

Parenting Concern Doesn't End With Workshop

Travelers Frustration

Has this ever happened to you when you make arrangements with one of our airlines well in advance for a trip? They book you on flight number 718, departure time 8:53 a.m., and they advise you to be there at least 45 minutes to an hour early to confirm the flight. So you rush over to the airport with plenty of time to spare, have your ticket and bags checked, and rush down the concourse to Gate No. 41 which is just a short way from the front lobby.

You go through the check-point, get your seat assignment, get seated with about 20 minutes before take off, and as you sit there each minute seems like ten. Finally 8:53 a.m. arrives and over the intercom you hear a voice; "This is your Captain Jones speaking. We were to depart at 8:53 a.m. but due to a slight technicality there will be a short delay. But we will take-off just as soon as it has been corrected.

We here we are again, sitting in the plane for another half an hour. Finally the "fasten your seat belt" sign comes on. "This is your Captain, we are ready for take off." Ah! at last we are underway.

Here is another incident that usually occurs is that you have a flight to catch and you're a little behind schedule and racing against time and arrive at the airport parking lot and can't find a parking space. You look at your watch. Time is running short - finally you find a space, jump on the shuttle bus, hurry down to the ticket counter, get there and there is a long line which seems forever to move.

Finally you get your ticket validated. You have just a few minutes to board and your plane is at gate no. 61, which is at the far end of the blue concourse. You rush through the checkpoint, and just make it in time. But then you take off and fly for about 20 minutes and land, sit in the airport for about 45 minutes, finally take off again, fly for another 20 minutes and land. There is nothing more frustrating than a flight like this.

Here is something else. You make reservations for a round trip and leave at 7:56 a.m. on flight 280 and your return flight leaves at 8:32 p.m. the next day. And for one reason or another your meeting adjourns at 12:00 noon and have all that time to wait so you check on an earlier flight, and find one that leaves at 4:33, so you call the ticket agent so he cancels your later flight, books you on an earlier flight and you have just an hour to get to the airport, get in line, finally get to the ticket window only to find that this flight is in no existence so you rush back to your original flight and try to get back on there, and they say we will have to put you on the standby list.

With humor and warmth, Dr. Mike Giammatteo showed over fifty parents and kids how to view themselves more positively and communicate with one another more effectively at a recent two-day workshop entitled "Breaking the Chains that Bind."

And with concern and commitment, twenty-one people from the group have chosen to experience more intensively the psychologist's liberating approach to parenting.

By sponsoring three days of follow-up training this summer through COCC these individuals will ensure that the glow Giammatteo created June 16-17 at the Warm Springs Community Center won't fade. Instead they hope to spark an even broader interest in breaking destructive patterns of parenting.

Through encouraging workshop participants to open up and talk among themselves, Giammatteo demonstrated the power of a good family experience.

"You can grow up in wealth," said the psychologist at the outset, "but if your mother doesn't hug you and your father doesn't have time to play with you, you're poor."

One tool offered to families was an "agenda of love" for the next few months. Giammatteo suggested that family members sit down and talk with one another about their "ideal days" and plans for the future, discussing what obstacles stand in the way of achieving those ideals.

By helping each other to remove some of these obstacles, family members can give one another "the gift of an ideal day."

Exercises in facing up to one's own fears, strengths and values and then communicating them to another person found family members and strangers tentatively breaking down barriers.

Growing up as an individual within a family and in the circle of an intact culture is not easy for a child, explained Giammatteo. Making parents sensitive to the difficulties of growing up and letting children be aware of their choices, Giammatteo showed that the family still has a central role in shaping and preparing a child for adulthood.

Participants in the workshop seemed to respond to the cultural context within which Giammatteo presented his ideas. Having grown up in a tight Italian community, Giammatteo empathizes with some of the cultural concerns of Warm Springs people.

"When people don't have a culture from which to grow, they never have a name or a location," he said, while warning, "If a culture pulls in too much, it loses its pride and its youth."

Giammatteo offered a "Declaration of Interdependence" which can smooth relations within a family or a culture or between cultures:

1. I may be wrong.
2. You may be right.
3. Understanding is more important than agreement.
4. There is a line of trust that links us.

People at the workshop

began to break some of the chains that kept them from expressing themselves and their culture in the growth process. Whether in talking or touching, a lot of people felt a bit more free when they left.

The individuals who have committed themselves to more training intend to encourage the freedom born there, guiding it from the individual to the family and out into the unique culture of the reservation.



Dr. Mike Giammatteo's intimate style broke down some barriers to communication at a recent workshop on positive parenting entitled "Breaking The Chains That Bend." The psy-

chologist had a private talk with Rusty Bagley while people of all ages confronted their own and each other's feelings and values. CDS Photo

Winds Fan Mill Fire

A smokey haze blanketed Warm Springs and a crimson glow could be observed for miles as the Warm Springs Volunteer Fire Department and mill crews battled a three-hour blaze at WSFPI Tuesday evening, June 28.

The alarm was sounded at 8:03 p.m. after sparks from a burn pile reportedly ignited bundled scrap-wood material near the dry shed causing an estimated \$3,000 damage.

When the fire department arrived, the blaze was well underway engulfing all the bundled material and a power utility pole.

A brisk westerly wind and nasty gusts whipped the flames while flying sparks and heat created a potential threat to the dry shed where lumber is stored.

Pacific Power & Light was called to the scene to cut the power because of the danger the hot lines on the burning pole posed to firemen and the mill. Fortunately, the 480 volt power lines involved supplied electricity to just the powerhouse and didn't affect nearby homes.

Though the wind was blowing toward the Deschutes River, gusts often swirled the flames and smoke in the direction of the dry shed threatening the lumber storage area which kept the firefighters on their toes.

After the power was cut, the main objective was to keep things cooled off and let the fire burn itself out, according to Fire Chief Jack Fiala.

Shortly after 11:00 p.m., the Warm Springs Fire Department had the situation under

control and left the mill fire-watch crew on standby for the remainder of the night.



Flames leapt skyward as a stiff wind fanned burning scrap material and a utility pole during a three-hour blaze at WSFPI, June 28. A nearby lumber storage area was threatened, but fire crews managed to contain the stubborn little stinker.

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