

# REFLECTIONS

of the editor

## AMERICANS THE ULTIMATE PARTNERSHIP

I'm taking this opportunity to showcase the partners of the most profitable business in the world. Ask any business owner what makes a company profitable; they'll say it's the company's employees.

If employees are the most valuable commodity for any company, then who are the employees to the most profitable business in the world? It's you and I. We propel the most profitable business in the world into a gigantic conglomerate of success called the United States of America.

You may not feel appreciated or compensated for what you do for this country. But when you feel like that, remember, it is you and I who make the United States the kind of country that people risk their lives for, some in a rowboat, just to get a chance to live here. You, the janitor, teacher, business owner, bus driver; you who work for a college, the federal government, the state; for anyone who picks up garbage for this great country, you and I are in partnership. We're the partners of the most prestigious company in the world, America.

For those of us who feel we don't get our fair share of the profits and that the pay scale is a pyramid with the cream of the crop at the top, we can either continue feeling bitter about it or we can share in the sweetness of success. How? By understanding the fact that the only way the cream of the crop is on top is because of us!

For those of you who read this and say, "Partnership? I'm not in partnership with this country. I'm at the bottom of the social strata. I feel like I'm at the bottom of the barrel!" I'm here to remind you, like it or not, you *are* in a partnership. The next time you feel you're at the bottom of the barrel or that you can't be in partnership with the most successful business in the world, go to a full-length mirror. Look down at your feet that carry you around, then look up at your head that gives your feet instructions on where to take your body. Can you still tell me you're not a part of this partnership? You may not like your place in the corporation, but you are *still* a part of what makes this country great.

Other countries send the best of their best, their finest people, to the United States to do an internship with our everyday employees. India, Africa, Pakistan and other countries send their finest students to study side by side in colleges with our everyday, regular students. What does that tell you? Americans are an awesome people. Will we ever know how awesome we are? Will we?

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This issue is dedicated to business owners, profit margins, balance sheets, entrepreneurs, business classes, and you who are daring to fulfill your dream, whatever that dream is. This issue is dedicated to reminding you that, as we know and billions of other people know, we live in the best country in the world. And how did the United States of America get to be the best country in the world? Because, it has the best employees. And who are the best employees? You and I, our families,

and their families, and their families. Because we are part of this great corporation, hope stays alive everyday in my heart that we will all rise to the understanding that as a country, as a nation, as a people, we are much better together – in business, in partnerships, in relationships, in religion – than we could ever be apart. You + Me = We!<sup>SM</sup> Together, we can accomplish anything.

Respectfully,  
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