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## From the President's Pen . . .



Hello members of the NTPDA! It's that great time of the year as we (patiently) wait the coming of spring in the North Country. I hope all of our members and families are doing well.

As the busy time of year for most of the members rolls around please work safe and I hope you all have a wonderful and busy spring season.

As president I have learned much on how the NTPDA runs and I will tell you we have a staff willing to help. All you need to do is ask and they get it done. I also serve on a board with a great group of people willing to give of their time to promote and improve the NTPDA.

That brings me to a different type of tone. We have received e-mails from a member that was unhappy with what he feels is the "Good Ole' Boys' Club" -- that the NTPDA only does what certain members want. Well I'm telling you as member and a board member that we have a board that is not afraid to make changes, but at the same time will do what the general session meeting of members mandate. I just want to emphasize that if we have members or associate members that feel the board is not doing that, I would want them to please let me know. If we do not know the concerns we can not fix it or address it.

I ask from the President's position that as many members as possible try to plan to be at the winter trade show and conference this coming year in San Antonio Texas. We did have a good meeting in Orlando but I feel we need to get more of our members present to get your input.

With that said, I would like to say thanks ahead of time to the scholarship committee for all the hard work they are about to do.

Please continue to remember the guys and gals serving to keep this great country free at the cost of life to some and the disabling of others.



*Carl Vande Weerd  
President*

—Carl



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# Message from Phyllis



It's amazing that this is the Spring issue of the Bulletin! Seems like we were just in Orlando at our Annual Conference and Trade Show. This issue of the Bulletin will highlight our time in Orlando. Thank you to all the displayers, sponsors and attendees... we couldn't do it without you. Next year we will be adding a twist to

the trade show. We will be giving "Regular" members a chance to meet with "Associate" members to talk one on one about their services. We will be sending information to you mid-year. And...please make a note that our conference and trade show will be held in San Antonio next year!

We have been busy tying up loose ends from the trade show. Kim and I also attended the National Farm Machinery Show in Louisville and

scholarship applications were sent out. So...it's been a busy few months for us.

We have a new board that hit the floor running and it's a great group. The interest of the Association is first and foremost on the priority list for the board of directors. If you have any thoughts or suggestions for them please send them an email or get in touch with either Kim or myself. This is a great group of people and we want to support you just like you support the Association.

I hope my guys up North are thawing out and that you have a great spring. And I wish all of you a prosperous and healthy 2011.

Until next time,

*Phyllis*

## *Congratulations to*



Trey and Erica Russell on their new baby girl Allyson Elizabeth, 6lbs 6oz 18.5" long. Looks like she has a great big brother!!

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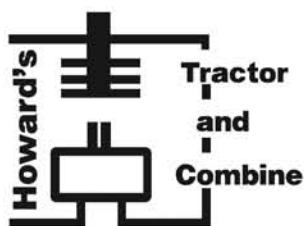
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# "We Can Do Better..."

Contributed by Dubble W.



I have been saying for several years that I think the entertainment industry and professional athletes have a lot more influence in this great country of ours than they have earned. Christina Aguilera's performance of the national anthem before this year's Super Bowl was such an

embarrassment. You probably noticed that Martina McBride got it right for the red-blooded American rednecks of NASCAR at the Daytona 500, though.

The Saint Louis Cardinals may lose one of the best players in professional baseball because of the greed of the player's union and Albert Pujols' agent pushing to establish a new plateau of compensation prior to the expiration of his contract. I love to watch baseball and Albert appears to be an admirable person, but the media gives so much attention to these high paid athletes that it misleads our youth about the realities of life.

Why does our society afford multi-million dollar multi-year contracts to professional athletes and entrust the education of our young to underpaid educators? Some rock stars and motion picture idols earn millions for a single performance and the personnel in law enforcement that protect our lives and dwellings exist on very modest means.

Recently Columbia University students heckled and booed a wheelchair-bound Iraqi war veteran who was awarded the Purple Heart after being shot 11 times and spent two years recuperating in Walter Reed Army Medical Center. This 28 year old freshman and former Army staff sergeant from Idaho was attending a town hall meeting to support allowing an ROTC program back on campus. Several students booed and hollered "Racist!" when this hero attempted to speak. The parents of these students obviously failed to teach them any manners and definitely did not instill in them any respect for the military personnel that protect all the freedoms we enjoy!

In Texas when some Hispanic high school students raised a Mexican flag a group of native Texan students took it down. I think you know which group got expelled.

Another group of Hispanic students in California were attempting to celebrate Cinco de Mayo by raising the flag of Mexico over the American flag. When some traditional students protested by wearing t-shirts with American flags imprinted on them they also earned a ticket home.

By allowing a liberal media to brainwash us into focusing on doing what is politically correct we have lost sight of the core values that established our country as a world power.

We could all be better citizens by participating in activities that promote strong family and Christian values and support a government that adheres to the Constitution as drafted by our founding fathers.

We can do better by becoming more involved in the political process that elects our government officials. Study the candidates to learn what they have done and where they come from. DO NOT listen to what they say; watch what they do or have done.

