



The Art of Savoring

A conscious reminder to appreciate

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Recently, I opened a box of pristine gourmet chocolates from Maxim's in Paris. They were actually a year old and I never wanted to open them for fear of them one day being gone! I didn't want them to ever be gone. I loved this box of chocolate because it held such special meaning for me—it was my Paris all wrapped up right there on my kitchen countertop. Paris was right there and I wanted to savor that...forever.

my heart. It reminded me to stop, look, taste and feel the art of this delicacy. It was a palpable prompting that could only come from something created from goodness and inspiration. The goodness and inspiration gently flowed from this chocolate piece of heaven to my heart. It not only reminded me—but *beckoned* me—to savor and deeply enjoy its magnificence and the magnificent talent of all those involved in this beautiful creation.

their brilliance in building a better world.

What I learned is that without savoring you miss the magnificence. You miss the inspiration that smiles back. You miss the chance for the heart to connect, to communicate and harmonize with creation, and to know its special contribution to the world.

As right of way professionals, your work ultimately affects so many people. By taking a moment to savor the magnificence of your collective knowledge, experience and project successes, I hope you can truly grasp the significant role you play in making people's lives better... every day. 🌟

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But it was not long before an intense chocolate craving made me open the box. I decided to open it quickly as I was in the middle of working on multiple high-stakes projects and didn't have time. What? I didn't have time to open this special memory, one that meant so much to me? What was I thinking? It wasn't until I quickly unwrapped a precious morsel of gourmet chocolate did I immediately stop in my tracks. I literally stopped. Paris—through this special chocolate morsel— was speaking to

I began to think how we don't savor enough in the hustle and bustle of daily life. Imagine if we savored our infrastructure work and the talents of all those involved—if we savored the beauty of our calling to improve the quality of people's lives through infrastructure development. If we savored the knowledge we gain from IRWA education and the camaraderie we gain from networking with our peers. If we savored the infrastructure projects we work on, and marvel at



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