,	Cory Guck 1/06,
Wayne Hartwig 1/06,	Ed Thorson Jr 1/06,
Leighton Brown 1/09,	Lynn Geyen 1/09,
Lori Vance 1/10,	Tony Lambutis 1/14,
Chet Disselbrett 1/14,	Dirk Hagedon 1/16,
Mark Ohman 1/18,	Kenny Scheiller 1/20,
Wendi Romine 1/21,	Mark Buchite 1/24,
Keith Anderson 1/25,	Dan Hemminger 1/26
Rick Hunt 1/29,	Alan Christenson 1/31

There comes a moment when, if you really want to get somewhere, you have to stop revving up the car and shove it into gear.



The Kindergarten Class went on a field trip to the local police station, where a patrolman showed them around. Stopping in front of a "Ten Most Wanted" poster, he explained how citizens often help bring about arrests.

"Are those pictures of the bad guys?" a little boy asked.

The officer soberly nodded and sadly replied that they were.

"Well," said the child, "why didn't you hold onto them after you took their pictures?"