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Here's What's Brewing

AN OPEN LETTER FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR...

I found myself wondering the other day when the good people of my country lost the ability to have a productive, life-giving conversation over a topic on which they did not see eye-to-eye. What a beautiful thing it is to have an exchange of ideas with someone who sees an issue from a different perspective, and come away having learned something, both about that person and about that issue... But that seems to be a dying art.

I remember a phrase from my childhood: "Agree to disagree". By my teens and twenties, that phrase had shifted to, "We simply don't discuss religion or politics". And now, the sentiment runs more along the lines of, "If I don't hear my opinion come out of your mouth, then clearly you're the devil." And, oh, how I wish I was overstating this.

If nothing else, the last few months have underscored for me the dire need for places like MUGS. Places where "coffee really can connect the community". Places where safe, life-giving exchanges of ideas can happen that leave us each better human beings. Places where I can show respect and dignity to people who think and behave differently than I do just by doing less "convincing" and more connecting. We all need MUGS! Would you help us bring MUGS to life?

YOU CAN HELP BRING MUGS TO LIFE!

1. Tax deductible donations are gratefully received at the address below, & for other ways to donate, visit mugscommunity.org/donate
2. AmazonSmile donates to MUGS when you do your online shopping at smile.amazon.com/ch/45-5561164
3. With Kroger Rewards, you can support MUGS by buying groceries! Just go to: krogercommunityrewards.com
4. Download and play our free phone game, "DRIPS!" On Apple's APP STORE, search for "DRIPS". On Android's GOOGLE PLAY, search for "DRIPS MUGS". #PlayDRIPS!
5. Think of who you know that has a considerable audience of fans and followers, and tell them about DRIPS! Just say:
"Go to mugscommunity.org
Click on "About Us". Click on "DRIPS"
There's a video there you need to see!"

A text, a tweet, a Facebook post, a picture of them (or of YOU!) playing DRIPS... ALL great ways to raise awareness and spread the word!

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