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At a Glance:

Next Meeting:

April 16, 2009

Carlyle's Grill

3660 Jackson Rd

Ann Arbor, MI

(West of Wagner Rd, at Quality Cinemas)

Pre-Dinner Meeting: 3:30pm, \$12

Speaker: See Column on the right

Topic:

After-Dinner Meeting: 7:30pm, \$25

(includes both meetings and Dinner)

Speaker: See Column on the right

Topic:

Carlyle's Menu

Steak Salad served with soup

Rotisserie Herb Chicken & Carlyle salad

Wild Mushroom Ravioli & Carlyle salad

½ Rack of Ribs & Carlyle Salad

Jumbo Lump Crab Cakes & Carlyle Salad

Whitefish & Carlyle Salad

Steak Wrap served with Soup

Steak Pizza with a Carlyle Salad

***Dessert may be substituted for soup or salad*

RSVP TODAY! Make your reservation today with Mary Cortese at mfcgram@yahoo.com or call her at (734)-434-6218

Join us April 16th!

Notice The April dinner meeting will be a special "double CPE" session, from 3:30pm to 9pm, with 4 CPEs.

We have a variety of speakers and topics scheduled in 45 minute sessions to keep the meeting informative and lively.

At 3:30: Dr. Hagan, Gift of Life Michigan: "Quality Improvement as related to Finance."

4:15 Stephen Dillon of Manpower: "Strategies for Success"

5:00 Robert Half Int'l: "30 Common Mistakes Managers Make"

6:00 Robert Half Int'l: "Managing in a Recession"

6:45 Dinner

7:30 Amy Bergman, MasterMind Consulting Network, Inc
"Considering a Career in Consulting"

8:15 Clarke Macy, AT&T: "Flowcharting your Processes"

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The Top 30 Innovations of the Last 30 Years

March 3, Montvale, N.J. Michael Castelluccio Technology Editor

With help from a panel of judges from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania, National Public Radio announced its list of the top 30 innovations of the last 30 years.

There's a lot of room for discussion about the order of these developments, but it's hard to argue with the impact of each. Kevin Werbach, professor of Legal Studies and Business Ethics at Wharton was asked whether there was any underlying theme in this widely varied list. He explained, "One thing that ties them together is that they are all innovations that are platforms for new innovations. Take the Internet or e-mail or even things like the human genome project. It's not just the innovation itself. It's the new kinds of industries and content and applications and so forth that get grown on top of that original innovation that allows it to be magnified in its importance."

So here's what NPR and the Wharton School came up with as the most significant in science and tech for the last three decades:

30. Antiretroviral treatment for AIDS

29. SRAM/Flash Memory

Static Random Access Memory is used in appliances, automobile circuitry, toys, and computers.

28. Stents

Coronary as well as other medical uses to prevent flow constriction.

27. ATMs

26. Barcodes and Scanners

25. Biofuels

24. Genetically Modified Plants

23. RFID and Applications

Radio-frequency identification, which uses flat tags with integrated circuits and antennae that send a small packet of identifying information about the product or whatever it's affixed to. A separate reader picks up the signal remotely. Used for everything from supply chain management to owner-identification of pets.

22. Digital Photography/Videography

21. Graphical User Interface (GUI)

A big step up from text-based user interfaces, GUIs allow direct manipulation of elements and are a standard on computers, MP3 players, cell phones, and most digital interfaces.

20. Social Networking via the Internet

MySpace, Facebook, Nexopia, Orkut, Twitter, and so on.

19. Large-scale Wind Turbines

18. Photovoltaic Solar Energy

17. Microfinance

The extension of microcredit in the form of very small loans to the poor. Founded by Nobel Laureate Muhammad Yunus of the Grameen Bank in Bangladesh.

16. Media File Compression

Paved the way for the digital photography revolution. JPEGs and MPEGs shrink photo and video files to manageable sizes.

