

# "Americans are divided over everything, except division,"

says a recent NBC/Wall Street Journal poll noting that more than 80% of us agree - we've become the "Divided States of America."

# Elaine Parke, MBA, CS, CM, NSA,

"National unity won't trickle down." says "Mental Nutrition" Guru- Elaine Parke.

In her latest book, *THE HABITS OF UNITY*, she shares a nourishing, Do It Yourself (DIY) – "one-magic minute a day" routine, we can all agree and act on together – just like we celebrate holidays. With one habit-forming month at a time, we nourish ourselves mentally just like good food nourishes our bodies. Together we will uplift our own lives and heal our country by mobilizing unity, civility, and citizenship together.

"America needs this unifying year-round mental health plan, deemed a social invention by the London Institute, and already proven successful by social transformation visionary, Elaine Parke." — Melvin Steals, EdD, Educator and Grammy Award Winning Songwriter

As Executive Director of the non-profit, All of Us, Inc., Elaine is a lively and inspired interview guest. She mentored Chicago gang kids as a Northwestern University student, then expanded her scope of kindness to include millions. She organized and pioneered the 12-monthly branded multi-media campaign, that is still today, mobilizing civility and citizenship - equally.

Beginning in Pittsburgh PA, her kindness campaigns were waged by teams of citizens using posters, flyers, bookmarks, radio, KDKA-TV, and social media. "This isn't random acts of kindness, says Parke, this is an organized system of 12 kindness messages." Surveys confirm that it works. One respondent said, "I am now nice to the people I used to be mean to."

# **Interview Story Ideas**

Our Forefathers Fell Short; They Failed to Write a Bill of Responsibilities.

As revolutionaries, our founding fathers touted citizen rights at the expense of exhorting citizen responsibilities to honor and dignify one another equally – the "by the people" part.

#### Stop Feeling Miserable and Become an Empowered Agent for Good in America.

The buck stops with you and me as citizens of a democracy. With the power of repetition and social media, we can turn good and kindness into unifying actions...one month and one citizen at a time.

#### **Unity Means Business**

The business version of the campaign, 12 Habits of the Golden Rule Success System, stream–lines corporate climates with an organized plan of improved "getting along better" human relations themes. March's focus is "Dealing with Difficult People."

#### The Divided States of America and the Cherokee Legend of the Two Wolves

They are tied together because the bad wolf news gets fat – it sells and goes viral while the unifying good news wolf is malnourished at best.

## Happy People Don't Cheat or Lie

Really happy people feel integrated with co-workers, family and community, knowing that at the very least, they don't take unfair advantage of others. This is civility and citizenship at work.

### How to lighten up and live happier right now.

Everybody needs dignity. "The fine art of making "suggestions" with appealing call-to action mental nutrition blurbs like, "Help Others," "Be Grateful," "Show a Positive Attitude," and "Resolve Conflicts."

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**Best Overview and Interview** (2:30sec): youtu.be/RFMsOzBi2pY **KDKA-TV 12 habits PSA's**: www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Wcp8oRwGvI&t=318s

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