

# THE FLINTSTONES IN “GENERAL SERVICE ROCKS!”

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## *Cast of Characters*

*Fred Flintstone*

*Barney Rubble*

*Wilma Flintstone*

*Betty Rubble*

*Pebbles & Bamm Bamm/Great Gazoo/Vacuum/iStone Phone*

*(Flintstones theme plays)*

*Sign: District 90 Presents*

*Sign: A Happy Joyous and Free Production*

*Sign: The Flintstones in “General Service Rocks!”*

*Sign: Featuring the Not a Glum Lot Players*

*(Flintstones underscore plays)*

*(Fred is stage left and Wilma is stage right vacuuming)*

**FRED**

WILMA!

**WILMA**

*(turns off vacuum)*

You bellowed?

**FRED**

Will ya stop that vacuuming? I can't hear myself think in here!

**WILMA**

Oh, all right! What's so important anyway?

**FRED**

Come over here and I'll show you.

*(Wilma walks over to Fred)*

**MASTODON/VACUUM**  
*(waits a beat) My job sucks!*

*(Mastodon/Vacuum exits exits)*

**WILMA**  
Are you all bent out of shape because you know we can't afford to get you an Apple iStone Phone for your birthday tomorrow?

**FRED**  
No that's not it.

**WILMA**  
And why have you been on the computer so long? Please tell me you're not downloading pictures of Sharon Stone again!

**FRED**  
No, I'm not downloading pictures of Sharon Stone!

**WILMA**  
Well who then? Chris Rock?

**FRED**  
Very funny. If you must know, I'm working on a talk I have to give at the Inter-District workshop down at the Water Buffalo Lodge tomorrow.

**WILMA**  
I thought you and Barney got kicked out of the Water Buffaloes when you got drunk at last year's New Year's Eve party and puked in the Grand Poobah's helmet.

**FRED**  
I did, but our AA meeting meets in the same building. Hey look, Wilma I'd love to sit and gab with you, but I have to come up with something and I'm drawing a big blank so far.

**WILMA**  
What's the problem? Maybe I can help you?

**FRED**

Well, I'm supposed to talk for 15 minutes on this year's General Service Conference theme and it has me stumped.

**WILMA**

What is the theme?

**FRED**

“Communication and Participation—The Key to Unity and Self-Support.”

**WILMA**

What the heck does that mean? It sounds like the kind of thing Dilbert's boss would write on a whiteboard to try to sound important.

**FRED**

You see? That's what I thought too! I don't know why they have to make the themes so complicated. In the past we had great ones.

**WILMA**

Like what?

**FRED**

Like “Love and Service” or “Keep Coming Back.” Of course, we did have that one a few years back that was kind of controversial. “AA: so simple even a caveman can do it.” We got sued by Geico.

*(Jetson's door bell)*

**FRED**

What the heck was that?

**WILMA**

The Jetson's doorbell. I think the sound effects guy screwed up again.

*(knocks on the door)*

**WILMA**

That's better.

**FRED**

Now, who could that be?

**WILMA**

It's probably Betty. She took Pebbles and Bamm Bamm to the park for a play date.

*(knocks on the door)*

**WILMA**

Come in!

*(Flintstones underscore plays)*

*(Betty, Pebbles and Bamm Bamm enter)*

**WILMA**

So how did it go at the park, Betty?

**BETTY**

Oh...uh...the kids had a great time.

**WILMA**

You sound kind of nervous. Were there any problems?

**BETTY**

Um...nothing major. I mean, there was that moment when I went to get a drink of water and Pebbles snuck off and nearly got trampled by a wild wooly mammoth, but besides that it was uneventful.

**WILMA**

A wooly mammoth! How did she get away? What happened?

**BETTY**

Bamm Bamm picked it up threw it 75 feet away.

**WILMA**

Phew! I am so glad Bamm Bamm is so naturally strong!

**FRED**

Humph! I don't know about the natural part. If you ask me, Balco and Barry Bonds probably got a hold of him.

**BAMM BAMM**

*(angrily)* Bamm Bamm! Bamm Bamm!

**BETTY**

Fred Flintstone! You hurt his feelings! Apologize!

**FRED**

Sorry for calling you a Balco baby, Bamm Bamm. Sorry, Betty, I'm just under a lot of stress right now.

**WILMA**

Fred has to give a talk at an AA function on the topic "Communication and Participation—The Key to Unity and Self-Support."

**BETTY**

What does that mean? It sounds like the gibberish that Pebbles says.

**PEBBLES**

*(gibberish)*

**BETTY**

See? That made as much sense to me. Say, where's Barney? I thought he was coming over to help you with this.

**FRED**

I sent him to get me a double latte Bedrockicano at Starrocks. He should be back any minute.

**WILMA**

Well, me and Betty are going to drop the kids off at my mother's house and go to the Hollyrock International Film Festival.

**FRED**

Oh, that sounds like fun. What's playing?

**WILMA**

Director's cuts of all the "Rocky" films, "Jurassic Park" and a retrospective of Oliver Stone movies.

**FRED**

What? No "School of Rock?" Oh well, it sounds great.

