**THE MAN [OR WOMAN] IN THE ARENA**

Theodore Roosevelt, Jr. (1858 -1919)

It is not the critic who counts; nor the man who points how the strong man stumbles or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust, sweat, blood; who strives valiantly, who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strives to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms the great devotions; who spends[invests] himself in the worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst if he fails, at least he fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat.