

Monday with Mikey: May 15, 2017

“The Americans haven’t spoken it for years!”

That quote is from Professor Henry Higgins in the Book *Pygmalion* as well as the Broadway Musical and Hollywood Movie *My Fair Lady*. I adore the “local color” of many of the accents in the United States and Canada, and I think the English language is richer and fuller because of them. I, however, have a GIANT “pet peeve” with the *improper use and pronunciation of words and phrases*. I acknowledge today’s MWM is a rant. That stated, here are some of the words and phrases that are like “fingernails on a chalkboard” to me:

- “*verse*” instead of “*versus*” – This came into use in the last quarter of the 20th Century and is uttered improperly to enunciate the nonexistent abbreviation of the word *versus*, which is *vs*. *Versus* has no singular iteration, and its derivation is from Middle English, stemming from the Old Latin word meaning “toward” or “facing.” It has NOTHING to do with the stanzas of a poem or song.
- “*mute*” vs. “*moot*” - The proper phrase is *moot point*. Taken from Old English, the word *moot* is a derivative of an Old German word that means “to meet” or “to discuss.” A *moot point* is one that is debatable, and in current usage, pointless to debate. There’s nothing wrong with the word *mute* if it’s used properly: referring to silence or the inability to make or utter sound.
- “*realitor*” vs. “*realtor*” – Think of it this way: *realtors* transact business relating to *real* property, which is called *realty* – not *reality*. There are, in fact, “reality” shows on television about realtors and realty. I’m not, however, sure how realistic they are.
- “*jewlery*” vs. “*jewelry*” – (This one is a real “gem”.) Similar to *realitor* (above) this is just plain, good old American-style “tongue-tiedness” with a dash of linguistic laziness tossed in for good – or bad – measure. A *jeweler* is a professional who makes/appraises/buys/sells *jewels*, not *jewls*. Sometimes we just need to pronounce the letters in the order in which they are arranged to form the word.
- “*Calvary*” instead of “*cavalry*” (and sometimes vice-versa) – *Calvary* is a geographic and spiritual descriptor for the location of the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ – also referred to as *Golgotha*, which means “the place of the skull.” *Cavalry* is an equine-mounted fighting force whose name stems from the ancient Spanish and Old Latin words for “horse.” These words are sometimes used interchangeably, but they really shouldn’t be.
- “*nucular*” vs. “*nuclear*” – See the previous two entries. I don’t care if you are a POTUS from Texas. I don’t care if you knew Werhner Von Braun or Dr. Joseph Oppenheimer personally. It’s NUCLEAR, deriving from the science involved with splitting the NUCLEUS (not “nuculus”) of the hydrogen or helium atom. The mispronunciation of this word is the original “nuclear disaster.”

Until next week let’s all keep on “Doing Good, Having Fun!”

An apology to the Rotary Club of Wesley Chapel: I am sorry for not wearing my red ALL STARS to your banquet last Thursday night. I was of the understanding that it was a “summer fun” themed party, so I wore slip-ons without socks. I deserved any and all chastisement I received.

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A few “District Quickies”-

- Club TRF Chairs & Presidents: Please be sure to send your club’s Annual Fund and Polio Plus contributions to TRF in Evanston ASAP.
- District Training Assembly is THIS COMING SATURDAY: If you’re a club leader, you NEED to go to DTA!
- D6950 Conference is only 3 ½ weeks away – sign up on DaCdb TODAY!.
- Attached is the flyer for this year’s “Rotary Day at the Rays.”



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Rotary Day with the Rays XVII



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