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Spring 2002

CONGRATULATIONS ON BEING SELECTED TO REPRESENT YOUR HIGH SCHOOL AT THE California-Central Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) Seminar. You were chosen for the honor of representing your school because of the outstanding leadership potential that you have demonstrated. That's why we call you an "Ambassador." The purpose of your HOBY seminar is to teach you how to think – not what to think. You will get out of life what you put into it, and that certainly applies to your HOBY experience as well. We want to awaken in you that magic genie of self-esteem, which is so important to any success. You were selected to attend HOBY because you are special: Think special, my young friend, and you will be always be special.

As we celebrate our 44th anniversary, I remember the first HOBY Leadership Seminar that I put together after founding HOBY in Los Angeles in 1958, and I feel awed and grateful for our tremendous growth and outstanding accomplishments. My sincere thanks to all the super volunteers and contributors who have made it possible. HOBY has impacted over 300,000 ambassadors at our Leadership Seminars and touched countless others through HOBY's "ripple effect."

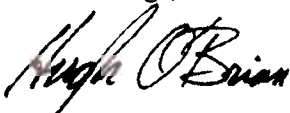
You will make many new friends this weekend from all across your great state. Hang on tight to them – you will have many, many years of meaningful futures to share. You will also realize that a great many volunteers gave many hours of their time and caring to make your HOBY seminar possible. These volunteer speakers, staff and committee members give their hours freely because they believe in the future of America's democracy and recognize that you "outstanding" young people represent our future. All of us hope you will walk away from this HOBY experience with a better understanding and appreciation of the democratic process and the economic incentive system that provides the fuel that makes America! You can't have one without the other.

I don't have any children of my own, but I've got more than three hundred thousand like you out there that I'm very proud to call my "HOBY family."

So shine bright, my young friend. You are all my tomorrows and the future is yours to live and to give back.

Please give back! I wish you love and Godspeed!

HOBY Hugs,



Hugh O'Brian

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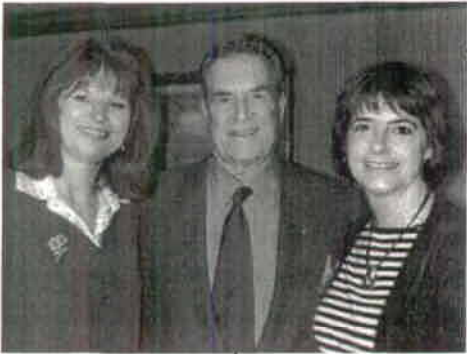
January 23, 2002

I am pleased to send greetings to all those gathered for the Hugh O'Brian Youth (HOBY) Leadership development seminars.

As future leaders, young people must develop the skills, knowledge, and ideas that will help them become productive members of their communities. Excellence in education is central to this success and vital to our world's future. Through this seminar, HOBY offers students from across the United States and Canada the opportunity to meet peers, exchange ideas, and improve their leadership skills. I salute the participants for your willingness to expand your horizons and for your commitment to service. Such determination and effort will help you realize your dreams.

Best wishes for great success in your leadership seminars.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George W. Bush".



May 31, 2002

IT IS OUR PLEASURE TO WELCOME YOU – THE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS of 2004 – to beautiful Pepperdine University for the 2002 HOBY California-Central Leadership Seminar.

The three days we spend together will be filled with tremendous opportunities for you to sharpen the leadership ability you have already demonstrated at your school and at home.

During your stay at HOBY, you will become intimately acquainted with 155 other students from a total of nine counties – from the urban San Fernando Valley, to the scenic Central Coast, to the bountiful Central Valley, to the majestic Sierra Nevada. You'll take part in a meaningful volunteer activity, interact with more than 25 leaders from our great state who will share with you their views and experiences on a wide range of topics and let you know how and why America ticks the way it does. And you'll have some fun.

Seize the opportunity while at HOBY to forge a friendship that will endure a lifetime! Expand your horizons by striking up a meaningful conversation with one of our visitors! Learn how to use a Positive Mental Attitude (PMA) to your advantage! Many people have invested their time and talents to make this seminar possible. All we ask in return is that you leave us ready and willing to play a meaningful role in our society.

You represent the future leaders who will create the rewards and opportunities of a new and exciting era. Your HOBY lessons should serve you well as you go about achieving great things in your lifetime.

