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Recently, a particular quote got my attention: “A dead battery can’t jump another dead battery. Get away from people who can’t charge your spirit when you need a jump!” (author unknown) Isn’t this the truth! Especially NOW. We are starting to come out of a pandemic, the world is fraught by social issues and many people just need help and want people to be kind to them.

It’s that simple. The Academy is bringing people together and realizes the necessity of positive social interaction. We have invited all to the table for the greater good. Social workers, medical professionals, mental health experts, dancers, kinesiologists, health and physical education teachers, school counselors, athletic trainers, etc. What do all our members have in common? They help others and they are glad to do so with kindness and compassion. It’s about service, inclusion and leadership. When we serve, we are leaders. To me, they go hand in hand. One of the greatest things that I love about our Academy is that we encourage service. We want members to soar to achieve their goals in assisting others.

Speaking of service, members and many who have yet to join, are invited to volunteer for our Inaugural Summit on March 6-9, 2023 at the Newport Hotel in Newport, RI. Professionals from all over the country will be here to help one another learn, grow and network. You will not want to miss this wonderful event!

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