

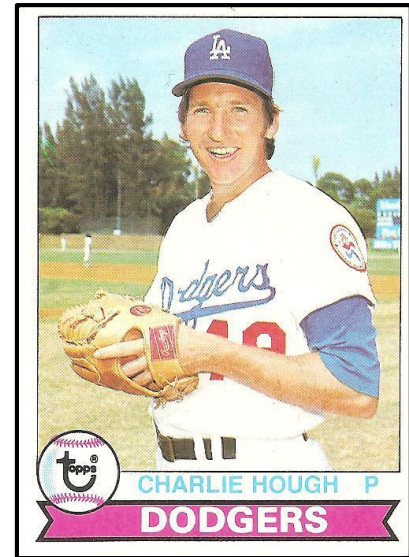
Wisdom From a Knuckleballer

Charlie Hough – a native of Honolulu, Hawaii – is a former Major League Baseball knuckleball pitcher and currently a senior adviser of player development for the Los Angeles Dodgers.

He was drafted out of Hialeah High School in the 8th round of the 1966 draft by the Dodgers. During his career, he played with the Dodgers (1970 – 1980), Texas Rangers (1980 – 1990), Chicago White Sox (1991 – 1992), and Florida Marlins (1993 – 1994). He retired at the age of 46 after the 1994 season.

During a 25-season career, Hough compiled 216 wins, 2,362 strikeouts, and a 3.75 earned-run average. His 216 wins rank 82nd on the all-time win list, tied with Wilbur Cooper and Curt Schilling.

Reflecting on a successful career, Hough observed: “Listen to everyone. Learn from everyone. Nobody knows everything, but everyone knows something.”



At her citizenship hearing in 1967, Immaculata Cuomo (mother of the late New York governor Mario Cuomo) was asked by the judge how many stars were on the U.S. Flag.

She said she didn't know, but could she ask the judge a question? After he agreed, she asked him how many hands of bananas were on a stalk. He admitted he didn't know, so she proudly said, “Well, I do!”

Her citizenship was granted. Here was a judge who wisely realized that everyone has something to teach.

Writing about this subject, Steve Goodier, an ordained United Methodist minister, author and founder of *Your Life Support System*, a widely read newsletter, quoted a Portuguese proverb, “Live to learn and you will learn to live.” He then added:

“Life cannot be lived well in ignorance. In fact, those who live life to the fullest have a Ph.D. in living.” Goodier went on to give his interpretation of the acronym:

- **P** is for “poor in knowledge.” Those who live best realize that they can never learn enough.
- **H** is for “hungry to learn.” Those who hunger for knowledge will always find plenty to eat.
- **D** is for “desire to succeed.” Those who desire to learn and improve, and those who persist in spite of obstacles, will live fully.

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These thoughts are instructive for us in Life Care and Century Park. Everyone we encounter – in the workplace or in the world at large – has an investment to make in our lives – if we are open to receive it.

The proverbs of Solomon, son of David, king of Israel: To know wisdom and instruction, to understand words of insight, to receive instruction in wise dealing, in righteousness, justice, and equity; to give prudence to the simple, knowledge and discretion to the youth – Let the wise hear and increase in learning, and the one who understands obtain guidance (Proverbs 1:1-5 ESV).

– Beecher Hunter