

Chime In Youth Ambassador Program 9.30.15

Kelly and Mariah began the meeting reciting the Chime In core values.

Kelly then went on to talk about the importance of doing your part in the world, quoting Shakespeare's Play your part well for therein the glory arises. She talked about a woman who reached success in real estate by having a big vision but by acknowledging the small steps she took each day. She appreciated those little rewards knowing that they would help her reach the larger successes she was working toward.

Mariah then read her 4 "S's" in life:

1. Service – It makes her feel good to be doing something that's in service to the world and seeing the direct impact it makes.
2. Sustainability – She likes to take on what she can and not take on what she feels is overwhelming. She seeks balance.
3. Simple – She likes to keep things simple and not make things hard for herself.
4. Self-full (?) (not sure I heard this one right)

Mariah also commented on the Shakespeare quote. She told about how she's wanting to try to help a musician become famous so he can accomplish his dreams. She said she sees his talent and can't help but want to see the world see it too. If she works with him, it would also help her feel what it's like to be a publicist as this is part of her journey as well. Mariah says we should all feel encouraged to use our talents, as it's a part of giving when you show everyone what you're passionate about. Steve then came on and said he'd speak to Mariah about this.

Jeetan then checked in. His key motivation is doing his part. He said someone else "did his part" when he was fed, housed and educated in the refugee camp where he grew up. Now he feels it's his time to do his part to be of service to others, to give back to the community. In Nepal sella means service and the idea of service has had a big impact on his life. Another word, samartan, is dedication, which is also important to him. One person can't do everything so we have to pick something to focus on and "play that part" well and with passion.

Kelly asked the group, "How do you know when it's your part?"

Benjamin said he asked how could everyone embrace the king and queen in themselves. If everyone finds the roles for themselves and takes action instead of reaction, then we are empowered and we can bring that skill to the world and be of service to others who are embodying their power. He compared this to building a house, where everyone does their part to create a whole unit. If everyone doing this embraces their role well, then they are the king or queen of that role. He can then come in and do the role he's meant to do and not step on what others are doing.

Kelly said we feel good when we give but we have to take care not to feel as if we have to give to feel good. She likes the idea of wondering what if you already were a king or queen and didn't have to prove anything, and gave not because you had to but because you like to and are reminding others of their own kingliness or queenliness. Benjamin said when you love what you're doing you're selfless and selfish at the same time. Kelly reminded everyone that the reward is not the end of the journey, but that you have to bring that reward back home before the journey can end. This stage is a good place to be, but there's more to follow.

Susan said if you can find peace and harmony in service it makes it special. Your soul resonates when you find something you can give to. She complemented Mariah on using her intuition, knowing she needed to help someone and not be afraid to act on it.

Lea Anne then presented her talk about Jordan. She showed a map of the country and talked about Aqaba, where she lived, the only coastal city in Jordan. She feels the Gulf of Aqaba is one of the safest waters in the world since four countries abut it. The city is also the place where many Jordanians go to vacation. It's a small town where everyone knows everybody. Her grandmother, for instance, was a seamstress and taught everyone in the city how to sew. She also knew everything about any new friend Lea Anne brought to meet her.

Next she spoke about Wadi Rum, the Valley of the Moon, which has red sand and lined with beautiful majestic mountains. She said many people camp there in Bedouin tents and cook in holes built in the ground. They turn off all lights at 12 a.m. so it's also a great place to view the stars. It's even a great place to get makeup, as the natural rock is pink.

Then Lea Anne spoke about Petra, one of the wonders of the world, a city carved in mountains and one of the archaeological treasures of the world. It's also known as the Rose City since the mountains are pink and the buildings are constructed from those mountains. It's now a tourist site.

Next she spoke about the Dead Sea, the lowest elevation on Earth and one of the saltiest. The mud from the sea is very beneficial to the skin and because of the salinity people can float in it easily. Then she talked about Mount Nebo, the place where Moses was shown the Promised Land and where you can see Jerusalem on a clear day.

Finally, she talked about Amman, the capital and most populous city of Jordan. It's one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities of the world. It's also one of the most Westernized cities in the Middle East. Lea Anne said that with the advent of the internet, Jordan itself has become more modernized and progressive, though there are still many areas of the country where traditional religious modes still prevail. Amman is also filled with many Roman ruins from the time they conquered the country.

Lea Anne also showed a photo of her with a Bedouin girl. The Bedouins are the indigenous people of Jordan who still live mostly in tents and off the land. She also spoke about people in Aqaba having their own dialect, a difference language from what most Jordanians speak. She

gave examples of the dialect. For instance, there is a word that explains the color of the blue of the Gulf of Aqaba, an intense shade of blue that needs a special word to describe it.

Lea Anne says there's a huge difference between women in Jordan and the United States. In Jordan they're raised to stay in their place and be serving the men in the family and pretty to look at, not do what they're not told. At the same time, the women are also held in great respect and given their space. Men don't curse in front of women, make derogatory comments or touch women inappropriately. Lea Anne finds this is not the case in the United States and is upset when people say derogatory things in front of her. She also has difficulties now when people hug her or come up to her and touch her because of the way she was raised. She came to the United States when she was a freshman in high school and on her first day was shocked to see two girls kissing or a guy with blue hair. Everyone in Jordan all looked and acted the same way, so this was a surprise to her. Even Christians and Muslims were the same there.

Susan ended the call commenting on how friendly the people in Jordan are and that it's an exciting and incredible country. She also sent out a fundraiser, asking everyone to post information for a book written by a supporter who is donating 40% of the proceeds to the organization. She also asked everyone to share the crowdfunding site, reminding everyone that \$1 will be given for everyone who gives the group a like.