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Kim and Phyllis:  
Thank you so much for allowing Diesel Cast to be a part of your annual meeting in Orlando. Pat and I had a very good time and enjoyed spending time with all of the exhibitors and members. Hopefully, we will see you guys in Louisville. Take care and be safe. Jim & Pat w



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The trade show and conference was great and we had a good time. Travel was all good too and thank you for everything you do. The cookies were really good and I only had one and I think David ate 3 or 4!! See ya soon!

Kathie Witte  
Gap Tractor Parts



Just a quick note to say, thank you for a well planned convention. I enjoyed every minute of it. The speakers were wonderful! I have been writing my checks with a Gel pen ever since! I feel Michael Libbie had a lot of good information to share about advertising, even though I'm not one of the Facebook or Twitter community. Everyone wants information instantly now, it seems . . . it was good to see all of you once again. I made some new friends again this time. Have a great day.

Landis Zimmerman  
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*Thanks to everyone who made the trade show a huge success. From attendees to displayers to sponsors. It's a joint effort and the NPTDA appreciates your continued support.*





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As always, a big thanks to Kim. There's no way I could put a trade show together without her help and support. Plans are already underway for San Antonio. We'll see you there!



**Kim, Carl and Phyllis.**

Carl, thanks so much to you and the entire board of directors for giving us continued support and friendship.



A big thanks to Michael Libbie and Ed McMillan for being our speakers in Orlando. They shared with us great information that hopefully you took back and shared with your employees. Thanks, guys!

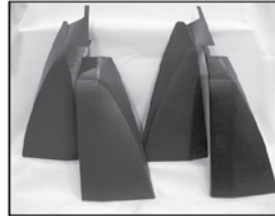
"I really can't describe what a pleasure it was to work with you and Kim with regard to the Orlando conference. I think things went very well. Thanks again for everything. I hope we can work together again at a future conference as several attendees told me they wish I had more time."

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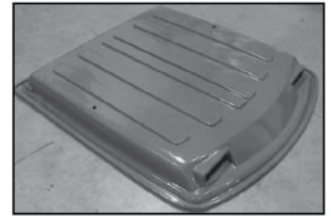
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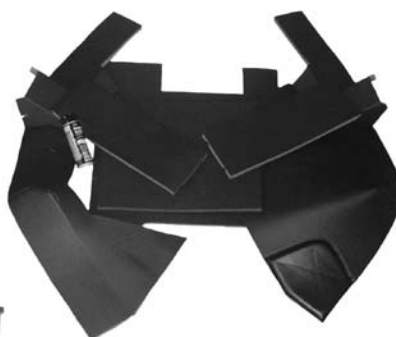
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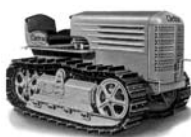
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Greetings from

# Greasy Girl

*By Terri Stevens*

Dear Friends:

Well, as I sit here and look out the window it is raining and cold and it makes me think about being in Florida. Our first day there it was 78 degrees and we sat around the pool and ate lunch and just enjoyed being with some very good friends. Some of you didn't make it and let me tell you that you were missed!

Last Sunday I taught on the value of friends and how important they are in our lives. To have a good friend you have to be a good friend. A friend sticks closer than a brother and a friend is there for adversity. So in saying that I want to tell you a story about my husband. Many of you know he is a gas service man so part of his job is to climb up on roofs and check the furnaces out on big commercial buildings. One day he went and climbed up on his ladder to check out a furnace and when he got ready to get off of the roof he realized that his ladder had blown down. What was he to do?

He called his friend with his cell phone and had him get the ladder for him. I came back to work and was telling one of the guys that works for me about it. He said that he had gone over to his friend's house one day and his friend was up on his roof and he asked him what are you doing?

His friend told him he had gotten up on his roof and his ladder had blown down and he didn't have his phone. He had been up there for around 3 hours and was just getting ready to jump off of the roof. He was sure glad to see someone drive in to help him with his problem.

Why am I telling you these stories? Because I want you to think about the friends you have. The world we live

in is so busy and so hectic and we have so many ways of communicating. Facebook, Twitter, email, cell phones, texting but is our life better because of that? I don't really think so. I think the best way to be a friend is to spend time together and really talk about what is important in life. To share good times and bad times.



There is a lady at my church who came down with a very rare infection and was about to die in less than 48 hours. Her friends rallied around her and lifted her up in prayer and brought the family food and love and supported them in their time of need. That is what matters in life.

At this time she is getting stronger every day and I can't help but think that all the love they have felt has done her some good for her recovery. We Need Each Other!

So next time you are trying to decide if you want to be involved in this Association, think again. We in business need each other. We need to be friends; we need to share our victories and defeats. We need to be there for one another. I feel very blessed and very thankful for each one of you and your sweet friendship. Thank you for being a good friend to me and for allowing me to be a part of this Association. I know that you are some of the best people in this world.

So as I close think about your friends. Call up a friend you haven't seen in awhile and ask them to go to lunch or have a cup of coffee. Cherish each other. That is what life is all about. It isn't about making money -- it is about loving one another.

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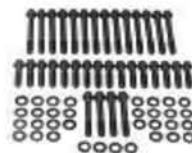
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