You are special ... and OUTSTANDING! You are all leadership heroes. All of us from HOBY congratulate and salute you.

HOBY Hugs,

Lydia McGregor & Lisa Spencer
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Friday, May 31

- 8:00 a.m. Registration @ Rho Parking Lot
- 9:45 a.m. Ambassador Orientation @ Elkins Auditorium
- 10:45 a.m. Group Photo and Ice Breakers @ Amphitheater
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch and Individual Group Pictures @ Cafeteria
- 12:45 p.m. Keynote Speaker @ Elkins Auditorium
Robert Forster
- 1:30 p.m. Panel One: "Are Young Adults Portrayed Accurately?" @ Elkins Auditorium
Dennis Anderson - Antelope Valley Press
Julio Moran - USC
Ron Olsen - KTLA
- 3:00 p.m. Spirit Showdown @ Jerry's Tree
- 3:30 p.m. Essay Writing @ Elkins Auditorium
- 4:15 p.m. Panel Two: "High School Testing: Does Our System Need Changing?" @ Elkins Auditorium
Jane Sweetland Edwards - Educator
Dr. Pamela Jolicoeur - CLU
Gregory McGinity - Former School Board Employee
Sandra Bieler Rao - Former Candidate for School Board
- 5:45 p.m. Dinner @ Cafeteria
- 6:30 p.m. Group Time @ Jerry's Tree
- 7:15 p.m. Operation Exerbia @ Elkins Auditorium
- 8:45 p.m. Dorm Dash
- 9:15 p.m. Dance/Service Project/Study Hall @ Tyler Campus Center
- 11:00 p.m. Return to Dorms
- 11:30 p.m. Bed Check

Saturday, June 1

- 6:45 a.m. Wake-Up Calls
- 7:30 a.m. Breakfast @ Cafeteria
- 8:15 a.m. Motivational Speaker @ Amphitheater
 John Bryant, Operation HOPE
- 9:00 a.m. CLEW Planning @ Elkins Auditorium
- 11:00 a.m. Panel Three: "How Did They Do That?" @ Elkins Auditorium
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- 12:30 p.m. Lunch @ Cafeteria
- 1:30 p.m. Panel Four: "Thinking Outside of the Box" @ Elkins Auditorium
 Brandon Keefe - BookEnds
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 Beth Shott - Graphic Designs
- 3:30 p.m. Seventh Inning Stretch @ Jerry's Tree
- 4:00 p.m. Panel Five: "Are Civic Leaders Addressing Issues That Affect Young Adults?" @ Elkins Auditorium
 James Alvino, Ph.D. - Chief Operationg Officer, HOBY
 Mike Gin - Redondo City Council, Former HOBY Alum
 Jarryd Gonzales - Deputy Political Director, CA. Republican Party
 Brad Kane - Kane Associates
 Kristy Weber - Tony Stickland's Office
- 5:30 p.m. Dinner @ Cafeteria
- 6:30 p.m. Dorm Dash
- 7:00 p.m. Talent Show @ Elkins Auditorium
- 9:30 p.m. Reflections @ Elkins Auditorium
- 10:30 p.m. Group Time
- 11:30 p.m. Bed Check

Sunday, June 2

6:45 a.m.	Wake-Up Calls
7:30 a.m.	Breakfast @ Cafeteria
8:30 a.m.	Non-Denominational Services/Study Hall @ Campus Chapel/Cafeteria
9:30 a.m.	Thank-You Notes @ Cafeteria
11:00 a.m.	Junior Staff Presentation: What Happens After HOBY? - Amphitheater
11:30 a.m.	Lunch @ Cafeteria
11:30 a.m.	Parents' Lunch @ Hahn Fireside Room
1:00 p.m.	Closing Ceremonies @ Elkins Auditorium
3:00 p.m.	Departure

Panel 1: Media

“Are Young Adults Portrayed Accurately?”

Dennis Anderson

Dennis Anderson, the editor of the Antelope Valley Press, is author of three published novels, as well as magazine articles and short stories. Two suspense novels – “Target Stealth” and “Blackbird” are published for Time Warner Books under the pen name Jack Merek. The third novel, “Arthur, King,” is written under his own name and is an Arthurian quest set in 1940 during the Battle of Britain. Anderson, a former paratrooper, served as a squad sergeant with the 8th Infantry Division (Airborne) in NATO during the Cold War. He reported with UPI in Washington, D.C., and reported and edited for Associated Press in Los Angeles during the L.A. riots, the 1994 Southern California earthquake and the O.J. Simpson trial. He joined the Antelope Valley Press as city editor in 1998 and became editor in January 1999.

