

Co-Worker Recognition Supplement: Panning for the Golden Nugget

Throughout time, gold has been a symbol of value. The value of gold supported the hopes and dreams of those who spent their days in search of the precious metal. Today, millions of tourists continue the American pastime of panning for gold. Perhaps the reasons have changed but what remains the same is the excitement of expectation rather than doubt.

Imagine how different the world would be if each of us approached life as if we were panning for gold. We would expect to find the good in situations and the value in people we came in contact with every day. Think about it. Our days would be spent looking for the positive rather than the negative. We would sift through the rough times, continuously “panning for the golden nugget.”

Remember the last time someone told you, “Thanks for your help” or “Job well done.” These are the times when you felt important because someone noticed you made a difference. You felt rich because someone discovered your golden nugget.

The mystery in sharing a golden nugget is this: It is by giving away that we receive. When you share a golden nugget with someone else, you both become richer. The moral to the story is a simple one. Look for the “golden nugget” every day at work and home and let others know when you’ve found it.