

LINDA – Fieldnotes – Monday, July 2, 2007

Subject: calls from Barbara Smith and Dorothy Omega, Park Association

Time: 10:55, 12:35

Ms. Omega calls me as promised. She does not leave a phone number where I can reach her. Ms. Smith and I play phone tag, as demonstrated below.

Hi Ms., Ms. Lin,

This is Babs Smith the director of the art and garden enrichment program in Harlem

I heard from one of our Board Members that you would like to *visit* us for a day

And that would be fantastic

Uh, you would probably want to visit on a *class* day,

Which would be a Monday, a Wednesday, or a Friday sometime between July 9th and August 24th,

Aaand we begin at 8:30 and finish up at 3:30.

So why don't you give me a call,

And we'll arrange something more specific,

My number is 914 274 0953

Thanks,

Bye

Received at 10:55am

From 914 274 0953

Message is 40 seconds

Hello,

Ms. Linda, Lin?

Uh this is Dorothy Omega calling?

I did give your number to our director for this year?

I'm calling from the Park A—Association.

The park that you passed by and you stopped in and chatted with myself and a man named—by the name of Paul

And it was such an *interesting* chat

And I thought I'd better give your name and your telephone number *to* our director

For the summer youth program,

Her name is again Barbara, Smith.

And she's going to *call* you or whatever,

Whichever,

We hope that she *will* call

Because I let her know that you were interested

In being,

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In coming in to *view* the program
And her number *anyway*, uh *is* 212 534 3053.
212 534 3053.

That's the number, uh, to the Park Association's Summer Youth Program?
Barbara Smith is her name.

Okay
And thank you for just being *interested*
Thank you
Bye bye

Received today at 12:35 pm
From 212-234-1266
Message is 1 minute 5 seconds

I left a message at 1:46 giving her my cell phone number.

From phone number 914 274 0953 received July 3 at 10:35 am
Hi Ms. Lin, This is, Babs Smith calling again from the Harlem Arts and the Gardens?
And, I want to schedule something with you
Obviously we're playing phone tag and,
That's partly because *I* am not working right now?
I realize this is *extremely* important to schedule this date
So I wanted to tell you that I'm actually away,
Um, yesterday and today in Long Island, on holiday
But I wanted to tell you that I will be in the office on Thursday morning and all day on
Friday
So,
I will try again on um Thursday and Friday when you'll have a *much* better chance of
returning my call and actually getting me *on* the phone
So I apologize for that
But, um,
We will schedule something then
And, the program doesn't start until July 9th, so, uh,
We're not in a huge rush
Uh, I hope that's all right
If it's not you can continue to try me on my cell
Thanks,
Bye

Hello, you're reached the Arts and Gardens Enrichment program in Christ Community Church. We cannot take your call right now, but please leave a message and we'll get back to you as soon as possible. (?)

Hello, this is a message for Ms. Smith
This is Linda Lin
Thank you for your message
I will be able to give you a call tomorrow afternoon
To schedule a time to see the program
Uh, thank you very much

July 5, 2:34 pm
212 534 3053

Joy answers the phone with "Arts and Garden Enrichment Program." She is going to take a message when Babs Smith walks in. She asks for my name again, and my organization. I tell her, "Teachers College." I wait for a few minutes, hearing Joy ask Babs if she wants her to ask me to call back.

Linda: So I would love to come in on Monday

Babs: It may be chaotic
We're not full yet
So we may have parents throwing children at us

She mentions a waiting list, and it being ok "as long as you don't blame us" for the chaos. We establish that I'll come in at 8:30. I say something about that way they won't need to explain my presence.