**BETTY**

Good luck on your talk, Fred.

**WILMA**

Oh, before I forget, we're going to stop by RockWall-Mart later. I was going to pick up some new underwear for you. Did you want boxers or briefs to wear under that strange orange dress-thing you wear?

**FRED**

Neither. Since I saw "Braveheart" I go au naturale baby!

**BETTY**

Eeew! Thanks for the image.

**FRED**

My pleasure, Betty. You girls enjoy yourselves! Bye Pebbles darling. See you later, Bamm Bamm.

**BAMM BAMM**

*(angrily)* Bamm Bamm! Bamm Bamm!

**BETTY**

I think he's still angry with you, Fred.

**FRED**

Sounds like 'roid rage to me!

**WILMA**

Fred!

**FRED**

Okay! Sorry! Goodbye!

*(Wilma, Betty, Pebbles and Bamm Bamm exit)*

**FRED**

Hmmm...communication and participation. Unity. Self-support. I'm still drawing a blank. Where is Barney with my coffee? Oh wait I think I hear him coming now.

*(knocks on door)*

**FRED**

Come in!

*(Barney enters)*

**BARNEY**

Hiya Fred!

**FRED**

It's about time! Where's my coffee?

**BARNEY**

Here ya go, buddy ol' pal o' mine!

*(Barney trips and spills the coffee on Fred)*

**FRED**

You rockhead! You spilled the coffee all over me! Go get a towel from the kitchen!

**BARNEY**

I'm going! I'm going!

*(bongo feet and zip plays and Barney runs off)*

**FRED**

Come on! Where's that towel?

*(running feet and skid plays as Barney returns)*

**BARNEY**

Here ya go Fred. Sorry.

**FRED**

That's okay, Barney. I think it would have made me more jumpy anyway.

**BARNEY**

Hey, Fred, when did you get this awesome looking HDTV? The picture is amazing! Boy that new technology is sumptin', huh? The picture looks just like 3-D!

**FRED**

It is 3-D you numbskull! That's the window.

**BARNEY**

Oh. Hey, that reminds me, I saw the new iStone Phone in the window of Concrete City. Boy it sure is a beaut. Any chance Wilma's gonna surprise you with it tomorrow on your birthday?

**FRED**

Fat chance. But I don't have time to worry about that now. How did it go with our new business partners?

**BARNEY**

Well, I met with Dick Dastardly and Muttley and they agreed to sell us their old clubhouse for \$1500.

**FRED**

Yabba Dabba Doo! Now my dream of opening up the Flintstone/Rubble Recovery House will be a reality! We can help our cartoon friends who are suffering from addictions and clean up in the process.

**BARNEY**

I get trying to help people recover, but I don't understand the economics though Fred.

**FRED**

That's why you're the vice-president and I'm the president, Barney my boy. You see, we charge them \$2000 for 30 days and then when they graduate we tell them to go to AA which is free. It's brilliant!

**BARNEY**

I understand that Fred, what I don't see is how we get the \$1500 to pay Dastardly and Muttley the initial fee for the clubhouse.

**FRED**

That's simple, Barn! Yogi Bear and SnagglePuss are each putting up \$500 and we'll match them with our own \$500.

**BARNEY**

Yeah Fred, but we don't have \$500.

**FRED**

But have you forgotten that you're treasurer for our home group? Look, it's simple, you just borrow the \$500 from our group funds and once we have the dough rollin' in, we replace it.

**BARNEY**

Gee, Fred, I don't know. That sounds like stealing to me.

**FRED**

Don't be ridiculous. If we weren't going to return the money that would be stealing. This is just an investment and the group will get their money back. It's a win-win.

**BARNEY**

I don't know, Fred. I just remember the last time you had a win-win idea. I heard Mr. Slate say at a meeting last night that his mind is like a bad neighborhood and that you shouldn't go in there alone. Maybe we should seek some guidance from a higher power.

**FRED**

I'm sure about this Barney, I don't need any guidance.

**BARNEY**

I don't know Fred. I have a feeling we're about to hear that theme music that plays when we're about to do something stupid.

**FRED**

What are you talking about? I don't hear any music?

*(Flintstones underscore plays)*

**BARNEY**

See! There it is! Look Fred, maybe we should consult my magic 8 ball.

**FRED**

Come on Barn, that's a stupid toy.

**BARNEY**

You didn't say that when we used it to see if you should join AA, Fred. Do you remember that?

**FRED**

Yeah, I remember. I asked it "Will the program work for me?" and when I looked at the answer it said "Signs point to yes." I've been sober ever since.

**BARNEY**

That's right. Of course, it was obvious to me you needed AA when were drunk and crashed your car into that Pterodactyl statue downtown,

**FRED**

Hey, I would've been able to stop but the brakes on my car failed!

**BARNEY**

Well, I told you to pop those blisters on your feet but you wouldn't listen. But anyway, I believe in my magic 8 ball and I'm not going to take the money unless it says it's okay.

**FRED**

All right all right! Ask the stupid 8 ball!

**BARNEY**

Okay, let me pull it outta my pocket.