Julio Moran

Julio Moran was named Executive Director of the California Chicano News Media Assn. (CCNMA) on June 1, 1997. He also has been an adjunct professor at the USC Annenberg School of Journalism since 1998. Throughout his career, Moran has been active in efforts to bring diversity to our nation's newsrooms. In 1982, he served on the planning committee that organized the first national conference for Latino journalists, which was held in San Diego. Moran is a graduate of Pepperdine University in Malibu, CA, where he earned Bachelor of Arts degrees in journalism and history in 1978. In 1996, he completed the Maynard Institute for Journalism Education's Management Training Center program at the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University.



Ron Olsen

Ron Olsen believes one of the most important elements in our society is freedom of the press, and he is an outspoken advocate for press freedoms. He has been a reporter, anchor, and talk show host at KTLA-TV in Los Angeles, where he has covered many of the biggest stories of the last 15 years. He began his career on the college radio station at the University of Minnesota, then he moved to TV at KTSP in Minneapolis. He is a two-time Emmy Award winner, and a seven-time nominee. He also received a Peabody Award. He has appeared on such shows as "This Week With David Brinkley" on ABC, and "Reliable Sources" on CNN as an expert on the media. He even was featured on an Italian television network during the O.J. Simpson criminal trial.

Panel 2: Education

“High School Testing: Does Our System Need Changing?”



Jane Sweetland Edwards

Jane Sweetland has taught English and social studies in junior high and high school since 1988. She is currently finishing two masters degrees while she works full-time in the Student Affairs department of California State University at Channel Islands. She is a writer and reader, cook and gardener, wife and mother. Ms. Sweetland's two children survived numerous tests administered by the public schools in Ventura County and are currently thriving in college.

Dr. Pamela Jolicoeur

Dr. Pamela Jolicoeur is a professor of sociology, provost and dean of the faculty at California Lutheran University. During her tenure, she has served as vice president for academic affairs, associate dean, department chair and faculty chair, and was appointed a Danforth Fellow. As a scholar, Dr. Jolicoeur has presented and published research on higher education and the sociology of religion. Currently, she is engaged in a study of the long-term impact of different college experiences on alumni.

Gregory McGinity

Gregory McGinity is a master's of business administration student at the University of California, Los Angeles, studying marketing and strategy. This summer he is interning in the Marketing department at Amgen in Thousand Oaks, a global biotech leader. Previously, he was the senior education policy consultant to the California Board of Education. And he was legislative assistant to U.S. Sen. Thad Cochran and legislative director to U.S. Rep. Lindsey O. Graham; he advised both legislators on health care, education, foreign policy, and trade issues. Prior to Capitol Hill, he was appointed by former President George Bush to the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Legislation and Congressional Affairs as a legislative liaison, and to the White House Conference on Aging as the Director of Public Liaison. He received his bachelor's degree in history and political science from the University of California, Berkeley.



Sandy Bieler Rao

A believer that high-quality, fairly distributed, publicly supported, universal education is the most fundamental element of a democratic society, Sandy Bieler Rao has dedicated herself to pursuing her beliefs regarding public education. She is an active volunteer in her children's schools, from kindergarten through high school, and has served on numerous school and school district committees. In 2000, she was a candidate for the Oxnard Union High School District. She graduated from the University of California, Berkeley.

Panel 3: Volunteerism

“How Did They Do That?”



Niko and Theo Milonopoulos

The City of Los Angeles' proposed legislation to ban the sale of gun ammunition citywide was the idea of 15-year-old twin brothers, Niko and Theo Milonopoulos, and has been achieved through the boys' lobbying efforts. Niko and Theo, 9th graders at Campbell Hall High School in North Hollywood are co-founders of Kidz-Voice-LA, a non-profit organization run by kids for kids, which lobbies for gun control legislation and other issues that impact kids' lives. Children lobbying for gun control laws at the local level, on behalf of other children and themselves, is a unique and successful approach in resolving one of America's most serious problems. Nick and Theo's work has touched the lives of thousands through television coverage of their events and during interviews on CBS, CNN, "The Roseanne Show" and PBS. Their op-ed pieces published in the Los Angeles Times and the Los Angeles Daily News, as well as articles written about their work in Parade, Child and React magazines, have been read by people throughout the nation.



