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ASK AMY

Wedding sparks an email work feud

Amy Dickinson

Dear Amy: A work friend was getting married, and she decided to have her wedding in Las Vegas. I was not able to attend the wedding, but I made her bridal veil, and participated in a group gift from work friends.

Afterward, she sent a group email at work, thanking all of her “true friends” that “bothered to come to the wedding.” I received no thank you for making the veil.

I am hurt and feel like confronting her, but I’m not sure what to do.

— Jilted friend

Dear Jilted: You are right, and the bride is wrong; wedding etiquette (and general decency) states that the bride and groom should send a thank-you note for any gift they receive. That includes a veil.

However, I don’t think you should hold your breath for a thank-you. In terms of confronting her, you may have to stand in line behind other colleagues who want to react to her rudeness.

Her choice to passively-aggressively email her co-workers about an out-of-town NON-work event is a poor one, and this could end up damaging her.

Think about it: you considered her a friend and you would like to confront her about her behavior. Imagine how other office folks felt receiving this email — people who weren’t on the best terms with her before this hit their inbox, some of whom may control her daily workload. Or people who did come to her wedding, who have now been roped into an email argument they wanted no part of, and are now busy deleting all their cute wedding pics from social media.

I get that you’re hurt, but don’t make the same mistake your co-worker has made and play this out at work.

Dear Amy: “Sad Mom/Grandma” was devastated at her kids’ inattention on Mother’s Day. She wants to be reimbursed for “services rendered” — cooking 100,000 meals over the years, etc. Her adult children seemed to do the minimum on this day.

I would rather get calls and visits throughout the year than an obligatory dinner on Mother’s Day.

Luckily, I get both.

— Happy

Dear Happy: Mother’s Day is an emotionally loaded day for mothers, stepmothers and the kids they raise. I understood this woman’s desire for a modest celebration, other than what she described as “obligatory” phone calls. I hope she gets what she wants.

CONCERTS



David Sill, 19, is battling osteosarcoma and will be one of the recipients of Zac Brown Band’s “Beads of Courage.” He is pictured here with his mother, Lori. Photo provided by Susan Bertrand

Keep Me in Mind

Zac Brown Band to pay tribute to cancer patients at Syracuse show

Kelsey Thompson Contributing writer

The Zac Brown Band may be from Atlanta, Georgia, but they will be paying tribute to Central New York fans at their Syracuse concert tonight.

Band members will wear “Beads of Courage” during their performance to support pediatric patients at the Upstate Golisano Children’s Hospital. Golisano Children’s Hospital is one of more than 240 hospitals around the world to partner with “Beads of Courage.” Maureen’s Hope, a Baldwinsville-based nonprofit organization, brought the program to Upstate more than ten years ago.

Susan Bertrand, the president and founder of Maureen’s Hope, established the organization in memory of her sister, Maureen Humphrey, who died of cervical cancer in January of 2003 at 31 years old. Bertrand said the inspiration for Maureen’s Hope and its subsequent partnership with “Beads of Courage” was to inspire children to celebrate the milestone accomplishments they have made in their fight against serious illnesses.

“These beads give kids a tangible way to record, share, and tell their story,” Bertrand said.

Children are given a leather cord and beads spelling out their name. For every treatment they complete, a new bead is added to the cord. Bertrand said recipients will often hang their cords on their I.V. poles as they walk through Golisano to receive treatment. Whether they have four beads or 400, Bertrand said the tokens are symbolic of their

perseverance and bravery.

David Sill, a 19-year-old battling osteosarcoma, will be one of the recipients of this concert’s beads. His mother, Lori, will be attending Saturday’s concert, while his father, Ric, will stay with David at Golisano.

Bertrand said that, for parents, seeing celebrities and musicians wearing these beads is a reminder of the support systems they have.

“During a time that can be so lonely, you feel like the whole world is going on around you without you,” Bertrand said. “For them to be sitting in the audience and seeing the band wearing those beads, it’s as if they’re saying: We see you. We hear you. And we care.”

The Zac Brown Band isn’t the first musical group to wear them at a Syracuse concert. John Mayer and his bandmates wore the beads during their concert at the St. Joseph’s Health Amphitheater at Lakeview in August of 2017.

Each bead worn by band members will be placed into a bag with a handwritten note, explaining what they did as they wore them. Bertrand said that, while the act of wearing the beads may be simple, the impact they have on the recipients is anything but.

“It’s so important for people to know that they’re so much more than great musicians,” Bertrand said. “They’re good people who care about these communities.”

The Zac Brown Band will perform a sold-out show at 7 p.m. today at the St. Joseph’s Health Amphitheater at Lakeview.

ALBANY

New York state Legislature’s last WWII vet says goodbye

A New York Republican who’s one of two World War II veterans believed to be still serving in a state legislature has bid farewell to fellow lawmakers.

Sen. William J. “Bill” Larkin Jr. cast what are likely his final Senate votes earlier this week as the Legislature wrapped up its 2018 session.

Larkin served in the Assembly from 1979 to 1990 before winning the first of 20 two-year terms representing a section of the Hudson Valley. The Troy native’s political career followed a 23-year career in the U.S. Army that started as a private serving in the Pacific during World War II. He retired in 1967 as a lieutenant colonel.

The 90-year-old Larkin and 91-year-old Wisconsin state Sen. Fred Risser are believed to be the only WWII vets still serving in any of the nation’s state legislatures. — Associated Press



Sen. William Larkin Jr., R-New Windsor, left, speaks with Deputy Majority Leader Sen. John DeFrancisco, R-DeWitt, on Wednesday in the Senate Chamber during the last scheduled day of the legislative session. Hans Pennink, Associated Press

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19): It’s important to use discretion in matters that concern people you have exchanged favors with. Say little and avoid making a sudden change that could disrupt your personal plans or home life. 3 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Remain calm and focused on what’s important to you. An important relationship should be protected from situations that are detrimental to your position or reputation. 3 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): How you treat someone you love will determine how stressful your personal relationship will become. Don’t take anyone for granted or play with someone’s feelings. 3 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Participate in an event that will help you better understand different cultures or interests you’d like to pursue. Take part in conversations and spend time with people you find mentally stimulating. 5 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Control your emotions. Get to the bottom of whatever problem crops up before you take action. Assuming something that may not be accurate will only lead to more trouble. 2 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Head to the mall or a destination that interests you. Whether it’s inner peace you are looking for or a trendy outfit, you’ll enjoy a change of scenery. 4 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You may feel limited when dealing with others, but when it comes to self-improvements and inner growth, you can make alterations that will definitely give you a boost and the confidence to address personal issues. 3 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don’t sweat the small stuff. Focus on making progress, and use your voice of reason to make changes that will have a positive influence on your life. 3 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Take care of matters personally. Get fit or at least aim to look your best. Refuse to let the changes others make slow you down or interfere with your plans. 3 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Look at the big picture; you’ll see how many options you have. Discuss your plans and get a second opinion or approval. Set your sights on the destination of choice. 4 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don’t fall for the bait someone sets. People who possess bad habits should be kept at a distance, and maintaining good health should be put into greater focus. 2 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Expand your interests and invest more time, money and effort in yourself and the way you live. Discuss matters with someone you respect or want to develop a partnership with. 5 stars

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