*(attach the Velcro 8 ball to picture)*

**FRED**

Oh, look at that it comes with an arm.

**BARNEY**

Okay here goes: Magic 8 ball is taking this money the right idea?

*(Barney shakes it and reads the answer)*

**BARNEY**

It says “My reply is no.” That’s all I needed to see, Fred.

**FRED**

Wait a minute, wait a minute! You can’t make a decision this big on one try!  
It’s customary to do two out of three.

**BARNEY**

Okay Fred, here goes: Magic 8 ball is taking this money the right idea?

*(Barney shakes it and reads the answer)*

**BARNEY**

Oh my gosh!

**FRED**

What does it say?

**BARNEY**

It says “Better run it by your sponsor first.”

**FRED**

Oh great! My sponsor?

**BARNEY**

You better give him a call, Fred.

**FRED**

All right, help me out will ya? Gazoo! Great Gazoo!

**BARNEY**

Great Gazoo where are you?

*(Gazoo materialization sound—Gazoo appears)*

**GAZOO**

Hello Dum Dums, What do you need now? More liposuction?

**FRED**

No, this time we just need some guidance.

**GAZOO**

Oh, okay. I think I saw this coming. I recommend Cialis over Viagra because there are fewer side effects.

**FRED**

I don't need that kind of guidance, Gazoo. What I need is...

**GAZOO**

I know what you need, Fred. On my home planet of Zatox we have the ability to read minds. Especially simple ones. Yours is like reading a comic book. I know all about this scheme you have planned and next time you get a great idea call me first instead of using some nostalgic toy.

**FRED**

But Gazoo I...

**GAZOO**

Let me finish! Why aren't you working on your talk for the Inter-District workshop?

**FRED**

Because I can't make hide nor hair of the theme that's why!

**GAZOO**

Well, let's look at that: what's the theme again, Barney?

**BARNEY**

"Communication and Participation—The Key to Unity and Self-Support."

**GAZOO**

Fred, can't you see that the scheme you came up with is the exact opposite of what that theme is about.

**FRED**

No, I don't follow you, Gazoo.

**GAZOO**

Oh you really are a dum-dum! Barney do you get it?

**BARNEY**

Yeah...yeah, I think I do. You see, Fred, taking that money would be wrong obviously because it's stealing but also because it would hurt the unity of our group. You didn't communicate with the other group members and so they couldn't participate. Self-support is one of the cornerstones of our fellowship and it's linked to members knowing what is going to happen when they put their money in the basket.

**GAZOO**

Very good Barney!

**FRED**

Wow. I never thought of that. I guess in all the excitement of my new business venture I missed out on the big picture. What you said Barn is what I'm going to base my talk on. I'll use myself as an example.

**GAZOO**

Just so you don't feel like you invented the wheel in making bad decisions when it comes to AA Fred, you may look up in Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions when Bill W. had a grandiose idea to set up AA Hospitals which the group conscience shot down and include that in your talk too.

**FRED**

Great stuff! Thanks Great Gazoo!

**GAZOO**

Is that all you need me for?

**FRED**

That's it. Thanks again Gazoo!

**GAZOO**

Don't mention it. And remember, Cialis!

*(Gazoo exits)*

**FRED**

Well, Barn, you were right. I don't know what came over me. I'm going to finish writing my talk. See ya Barn!

*(they both exit)*

*(Flintstones underscore plays)*

*SIGN: THE NEXT DAY...*

*(Wilma is stage left and Fred walks in)*

**WILMA**

So how did your talk go at the Inter-District Fred?

**FRED**

It went great Wilma! Afterward I got a lot of encouragement from people who could relate to how I felt. Plus they had brontosaurus burgers for lunch.

**WILMA**

That's great, dear. I have a surprise for you. Happy Birthday!

*(iStone Phone/Bird enters)*

**FRED**

Yabba Dabba Doo! An iStone Phone! How did you afford it, Wilma?

**WILMA**

It was here this morning with a note saying "To Fred from the Great Gazoo."  
Who is the Great Gazoo Fred?

**FRED**

You wouldn't believe me if I told you, Wilma.

**WILMA**

So what's the big deal about this phone anyway?

**FRED**

Oh, it's the latest and greatest, Wilma. You see it has touch screen technology. You see, you touch hear and it'll play music.

**iSTONE PHONE/BIRD**

*(sings)* In bedrock, twitch! Twitch!

**FRED**

See? If you touch it here you can go on the internet like weather .dom.

**iSTONE PHONE/BIRD**

It's cold!

**FRED**

Ha! And if you touch it here I can call Barney.

**iSTONE PHONE/BIRD**

Barney!

**FRED**

This is great Wilma. Hey, you know, since Pebbles is over at the Rubble's house what say you and I retire to the bedroom for our own Bedrock twitch.

**WILMA**

Oh Fred! Oh...you're not going to be embarrassed again...

**FRED**

That's a thing of the past, my dear! I got another gift from the Great Gazoo!

*(Fred and Wilma exit)*

**iSTONE PHONE/BIRD**

If he touched me one more time I was going to punch him!

**THE END**

*(Flintstones end theme plays)*