

Behind-the-Scenes Folks

In the days of yesteryear, most organs were in churches and had to be pumped by someone behind the scenes.

Once, a talented soloist was giving a concert in a church auditorium and was extraordinarily well received.

During intermission, the singer-organist walked backstage where he was greeted by a pleasant, cheerful gentleman who was pumping the organ. He acknowledged the singer, saying, “We’re putting on quite a performance, aren’t we?”

The singer responded, “What do you mean, ‘we’?” and turned and walked back onstage.

As he started to play, with a flourish he hit the keys of the organ and there was nothing – not a sound came forth.

He quickly went backstage and said to the gentleman charged with the responsibility of pumping the organ, “Yes, we really are giving a performance, aren’t we?”

Most people who are behind the scenes do not receive a great deal of publicity, but they do make things happen.

Associates who come to meetings in our corporate offices know that we can’t start – and conduct – a session until Paul Garner, who directs our audio-visual services, is ready. And we don’t eat until Marsha Young and Vickie Smith of our Food Services Department prepare and serve the meals. And how important is that?



The late Zig Ziglar, author and popular motivational speaker, told of speaking regularly at the Peter Lowe seminars conducted around America. The speakers included some of the outstanding business, media and political leaders of the time.

Attendance was enormous and people obviously benefited, because each year the attendance was larger than the previous year, he said.

“The speakers got all the publicity, but the people who made the success seminars happen were the ones who were responsible for such things as taking orders for tickets, ushering people to their seats, answering questions and giving directions to the restrooms and telephones.”

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And Ziglar added: “I don’t care how brilliant the speakers were; if detailed behind-the-scenes didn’t take place, the seminar would be a dud. It takes teamwork.”

The same is true in the centers of Life Care and Century Park. The public sees what happens “up front,” but if the dishes aren’t washed, the sheets and linens laundered, the rooms cleaned and the floors polished, then we don’t have any customer service. And we don’t have customers.

Success in our centers demands true teamwork – by everybody.

One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much (Luke 16:10 ESV).

– Beecher Hunter