Dear HOBY Alumni:

We are at the height of summer, and today it's 96 degrees outside. I was wondering if your “Burning Desire” could match or even surpass the heat steaming off the asphalt pavement? If the answer is yes, it wouldn't surprise me one bit, if the answer is uncertain, then do not fret for we all have periods of cooling off, and what better time than the lazy days of summer when you can enjoy your friends, vacation, extra spending money from a summer job or just a little relaxation?

Two weeks ago I was in Washington, D.C. to deliver the keynote speech at the World Leadership Congress (WLC) for the 15th consecutive year, and I was no more impressed with those fantastic WLC Ambassadors than I was when I spoke to you. Their high energy reminded me of your high energy, their bright eyes where the same as yours and what you can do is equal to what they can do.

Remember, if you continue to seek Arete and follow the formula of setting and working towards your goals, staying positive, having faith in God and self, being tenacious and taking courageous action, you will achieve your ultimate purpose! When I spoke to David Clark who is heading up the HOBY Alumni newsletter, he reminded me that so many Ambassadors ask about getting a copy of “God Forgive Me When I Whine” and “The Guy In The Glass.” If you were one of them, then you will be pleased to see these two powerful poems in print.

I will be seeing Hugh O'Brian in a few weeks to start a sculpture of him this fall, and upon completion I would love to share this finished product with you either at an upcoming HOBY seminar or at least a photo by mail. So from the founder of HOBY and myself, we extend high expectations and best wishes to you - the most outstanding of all!

With respect and fondness,

Uncle Don

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**The Guy in the Glass**

When you get what you want in your struggle for self
And the world makes you king for a day,
Then go to the mirror and look at yourself
And see what that guy has to say.

For it isn't your mother, your father or wife
Whose judgment on you must pass.
The fellow whose verdict counts most in your life
Is the guy staring back from the glass.

He's the fellow to please, never mind all the rest
For he's with you clean to the end;
And you've passed your most dangerous and difficult test
If the guy in the glass is your friend.

You may be like Jack Horner and chisel a plum
And think you are a wonderful guy,
But the guy in the glass says you are a bum
If you can't look him straight in the eye.

You may fool the whole world down the pathway of years
And get pats on the back as you pass;
But the final reward will be heartaches and tears
If you've cheated the guy in the glass.

**God, Forgive Me When I Whine**

Today, upon a bus, I saw a lovely girl with golden hair.
I envied her... she seemed so gay... and wished I were as fair.
When suddenly she rose to leave, I saw her hobble down the aisle.
She had one leg, and wore a crutch. But as she passed... a smile!
Oh, God forgive me when I whine, I have two legs. The world is mine.

I stopped to buy some candy. The lad who sold it had such charm.
I talked with him. He seemed so glad. If I were late 'twould do no harm.
And as I left he said to me: "I thank you. You have been so kind.
It's nice to talk with folks like you. You see," he said, "I'm blind."
Oh, God forgive me when I whine. I have two eyes. The world is mine.

Later, while walking down the street, I saw a child with eyes of blue.
He stood and watched the others play. He did not know what to do.
I stopped a moment, then I said, "Why don't you join the others, dear?"
He looked ahead without a word, and then I knew he could not hear.
Oh, God forgive me when I whine. I have two ears. The world is mine.

With feet to take me where I'd go,
With eyes to see the sunset's glow,
With ears to hear what I would know...
Oh, God forgive me when I whine. I'm blessed indeed. The world is mine!

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Hugh O'Brian, the man who made HOBY possible, speaks to a spellbound group of ambassadors at Michigan East.