

# South Dakota Brailleist Association Newsletter



South Dakota  
Brailleist Association  
Conference will be joining the  
Focus on Success II  
Conference

From the President, *Connie Sullivan*

## Mark you calendar now!

South Dakota Brailleist Association will be one of the co-sponsors for Focus on Success II Conference coming in March, 2003.

Everyone is welcome! Individuals who are blind or visually impaired, parents, other family members, students, teachers, professionals in education, rehabilitation and independent living. The program will address education option and issues, vocational rehabilitation and adult services for individuals who are blind or visually impaired.

The South Dakota Brailleist Association will be co-sponsoring two of the trainers. Betsy Burnham and Janie Humphries.

***Betsy Burnham*** is currently employed by the American Printing House for the Blind as an Accessible Media Manager and Trainer for the ATIC Division. Betsy is a Certified Literary Transcriber. She began her career in the field of vision working as a paraprofessional for those students enrolled at the Maryland School for the Blind. After attaining her certification, she began developing the Braille production area of the Instructional Resource Center located at the Maryland School. She left the Maryland School for the Blind and her position as Tactile Media Coordinator after 15 years. In 2001 to begin her current work at APH.



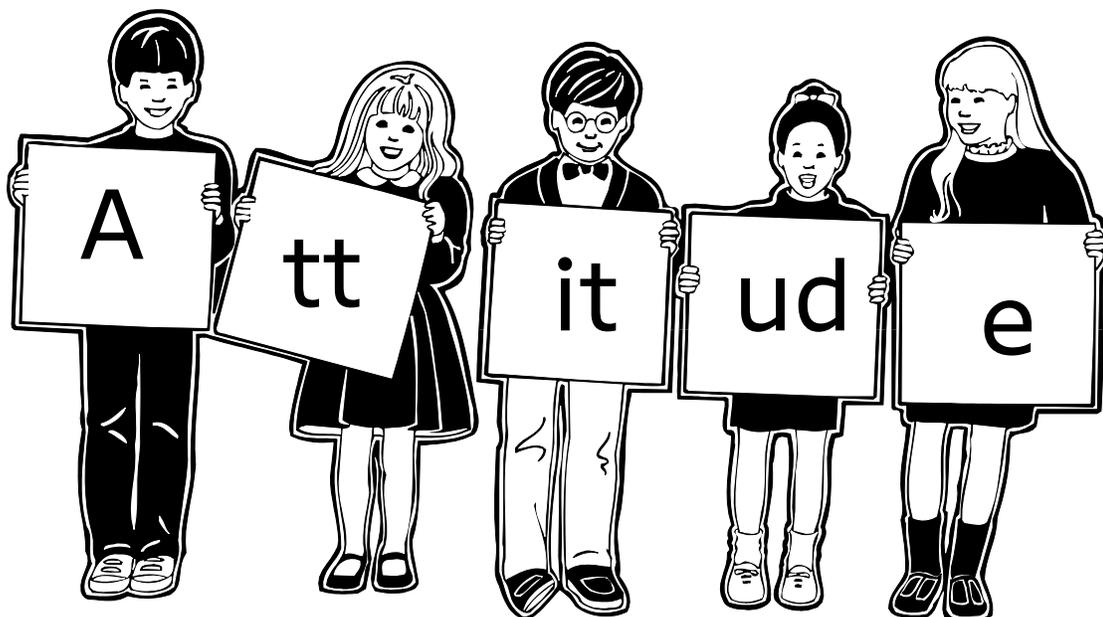


## Attitude

By Charles Swindall

The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude, to me, is more important than facts. It is more important than the past; than education; than money; than circumstances; than failures; than successes; than what other people think, say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness or skill. It will make or break a company... a church... a home. The remarkable thing is that we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change our past... we cannot change the fact that people act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have... and that is our attitude...

I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it.

















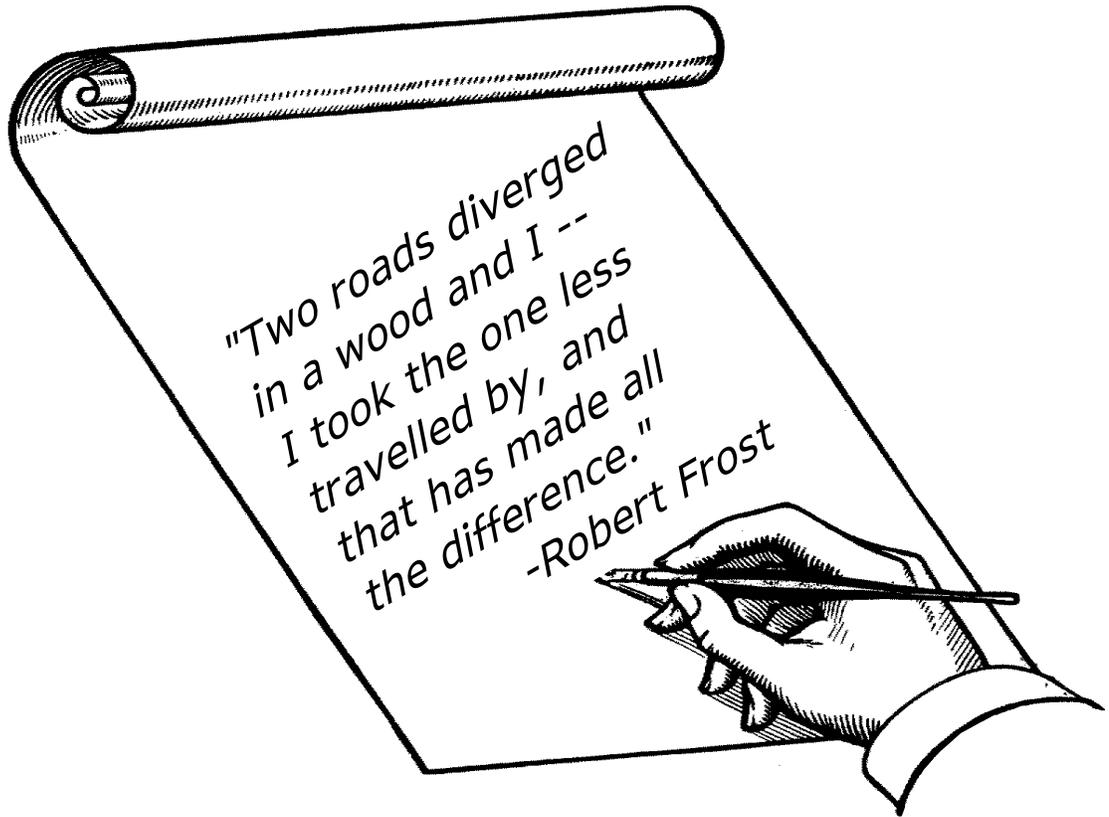












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