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PRINCIPLES OF THE CLINT FOUNDATION

- *Help those who help themselves*
- *Make a moral commitment to give back in the future*
- *Realize the importance of working for something*
- *Appreciate and respect the value of all work*
- *Recognize that future success depends on the efforts of others at all levels*



"He plants a tree to benefit another generation."

Caecilium Statium 220-168 B.C.
Quoted by Cicero
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From the Board of Trustees ~

During a recent driving trip from Oregon to Florida, we had an opportunity to appreciate the grandeur of our magnificent country. We stopped along the way to visit historic spots that were significant in our history. The courage and determination of the participants in the Lewis and Clark expedition along with the accomplishment of the early settlers moving west became very real to us. We followed the path of the transcontinental railroad and marveled at the engineering feat that was accomplished with the help of modern machines and technology.

Arriving in Virginia, we visited Jamestown and Williamsburg to reacquaint ourselves with the struggles our early pioneers experienced in settling the land. From disease and harsh weather to working with the Indians, they prevailed against adversity that few of us will ever experience. We visited battlefields of both the Revolutionary War and the Civil War and were appalled at the loss of life and the extreme hardship both of these wars inflicted on our nation. Through the good fortune of strong leadership and a determined people, our nation survived. Our history is not perfect since it has been marked with obvious mistakes notably our treatment of the American Indians, the acceptance of slavery for a period, and the incarceration of Americans of Japanese descent during the start of World War II. In spite of these injustices that we have attempted to rectify in recent years, we have kept our eye on the ball and tried to provide liberty and justice for all.

As we moved into Norfolk, Virginia, and down to Charleston, South Carolina, we rekindled memories of events in our lifetime as we visited the Battleship Wisconsin and the Yorktown aircraft carrier. We were reminded of the sacrifice that many made during World War II and all following wars. Our armed forces in each case demonstrated the same courage and belief in our country and its values.

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After 9-11 and the war in Iraq, we are being tested again. New technology has made warfare so efficient that it enables the strong to quickly destroy the weak. This is far different from the other wars we have fought in our history. The big challenge now is what we do after the war is won.

With such awesome power we are grudgingly respected for our military might but are often not respected for our values and democratic methods of government. A large part of this problem is that we and many of the people in the world do not understand each other's values. Many have lived in controlled situations with limited education and very little information about other systems of government.

Terrorism, if left unchecked, can destroy the values we have worked so hard to defend. It is an attempt to lash out at a strong power without a plan to rebuild after that power is destroyed. This is a policy of desperation without hope.

In recent years communication, transportation and an informed free press have made great strides. This may be where the ultimate solution lies. The challenge is to assist in the education of the liberated people to enable them to govern themselves. Our system is not perfect and should not be imposed on others. We should encourage a system that allows educated people in the country to select their leaders and also allows for this leadership to be peacefully replaced if it does not have the support of the people.

Education appears to be the only way we can all contribute to achieving a peaceful world at home and abroad. This effort should start at the bottom with young children. Each of us has individual abilities that can be channeled into coaching, mentoring, tutoring or many other support activities. Each of these on its own may seem insignificant but collectively they can make a large difference. Government programs are important and should be supported but we should look beyond this and make a personal effort to do this on our own. If each of us touches one other life, the results can be significant.

How I Gave Back . . . The following letter was received by the Foundation:

Dear Clint Foundation:

I recently received a letter asking for my commitment to "give back", due to the generous award of the Clint Foundation Grant to fund my summer internship. I wanted to let you know that I wholeheartedly support his principle and will continue to do so. I'm spending my summer working at an organization designed to end homelessness, and I plan to continue volunteering at homeless shelters, tutoring at underprivileged schools and helping run a Halloween carnival for underprivileged youth. I also hope to start tutoring employees at my University and helping strengthen their English skills. I also would like to broaden my scope of giving back so I would be very interested in learning about methods other grantees have used.

Thank you for the chance to reflect upon my commitment.

Sincerely, Sejal Shah



COFFEE AND WINE UPDATE



Vista Hills Vineyards and Vista Hills Coffee continue to make progress. The 2002 crop for Kona coffee was 35,000 pounds of cherry which equates to approximately 6,000 pounds of roasted bean. We are working with Greenwell Farms (www.greenwellfarms.com) to market the coffee. They have placed an emphasis on "Espresso Roast" to differentiate this coffee from their other products.

In Oregon the summer has been warm and sunny. The crop this year is estimated to be over 4 tons of Pinot Gris grapes and over 13 tons of Pinot Noir grapes. The Pinot Gris has excellent promise since the 2001 and 2002 vintages were excellent. The Pinot Noir also has great promise but will not be available for sale immediately since it will be aged in barrels for at least one year. In the interim we will have a limited supply of a blended wine using our grapes.

Recent economic conditions have had an impact on all of us including the Clint Foundation. We have decided to concentrate on meeting our commitment to the colleges with the program in place. This year the Foundation has funded \$65,000 to these colleges, which they supplemented with \$195,000, providing \$260,000 in matching funds for working students. Our program has assisted over 200 students this year. All recipients recognize that by accepting this grant they make a moral commitment to give back in the future. As economic conditions improve, we will continue to explore opportunities to add new colleges.

We welcome financial help from those who support our goals. The Foundation contributions can be made by direct contribution to the Clint Foundation at PMB 252, Atlantic Beach, Florida, 32233, or through purchase of Vista Hills wine or coffee, which contributes a percentage of the profits to the Foundation. Information on this can be requested by emailing to clintenterprises@aol.com and asking for current prices and availability.

CLINT NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE REVISED

The Clint Foundation Newsletter will now be published twice a year, April and October. It is hoped that this schedule will more closely conform to the academic calendar.

As always, articles and comments from our readers are welcome. Please let us hear from you at the address on the back page of the newsletter.

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