



ASK DEANNA!
*Real People,
Real Advice*

Ask Deanna! Is an advice column known for its fearless approach to reality-based subjects!

Dear Deanna!

My sister has moved in with me, and it's a total disaster. She is a liar, a thief and a master manipulator. I am used to a calm life that doesn't involve anyone opening my mail, answering my phone and acting as if they live in a hotel with room service. I'm going to put her out, but I have to face drama from my family because she's told them a pack of lies. Our family is torn, and she already has everyone on her side. How do I evict her and still save face?

Anonymous
Los Angeles, CA

Dear Anonymous:

You need your sister and all of this madness just like you need a hole in the head. However, your sister is someone you grew up with and you knew most things about her before she moved in. This decision is quick and to the point. If it's your house, your rules and your money, then she needs to shape up or ship out. If you have some joint agreements, then you need to change some locks, make new rules and try again before sending her packing.

Dear Deanna!

I'm a fun guy with a lot of heart. I find that being nice has caused me to be taken advantage of by women and a few of my male friends. I tend to pay for meals when I'm out, and I pay the fees if we're at an establishment that charges for parking and many other small incidentals. When I put my foot down and say no to my girlfriends or refuse favors that involve money, I lose relationships, and friends. This makes me feel bad and I want to change but don't know how.

Keith
Denver, CO

Dear Keith:

You can make the change by removing the "kick me" sign from your back, and stop wearing your emotions on your sleeves. Your attitude and your aura is felt and perceived by others, and this makes you an easy target. Go ahead and say no to a few things, and after a while, you'll have thick skin and you will also have all the gold diggers, drop shots and deadbeat friends out of your life, too.

In other words, look for new friends and keep it moving.

Dear Deanna!

My daughter ended a relationship that was abusive, degrading and disrespectful. We went through the hassle of moving her to another location, helping get her a new job and a new school for the children. As soon as she gets some money saved, a few new friends and things look promising, she lets her boyfriend come back. We're losing our minds because he's put her in the hospital, took her money and everything else. What can I say to get through to her?

Mad Mother
Online Reader

Dear Mad Mother:

Have a talk with your daughter, and let her know that she can't smell the roses if she's dead. Relationships can make people do crazy things, including hurting the ones they love. Your daughter has low self-esteem and only counseling and strong family intervention can help. As a mother, you need to stand by your daughter; love her and try not to be judgmental as she gets it together. And, hopefully, she'll see the reality of the monster she's with before it's too late?

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Each year, the d'Zert Club and African Genesis Institute sponsor a free trip to Egypt in North Africa for 1000 students between the age of 7 and 14 and 500 adult group leaders. Pictured above is the large touring student class of 2006.

Africa tours educate generations

By James E. Clingman
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African-American youth and families from throughout the nation will join the d'Zert Club and the African Genesis Institute this year to celebrate 10 years of exposing them to their cultural roots and their connection to the Motherland — Africa.

What an outstanding accomplishment by those dedicated brothers and sisters who cared enough about our children's education as well as their awareness of their African heritage and culture. They built an organization that has provided opportunities that otherwise would not have been there for our youth.

What is the d'Zert Club and how was it started? In 1992, Helen McCrary Salahuddin, a Philadelphia-based entertainment attorney and businesswoman who was managing the acting career of her young daughter, founded the organization with the help of her husband Philip "Ali" Salahuddin, a retired international entrepreneur, and internationally known recording artist "DJ Jazzy Jeff" Townes.

At that time, the d'Zert Club specialized in producing positive entertainment and cultural events for elementary, middle and high school students that included talent showcases and benefit concerts featuring nationally known recording artists.

"Around the time of the Million Man March in 1995, the direction of the organization had begun to change, and an educational travel component was added," explained Ali Salahuddin.

"The change was made to aid our sister organization, the African Genesis Institute, in its mandate to expose African-American youth to

sites of historical and cultural interest throughout the world and specifically Africa. The African Genesis Institute, a school without walls, is based on the work of educator, attorney and historian, Dr. Edward Robinson, who was instrumental in developing the Black history curriculum for Philadelphia's public schools. It is an extension of the work Dr. Robinson has been doing for the past 36 years as a curriculum specialist in African history."

The institute was developed to provide African-

American youth between the ages of 7 and 14 with a correct historical perspective of their culture, which enables them to assume their predestined role as leaders.

Students are exposed to the rich and extraordinary history of ancient Africa through classes, seminars and field trips. At the end of the program, students travel to Africa for the Teen Summit 1000. The d'Zert Club and the institute sponsor the trips, which provide African-American youth the rare opportunity to examine the land

of their ancestors and share their culture and lifestyle with African youth.

The first class given this opportunity was enrolled in August 1997 and traveled to Senegal and Gambia in August 1998.

In recognition of d'Zert Club's achievements and its stalwart support of and love for African-American youth, the Blackonomics Million Dollar Club, selected d'Zert Club as its recipient in June 2007. As a result of being selected, d'Zert Club re-

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