Lindsay Muzychenko

Lindsay is currently the District Director for the Los Angeles Chapter of the Muscular Dystrophy Association. In this role, she coordinates and oversees all fundraising events for the entire Los Angeles region, from Malibu to Long Beach. She promote MDA's national programs, from working with preschools teaching disability awareness and Fill-the-Boot programs with local firefighters, to selling sponsorships and recruiting people to participate in MDA's Annual Walk and National Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon. Prior to Lindsay's arrival at MDA, she was an event planner for the President of Loyola Marymount University for 3 years and a commercial real estate broker for Daum Commercial Real Estate for 3 years. Besides her passion for fundraising to help find a cure for neuromuscular diseases, Lindsay is an aerobics instructor at Gold's Gym and is the coach for the Loyola Marymount University Dance Team. Lindsay resides in Westchester California with her dog Peanut and her three birds Q.T. Pie, Chief and Jabroni.



Brittany Roach

Brittany Roach is a big-hearted 13-year old girl who attends Paul Revere Middle School in Brentwood, California. She has participated in community service most of her life and became a Girl Scout in first grade. In May of 2001, Brittany received the Silver Award - the highest honor given to Cadette Girl Scouts. For her Silver Award project, she collected 3,000 pounds of humanitarian aide, which was donated to three Polish orphanages. In Brittany's words, "Volunteering has provided me with opportunities to increase my self-esteem, self-worth and global awareness. I do these charitable projects not for the glory and praise of others, but for self-respect." This aspiring actress' life philosophy is, "God has put us all on the earth for a reason; my purpose is to help others."

Panel 4: Entrepreneurship

“Thinking Outside of the Box”



Brandon Keefe

Brandon Keefe is a 16-year-old junior at Chaminade High School. He serves as spokesperson for the board of directors of BookEnds, a non-profit organization that he co-founded. At age 8, Brandon decided to create a library at Hollygrove, a residential treatment center for abused children in Hollywood. His idea was simple: The kids at Hollygrove needed books to help them learn, and Brandon and his fellow students had books that they no longer read. With the help of other students, Brandon organized a book drive to recycle their books for Hollygrove. Over the next four years and with the community’s support, Brandon continued his annual book drives and the library grew. Using Brandon’s model, more than 65,000 students have learned the joys of community service by organizing BookEnds book drives. With the donation of more than 400,000 books, 75 libraries have been developed in needy schools and youth organizations, giving more than 70,000 kids the tools they need to learn to read.

Jim Kniffen

President and founder of Business Acquisition Group, Jim Kniffen has over 20 years of business experience as an entrepreneur and owner of four successful companies. With his diversified background, Mr. Kniffen brings a unique sense of Buyers' and Sellers' needs to a business sale transaction. He has extensive expertise in business and corporate valuation, SBA and alternate sources of financing, and business consultation. Mr. Kniffen personally oversees all transactions at Business Acquisition Group. He is a licensed real estate broker, a graduate from Florida Atlantic University at Boca Raton and a chamber of commerce and PNG member.



Paul Regula

Paul Regula, assistant warehouse manager in Westlake Village, has been with COSTCO Wholesale for more than 18 years. He started his career pushing carts while he studied at the University of California, Santa Barbara. He has held a variety of positions with the organization, including front-end manager, receiving manager, administration manager, ancillary manager, and merchandise manager. He currently is responsible for the entire warehouse operation and financial planning for a facility that exceeds \$100 million annually. Prior to COSTCO he spent five years in restaurant management with Sizzler Restaurants and McDonalds.

Beth Shott

Beth Shott received a bachelor of fine arts degree with honors from the Art Center College of Design in 1990. From 1986-1987, she attended the Graduate School of Business at the University of Texas at Austin. In 1986, she received a bachelor of arts degree in advertising with distinction and senior honors from Valparaiso University in Indiana. After nine years of heading her own freelance graphic design studio, she cofounded and serves as principal/co-creative director of McGregor Shott, a young design and advertising agency with over 40 creative awards to its name. Beth sits on the board of directors for the Friends of Hart Park & Museum, and also donates her art services to community music programs.



