

# Character Council of Indiana

Our character focus for the month of *JULY* is

## ***JYFULNESS vs. SELF-PITY***

“Maintaining a good attitude, even when faced with unpleasant circumstances”

### ***How joyful are you?***

1. Are you able to remain positive even when situations are not ideal or things are not going according to plan?
2. Do you speak as kindly to family members as you do prospective clients?
3. Do you find ways to positively solve family problems?
4. Do you greet people with a cheerful smile?
5. Do you put your whole heart into the jobs you are given to do?
6. Do you have a sense of purpose in your life that motivates you?
7. Do you enjoy going to work on Monday mornings?
8. Do you allow your emotions to rule your thoughts, words, and actions?
9. Do you give in to discouragement?
10. Do you look for the good in other people?

### ***Does happiness equal joyfulness?***

Can money buy happiness? The message that marketers give us is that money can purchase things that will make you happy. If this is true, why is it that so often wealthy people are dissatisfied and disillusioned with the lack of happiness in their life that they thought wealth would bring them?

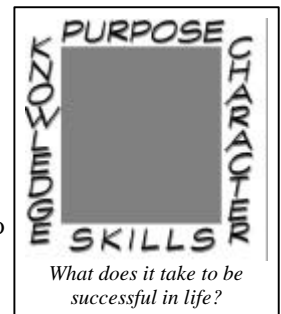
An important distinction should be made between *joyfulness* and *happiness*. Happiness is an emotion. It results when my external circumstance are in harmony with my internal desires. Joyfulness is a character quality. It is an attitude I choose. Joyfulness is not manufactured excitement. Joyfulness is the fulfillment that comes from having a life purpose that is not affected by circumstances.

### ***Character vs. Emotion***

An emotion is a feeling caused by thoughts, words, circumstances or experiences. Character is the basis for a person’s decision-making. It is by character that a person determines what his or her thoughts, words or actions will be. The character quality of *joyfulness* contributes toward the feeling of happiness. A happy experience may still leave a person’s life empty and lacking joy.

### ***What does it take to be successful in life?***

Can success in life be guaranteed by a great education or mastery of skills? Not necessarily. Success in life requires more than knowledge or skills; it also requires character and purpose. The four-sided square illustrates this concept. If any side of the square is missing, it reduces the level of success a person could have. For example a person with tremendous knowledge on a subject will not be as successful if they lack people skills or technical skills related to their profession. A person with a PhD who is an eloquent speaker but lacks character and cannot be trusted will have diminished success in their career. The level of success would be further reduced for a person with outstanding knowledge, skills and character who lacks direction that comes from a person having a clear life purpose.



### ***Life Purpose***

Life must have a purpose bigger than “pleasure-hopping.” In order for us to be fulfilled in life, something inside us needs a sense of significance. Without this, life becomes empty, and can become an endless search for lasting joy. Know what your purpose in life is. Only then will you know what cause you can advance in times of difficulty, thereby maintaining your joy.

### ***Upcoming events:***

- ≪≪ Wednesday, July 11<sup>th</sup>
- ≪≪ Tuesday, July 17<sup>th</sup>
- ≪≪ Thursday, July 19<sup>th</sup>
- ≪≪ Tuesday, July 31<sup>st</sup>
  
- ≪≪ August 2<sup>nd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>

**Character Champions**, 10:30 – 1:30 (See flyer attached)

Character Leadership Breakfast, 7:00 – 8:00

**CHARACTER FIRST!** Corporate Training, 9:00 – 4:00

Terre Haute, Character Leadership Breakfast, 7:00 – 8:00  
(For more information, call Marsha at 812-235-8101)

**CHARACTER FIRST!** Educators Training, 8:30 – 4:00

**This month’s breakfast sponsored by**



**Kemper Technology Consulting**

Events are held at the Indianapolis Training Center, 2820 N. Meridian unless otherwise noted. For more information about any of these events, please call our Indianapolis office at (317) 543-4870 or e-mail us at [info@charactercouncil.org](mailto:info@charactercouncil.org)



**Summer Quarter Meeting**

Wednesday, July 11th  
10:30AM to 1:30PM

Indianapolis Training Center  
2820 North Meridian

brought to you by the **Character Council**

CCI has developed a number of leadership presentations for companies who have implemented character initiatives and are looking for additional character related training. Because many companies have requested this type of training for their leadership teams, CCI is moving forward with the development of quarterly "Character Champions" meetings. "Character Champions" are the leadership in your organization responsible for implementing the character initiative within the organization.

**Summer Quarter Topic: Practical Ways to Maintain a Motivated Workforce**

10:30 - Introduction

10:45 - The Character Imperative

11:15 - Keys to a Motivated Workforce

12:30 - Lunch

12:45 - Meeting the Personal Needs of Your Employees

Jack Frisby

Linda Carmody

Steve Becker

Ray Hilbert

**Character Champions** Meeting (Price includes training, materials, and lunch).....\$50

**Registration Information**

Name 1

Name 2

Name 3 (Please print additional names on back)

Organization

Address

City State Zip

Phone

E-mail or Fax

**Summer Quarter Speaker Bios**

**Linda Carmody, President/CEO, Central IN BBB**

Linda began her career with the Bureau in 1978 and served in many positions previous to becoming President in 1993. She is a frequent speaker to schools, businesses, and civic groups on many topics including customer service, honesty in advertising, and ethics in business. Linda writes columns for several Indiana publications and is featured on many radio and TV broadcasts.



**Steve Becker, President, Character Council**

In February of 2000, Mr. Becker founded the Character Council with the vision of strengthening families by building character in businesses, schools, and the community. Prior to retiring in 1998 following the company sale, Mr. Becker was a partner in Airtron, Inc., a national contractor, with divisions located in Florida, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Ohio and Texas.



**Ray Hilbert, President, The Legacy Group, Inc.**

The Legacy Group works with companies and organizations in meeting leadership and employees' personal and professional needs. Legacy specializes in bringing a holistic approach to impacting the bottom line. Ray will be speaking on Legacy's Corporate Chaplains program designed as an Employee Assistance Program for crisis prevention and recovery issues.

