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Where has all the time gone? How time flies when you're having fun. If only there was more time. Why did this take so long? Time's too short to worry about that. Simple everyday profound statements but have you ever taken the time to really think about them? Time, looking back, looking forward, filling time, wasting time, the beginning of time or the end of time and the worst....

Times up! Although time, as a unit of measure is a constant, there are so many variables and individual perceptions of the constant **Time**. Like waiting for important test results or hitting every single stop light when you're

running late or realizing things have changed and you feel like you missed important steps along the way. Time, it never seems just right, **what's with that?** Some things, like seeing the grandkids and how fast they're growing up or like our Minnesota seasons changing from the summer green forests to leafless branches of fall dreading that time will bring winter much too soon. You can't stop time, go back in time or go forward in time, come to think about it, would you want to? Look what happened in the "Back to the Future" movies, poor Marty.... I think as I get older I do value the perception of time more knowing the future will be filled with our kids, grandkids and great grandkids and hopefully their time is filled with joy, happiness and their time is just right, to live their lives without losing or missing any time. I find that I'm looking back in time, to see if in my own life did I miss anything, to contribute, to share, to make things right, to make a difference or the biggest question of them all, is there enough time to finish the tasks on the honey-do list before God takes me from this earth? I do wish there was more hours in a day, more days in the weeks, more sunlight in the day, more time to learn something new, to maximize and focus on what's important, to find solutions, fix things and time for a Mulligan, (a do over), or two or three before the dreaded... time runs out. I hope and pray I have time left to see happiness in my children's and families lives, to create new opportunities, accomplish more inventions, products and devices that will live on in time. I looked back at all the time, and yes, measured over a few decades at all the jobs I've had in the private sector, the employees and tens of thousands of customers I've met. Time has also gone by fast thinking about all the positions I've held in Oak Grove leadership working to help direct or shape our community over the years and always preparing for the distant future. I think the most important part of time is learning, absorbing as much as possible every minute and taking that knowledge with time hopefully becoming wiser, sharing that wisdom throughout every opportunity. I was once asked; **what do I know for sure?** My answer is simple, "**More than I did yesterday, but not as much as I will tomorrow**"! We've come a long way in Oak Grove from a small township with dirt roads, farm fields and vast woodlands with open spaces transforming into a growing bedroom community with endless opportunities and a future that time will tell the rest of the story. This brings to mind a very important point: "**Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it!**" Ferris Bueller. **TO BE CONTINUED.....**