

“Do what you can, with what you have, with whom you are.” (Roosevelt) It is difficult fighting an enemy that one cannot see, recognize, understand, and destroys without feelings. It is such an enemy that has been lurking in the shadows disguised in many different forms, waiting for the right moment to strike. The moment has come and, unfortunately, it will get worse before it gets better. The Good News is that we have fought this enemy before and won – highway construction; retail devastation; a Police force of two and emergency vehicles that were old, not dependable, and no funds or grants to replace them. People, on paper and verbally, said, “Salado will never come back.” “Salado is dead.”

Little did they know -- Salado’s reputation is doing the impossible that others said could not be accomplished.

Now we are facing the same enemy in a different form. Though it be determined and disciplined, Coronavirus, has met its match. Salado people do not bend, panic, hide, or surrender. They know that strength is gained by overcoming obstacles and that it is the only strength that can overcome adversity. We are for the most part, a team that takes care of each other. Someone dies, food for the family arrives warm and good. Someone is sick or needs a ride, people change their car into a taxi with no charge. When Volunteers are needed, a chorus of “Here I am, send me!” can be heard across Texas. A friend, positively, absolutely needs help “IMMEDIATELY, Right now, Hurry! People in Salado will drop what they are doing and come asking no questions, share what they have, and go the second, third, or fourth mile and request nothing in return. We know who we are and we make no excuses, our belief is straightforward, lived daily: “

Here are a few things to keep in mind as we face this enemy, Coronavirus,

1. Nothing is final. This too shall come to pass.
2. Exercise caution in your business affair for the world is full of trickery.
3. Be patient. Do not rush into a mistake.
4. Be kind to each other. Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind see.
5. Do not gossip, twist the truth, and make others look bad so that you can look good.
6. Avoid loud and aggressive people; they are spirit killers who declare “It is about me.” “If I can’t have it; I will destroy it.”
7. Success is not final, failure is not fatal. It is courage to continue that counts. (Churchill)
8. Keep peace with your soul. It is a beautiful world.

You are a great people – believe it! Stay Safe.

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