



CENTER FOR VETERINARY HEALTH SCIENCES Friday Bit for Alumni and Friends

IN A GALAXY NOT-TOO-FAR-AWAY »

Some of us are of a vintage that grew up on the original Star Wars movies. Thinking about famous movie quotes, it occurred to me that at CVHS, we don't need the **Force** to move us toward successful outcomes for our clients. Consider these musings from a galaxy known as the alumni office and my personal experiences as a client.



- "Our focus determines your reality." - Qui-Gon Jinn - This wisdom is true of anything. **Success requires the investment of your entire mind.**
- "**Do. Or do not. There is no try.**" - Yoda - We give our best in every situation. **We deploy no half-measures.**
- "In my experience there is no such thing as luck." - Obi-Wan Kenobi - **We are never powerless in the face of obstacles** (with the exception of the occasional alien beast catheter placement.)
- "**I find your lack of faith disturbing.**" - Darth Vader - Anything is possible. **We believe in our abilities to achieve excellence.**
- "It is not my fault." - Lando Calrissian - Even if we are not at fault, **we take responsibility and make a plan to prevent recurrence of the issue.**

May the Force be with us.

POULTRY NOT PALTRY »

I don't know, you decide.

Is that big bird ridiculously insulting, utterly worthless and/or just. plain. contemptible. ugly? Here in Middle Earth it's still a November thing for sure. Whatever your traditional values, if you are celebrating thankfulness this season, remember these turkey protocols. **Bird murder might be offensive (somewhere) unless you're a pathologist.** They play with knives legally. Stuffed? Or not? Plan your attire accordingly but remember the hues of this (and every month) are **orange** and **black**. Selfie with the bird? **Just no.**

Whatever your feast-beast plans, family dynamics, food prep, seating arrangements, and home keeping can be likened to a slow form of medieval torture. Here are some practices to help you enjoy the **Celebration of the Bird** without the temptation to use the knives 'um, creatively.

- **Prep table topics.** Politics is a violation of, say, propriety.
- **Promote equality.** Embrace the sibling species.
- **Evoke climate change.** Human extinction kinda redirects the consciousness.
- **Remember love?** It's a form of courage.
- **Convo getting tense?** Defer to the dog. Gotta go. Bye.
- **Weapons-grade-debate-in-progress?** Hit pause. The turkey will eventually take out the enemy.
- **Hail Mary?** Open the bubbly. Effervescence is magical!

AAEP CONFERENCE - CVHS ALUMNI RECEPTION, SAN ANTONIO »

CVHS is headed to the **63rd Annual AAEP Convention in San Antonio.** Meet Interim Dean, **Chris Ross, Chris Sitz (OSUF)**, and me at the alumni reception on **Sunday evening, Nov. 19, 6:00 p.m. in a private suite at Marriott Rivercenter Hotel, 101 Bowie Street.** Alumni and friends enjoy complimentary beverages, food, door prizes and college updates. Special thanks to **Drs. Rocky Bigbie ('81), Dave Mitchell ('62), and Thomas**

Loafmann ('63) reception sponsors. Message/call 405-612-5359 or email [Sharon](#) if you need assistance. Registered attendees, watch your email for notification of the room number on **Sunday, Nov. 19.**

Class Representatives and friends, Alumni Affairs at CVHS is a giving option that works directly *for you.* Please share the Friday Bit with classmates. Self subscription is available [here](#) And.... that orange GIVE button? You know what to do.

"RWGWWARAHHW." - Chewbacca. Tap into the Force of ORANGE F R I D A Y.

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