

Credo

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i have maintained a written Journal since the 1970's.

Those lines are a miso-mash of moments seemingly relevant when I sat to write using the Palmer Method.

The following CREDO has preceded each Journal.

It has acted as a guide in every day activities

and in the recording whatever seemed

worth noting to me that moment.

And this reminder, I have been privileged to meet

an army of men and women, each

adding that infinitesimal

piece to my growth here on terra-firm-a.

It is repeated here to begin the pieces written in the year

that I will witness a 96th birthday.

That continuing guide to the last hurrah,

here in this small world of friends, then beyond.

There are few continuing tales in any Journal,

unlike here where the tales are in accord with most of

the customs of the Writers Group.

I do not hesitate to compose pieces of various lengths,

nor limited by any yardstick other than imagination,

and will enclose photographs.

And so in the lines of the Credo, this I endeavor.

Life, this Journal,
continues daily, with Hope Determination.
Every day is borrowed from eternity, our gift to use,
celebrate, enjoy. Follow the Light, routine, seek best.

Shun doubt, lesser goals. Challenge. Resolve. Eyes ahead.
What is next is Providence's gift. Dare to excel. God and
the goal constant, always. Eye on the horizon. Read honestly.

Write/edit honestly. Avoid doubt. Write of individuals,
constantly, fairly. I cannot know their crucifixes. Give thanks
for all met, especially those preceding me. that throng of
Little Giants/Gods, met on my path, all lovingly, called friend
or more. Pray for such continual beauty, bounty. Give thanks
to that procession, who've gone ahead, added to my eternal
sharing.

Live fully. Create a better tomorrow. Have faith; it will be
realized. Be constantly ready to walk away. No regret.
Faithful. Thankful for the gods met, recognized, enjoyed, all
too briefly. They thought, played, argued, to my benefit. I see
clearly God's gift in them; pray more will appear, be
recognized at once. Be reasonable with all. Better to have
left an unkind word unsaid, though truthful. Take the extra
step. Enjoy it all.

Set large goals, achieved by tiny steps. Remain orderly. Be
persistent. patient. Concentrate on responsibility Never

cease trying to influence the unmovable. Stand ready to be surprised. Today is all. Tomorrow, eternity. Then, no further good work word from me.

Live well, encourage, Scatter compliments. Remember, we never walk alone. Record on these pages regularly, faithfully, both people and events. Yesterday is unreachable. Today is at hand. All must recognize the difference.

Limit loss. Award others. Avoid pettiness. Influence the NOW. Moving on continuously.

Never be a small god. Write. Write. Not too long.
I've lived well, honestly, faithfully, completely.
Celebrate life.

More awaits. It's up to me. Share. Give.

Blessings abound. Journal/computer are not competitors.
Never be unkind in word or deed. Avoid the vulgar.
Never remove a page. Include mementoes.
Quotes need not be exact, must be true reporting.
Don't garble facts, alter intent.

We do not move as in a dream. This is real.
It's what's important, exciting. And yes, often unbelievable.
Observe. Don't exaggerate. Pray for every gathering.
Use/take camera, battery charged, pen. Waste film; Shoot everything.

Share, thoughtfully. Be involved in the lives of the 3600 living
in Windsor Gardens. Jot down new names.

Contact friends, strangers. Answer phone calls.

Ask all to another Windsor Garden activity. Volunteer.

Be friendly.

Friends age; be reasonable to the less active.

Write Thank You. Keep promises. Lower voices.

Choose quiet.

Shouting is not communications, genius.

List all obligations on calendar, heed these gatherings.

Develop touch typing. Heed computer performance.

Learn to use camera phone. Refine beliefs.

Support Social Security openly.

See beauty in nature.

All are aging; retain yesterdays friends, share optimism.

Extend the hand of friendship. Write, phone all.

Return to **Summer -- 1932**; the **Military Journals**
transcriptions. Be punctual, natural, positive.

Read aloud. Listen to all; you learn nothing when talking.

Pay attention to thoughts of others

-- do you hear eternity?

If not, are you listening?

These pages were begun for tomorrow's ears, eyes.