Want to know the rest of the top 30? Bring your guesses to the April dinner meeting. Whoever guesses the greatest number of the top 15 will win "100 Grand."

Will you give this to my Daddy?

Last week I was in Atlanta, Georgia attending a conference. While I was in the airport, returning home, I heard several people behind me beginning to clap and cheer. I immediately turned around and witnessed one of the greatest acts of patriotism I have ever seen.

Moving through the terminal was a group of soldiers in their camos.. As they began heading to their gate, everyone (well almost everyone) was abruptly to their feet with their hands waving and cheering. When I saw the soldiers, probably 30-40 of them, being applauded and cheered for, it hit me. I'm not alone. I'm not the only red-blooded American who still loves this country and supports our troops and their families. Of course I immediately stopped and began clapping for these young unsung heroes who are putting their lives on the line everyday for us so we can go to school, work and home without fear or reprisal.

Just when I thought I could not be more proud of my country or of our service men and women, a young girl, not more than 6 or 7 years old, ran up to one of the male soldiers. He kneeled down and said 'hi.' The little girl then asked him if he would give something to her daddy for her. The young soldier, who didn't look any older than maybe 22 himself, said he would try and what did she want to give to her Daddy. Then suddenly the little girl grabbed the neck of this soldier, gave him the biggest hug she could muster and then kissed him on the cheek.

The mother of the little girl, who said her daughter's name was Courtney, told the young soldier that her husband was a Marine and had been in Iraq for 11 months now. As the mom was explaining how much her daughter Courtney missed her father, the young soldier began to tear up... When this temporarily single mom was done explaining her situation, all of the soldiers huddled together for a brief second. Then one of the other servicemen pulled out a military-looking walkie-talkie. They started playing with the device and talking back and forth on it.

After about 10-15 seconds of this, the young soldier walked back over to Courtney, bent down and said this to her, 'I spoke to your daddy and he told me to give this to you.' He then hugged this little girl that he had just met and gave her a kiss on the cheek. He finished by saying 'your daddy told me to tell you that he loves you more than anything and he is coming home very soon.'

The mom at this point was crying almost uncontrollably and as the young soldier stood to his feet, he saluted Courtney and her mom. I was standing no more than 6 feet away from this entire event. As the soldiers began to leave, heading towards their gate, people resumed their applause. As I stood there applauding and looked around, there were very few dry eyes, including my own. That young soldier in one last act of selflessness, turned around and blew a kiss to Courtney with a tear rolling down his cheek.

We need to remember everyday all of our soldiers and their families and thank God for them and their sacrifices. At the end of the day, it's good to be an American.

RED FRIDAYS ----- Very soon, you will see a great many people wearing Red every Friday. The reason? Americans who support our troops used to be called the 'silent majority'. We are no longer silent, and are voicing our love for God, country and home in record breaking numbers. We are not organized, boisterous or over-bearing. We get no liberal media coverage on TV, to reflect our message or our opinions. Many Americans, like you, me, and all our friends, simply want to recognize that the vast majority of Americans supports our troops. Our idea of showing solidarity and support for our troops with dignity and respect starts this Friday -and continues each and every Friday until the troops all come home, sending a deafening message that.. Every red-blooded American who supports our men and women afar will wear something red.

By word of mouth, press, TV -- let's make the United States on every Friday a sea of red much like a homecoming football game in the bleachers. If every one of us who loves this country will share this with acquaintances, co-workers, friends, and family. It will not be long before the USA is covered in RED and it will let our troops know the once 'silent' majority is on their side more than ever; certainly more than the media lets on. The first thing a soldier says when asked 'What can we do to make things better for you?' is...We need your support and your prayers.

Let's get the word out and lead with class and dignity, by example; and wear something red every Friday

- submitted by Mary Cortese



2008-2009 Student Scholarship Winners

Eastern Michigan University
students **Nicholas Pilon** and
George Lesko with Chapter
President Bill Ebright
(center).

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