Panel 5: Government

“Are Civic Leaders Addressing Issues That Affect Young Adults?”

James Alvino, Ph.D.

As chief operating officer for Hugh O’Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY), James Alvino is responsible for the daily operations of the organization’s international headquarters in Westwood. Previously, he was chief executive officer of the United States Academic Decathlon Association. In addition, he was a management consultant, executive director of the Future Problem Solving Program and the Education Improvement Center-South. He earned his master’s degree and his doctorate degree (with highest distinction) from Boston College. He and his wife Margaret live in Huntington Beach.



Mike Gin

Mike Gin, who has served as a HOBY panelist for the past three years, has been a member of the Redondo Beach City Council since April 1995. He also served on the Redondo Beach Preservation Commission from 1989 to 1992 and on the Redondo Beach Planning Commission from 1992 to 1995. He also has the distinction of being a past HOBY ambassador.

Jarryd Gonzalez

Considered by many as one of California’s up-and-coming political operatives, Jarryd has recently been named the deputy political director for the California Republican Party and director of field operations for Victory 2002 - a statewide grassroots effort to elect Republicans in California for the 2002 election. A graduate of the Republican National Committee’s intensive campaign management college, Jarryd has served as a campaign manager, political director, deputy political director and communications director on numerous congressional and statewide contests. A California native, Jarryd was born and raised in Orange County. He is a graduate of the University of Southern California, where he earned his bachelor’s degree in international relations. He is the oldest of five children and the first in his family to earn a college degree.



Brad Kane

Brad S. Kane grew up in Los Angeles and volunteered on his first presidential campaign when he was still too young to vote. By age 18, he was interning in the district office of Congressman Anthony C. Beilenson. While attending Hastings College of the Law, Brad taught two classes of ESL students their rights and responsibilities under the law as part of the Street Law Program. He also tutored three different Constitutional law sections in the LEOP program and externed for United States District Judge Stanley Weigel. After graduation, Brad moved to Alaska and clerked for the Chief Justice of the Alaska Supreme Court. He practiced law in Alaska and California at major national law firms for 10 years, before he left to manage the United States Senate campaign of state auditor Ed Flannigan in Vermont. After an unsuccessful campaign, he opened his own law firm, where he continues to make the world a better place, one person at a time.

Keynote Speakers



John Bryant

Selected by Time Magazine as "One of America's 50 Most Promising Leaders of the Future," and selected to receive the Oprah Winfrey and Oprah's Angel Network national "Use Your Life" Award, John Bryant is the founder, chairman of the board and CEO of Operation HOPE, Inc., America's first non-profit social investment banking organization. Mr. Bryant also serves as chairman and CEO of the growing network of Operation HOPE Banking Centers and Inner City Cyber Cafes. These businesses are for-profit subsidiaries of Operation HOPE, Inc., and represent an innovative new model for banking in under-served communities and bridging the digital divide with digital empowerment solutions worldwide. Totally committed to the social and economic revitalization of our urban, inner-city and under-served communities, Operation HOPE, Inc. has become a symbol of hope for many and an influential national and international voice for the economic empowerment of the under-served.

Robert Forster

A native of Rochester, New York, Robert Forster began his acting career in local community theatre, moving to New York City in 1965, where he made his professional debut on Broadway. Forster blazed onto the scene in 1966 in his debut film "Reflections in a Golden Eye," co-starring with Marlon Brando and Elizabeth Taylor. His role as Max Cherry in Quentin Tatantino's "Jackie Brown" was a landmark performance, garnering critical acclaim, and earning him an Oscar nomination for best supporting actor. During the last several years, Robert has been in demand as a motivational speaker. His program, "Interacting," is like a stand-up act, but with a menu of positive stories - and a few jokes too. These life lessons are told through entertaining, thought-provoking stories.



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Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership

HOBY Background

In 1958, actor Hugh O'Brian was privileged to spend nine days in Africa with Dr. Albert Schweitzer, whose remarks and observations were both profound and stimulating. In reference to youth and education, Schweitzer told O'Brian: "The most important thing in education is to teach young people to think for themselves."

Dr. Schweitzer's words deeply moved O'Brian to explore the avenues through which he might influence the lives of our young people. Gradually, a concept evolved, and the Hugh O'Brian Youth Foundation (HOBY) was born.

The HOBY program is simple: Bring a select group of high school sophomores with demonstrated leadership qualities together with a group of distinguished leaders

in business, industry, education, government, and the professions, and let the two interact. Using a seminar question-and-answer format, the young people get a realistic look at the workings of the American incentive system, which broadens their perspective and better enables them to think for themselves.

High school sophomores are chosen as the focal point for the HOBY program not only because their age is critical in focusing on future goals and forming opinions for adulthood, but also because they have the opportunity to create a "ripple effect" from their HOBY experience in their remaining high school years.

Selection Process

Nomination materials are sent in September of each year to the 22,000 public and private high schools in the United States. All sophomores are eligible to attend one of the three to four-day seminars held in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, the Bahamas, Canada and Mexico. An outstanding sophomore leader is nominated by each school and is certified by its principal.

These expense-paid workshops focus on the theme "America's Incentive System," and encourage the young leaders toward responsible citizenship of community volunteerism and service. One young man or woman is selected to represent his or her site at a week-long World Leadership Congress held in late summer. In addition, HOBY invites young leaders from at least 30 countries to attend this international seminar.

Results of HOBY Seminars

The effectiveness of HOBY seminars is noted in the results of HOBY's most recent evaluation:

- 80 percent of ambassadors noted they had a better understanding of the free enterprise, economic and American political systems.
- 98 percent said they know what steps to take to be a better leader.
- 98 percent said they know volunteering is important.
- 99 percent said HOBY encourages them to think independently.
- The evaluation found that HOBY encourages Ambassadors to set goals and that the responsibility for personal growth and leadership development is placed squarely on them.

HOBY Mission and Objectives

To seek out, recognize and reward leadership potential in high school sophomores from throughout California, the United States and abroad.

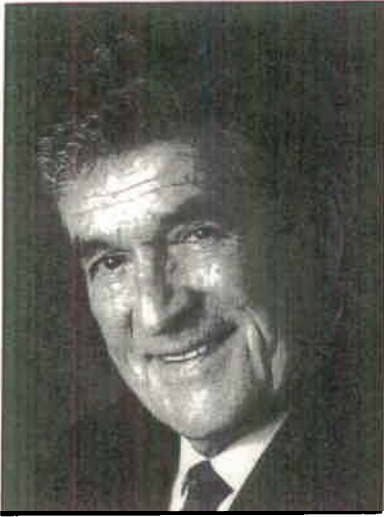
To encourage and assist members of this formative age group in their quest for self-identification and self-development.

To interface these potential idealers with recognized leaders in business, government, science, education and the professions through give-and-take sessions.

To motivate these young leaders to their responsibility and the importance of volunteerism.

To stimulate opportunities for these young people to demonstrate their leadership abilities when they return home for betterment of community and country.

The Freedom to Choose



I do not believe we are all created equal. Physical and emotional differences, parental guidance, varying environments, or being in the right place at the right time all play a role in enhancing or limiting development. But I do believe every man or woman – if given the opportunity and encouragement to recognize his or her potential, regardless of background – has the freedom to choose in our world.

Will an individual be a taker or a giver in life? Or be satisfied merely to exist? Or will that person seek a meaningful purpose, daring to dream the impossible dream?

I believe each person is created as the steward of his or her own destiny, with great power for a specific purpose: to share with others, through service, a reverence for life in a spirit of love.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Hugh O'Brian". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

Hugh O'Brian

Think Positive

From "Positive Thinking Every Day"

by Norman Vincent Peale

I*f you want to get somewhere, you have to know where you want to go and how to get there. Then never, never give up.*

The secret of life isn't what happens to you, but what you do with what happens to you.

Help other people to cope with their problems and your own will be easier to deal with.

Never use the word "impossible" seriously again. Toss it into the verbal wastebasket.

Self-trust is the first secret of success. So believe in and trust yourself.

Stand up to your obstacles and do something about them. You will find that they haven't half the strength you think they have.

Joy increases as you give it and diminishes as you try to keep it to yourself. In giving it, you will accumulate a deposit of joy greater than you ever believed possible.

How you think about a problem is more important than the problem itself -- so always think positively.

Go at life with abandon; give it all you've got. And life will give all it has for you.

Hugh O'Brian

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