

VOLUME V-10, OCTOBER 2020

From the Editor:

For many in America, Nov 1 is “set your clocks back an hour before you go to bed on Oct 31” time. I’ve waited 6 months to get that hour back!

FOR THE DECEMBER NEWSLETTER:
 Many of us won’t be going out to lunches or parties in Dec so I challenge you to put on your ugliest sweater, snap a photo and send it to me. Let’s fill our Dec issue with some joy and get a chance to “meet” some of our RH readers! If you want to do it by chapter, you can appear on a page dedicated to your chapter. Be sure to include names of those in the photos and the name of your chapter.

FOR THE JANUARY ISSUE: I challenge you to send me your thoughts/wishes/prayers for RH sisters everywhere in 2021.

As always, I send sincere thanks to those who sent something to be included in the issue. Without you, our issue would be small.

Take some time to browse the ads. There are plenty of stocking stuffers. Have a joyful and blessed Thanksgiving Day and keep on Hattin’ (while wearing a mask and social distancing, of course).

MONTHLY 1st Wednesday Lunch in Maryland

All Red Hatters: These monthly events, normally held at the Nautilus Diner in Crofton, MD, have been canceled until further notice.

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Oh no,
 Oh no,
 Oh no!

Sending virtual hug



Judy Litke
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DEADLINE For December Newsletter
 Articles: **Nov 25, 2020**

Upcoming Red Hat Events

* For Supporting Members Only

NOTE: Send an e-mail to moonrockB@aol.com if you need a copy of any announcements on this page.

Contact the hostess to determine whether the event is still a "go".

Nov 6-8, 2020: 2020 St. Louis FunVention, Theme: Sisters in Service, hosted by the Ladies in Red Chapter, in University City, MO – No Refunds due to contract. Registration form and schedule available upon request.

Nov 13-15, 2020: 17th Annual Red Hat Ozark Mountain Christmas 2020, Theme is Hippie Holiday, in Branson, MO (info available upon request)

Dec 5, 2020: Ugly Sweater Christmas Luncheon, hosted by the Rocket City Queen Council, in Tanner, AL

Jan 2, 2021, New Year's Celebration, "Back to the 50's & Fun" from 5:00pm to ???, hosted by the Ravishing Reds, in Urbandale, IA (Friends, family also invited)

Feb 26-28, 2021: "Red Hat Land Cruise, with "stops" in New Orleans for Mardi Gras; Under the Sea for lunch; and a Captain's Ball, Baltimore, MD *

Apr 22, 2021: The Red Hat "Roaring '20s Birthday Bash, hosted by the Lehigh Valley Queen's Council of the Red Hat Society, Bethlehem, PA

May 6-9, 2021: RHS 2021 International Convention, Flamingo Fling, Palm Desert, CA *

May 13-16, 2021: Florida FUNvention, in West Palm Beach, FL

Upcoming Red Hat Events (Continued)

May 20-23, 2021: Wisconsin Hatvention, hosted by multi-chapters in Wisconsin – details are now available and will be forwarded this week.

Jun 6-8, 2021: "Celebrate! Vision 2021", at the Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island, MI (held every two years) *

Jun 7-14, 2021: "Get Lost" Cruise with the Star Sisters, depart Cape Liberty, NJ, travel to Hamilton & St. George Island, Bermuda, and return to Cape Liberty, NJ

Sep 9-11, 2021: 2021 Florida Sunshine State Extravaganza, hosted by Christine Towers, FQM, in Kissimmee, FL. For info contact: Christine Towers, primetimebelle@aol.com

Oct 1-3, 2021: South Dakota Red Hat State Convention, hosted by the Chatty Hatters of Estelline, in Brookings, SD. Any questions -- contact me at chark@itctel.com or call (605) 360-2771).



Oct 8-10, 2021: Iowa Red Hat State Convention, Burlington, IA (forms and details will be available soon)

Oct 30-Nov 1, 2021: The Red Hat Witches Ball, hosted by the Lehigh Valley Queen's Council of the Red Hat Society, Bethlehem, PA





In Memoriam



JoAnn Newby, 69, of Glen Burnie, Maryland, passed away on Friday, October 16, 2020, in her home. JoAnn was born on January 17, 1951, in Fort Bragg, North Carolina, to the late Regina and John Tatalajski.

She was a Manager at the Millersville Branch of Tower Federal Credit Union for over 31 years, and was the Co-Queen of the Bodacious Sassy Scarlet Sisters of the Red Hat Society. Family was everything to JoAnn, however, she also enjoyed arts & crafts, planning parties and family get-togethers, and she tailored donated wedding gowns for families to use to wrap their precious baby in for their final journey, through the NICU Helping Hands Angel Gown Program.

JoAnn is survived by her devoted husband of 49 years, Chuck "Bubba" Newby; her beloved son, Tim Newby and his wife, Melissa; her cherished granddaughter, Ella Newby, whom JoAnn would babysit and play with; her dear sisters, Regina "Cookie" Collins and her husband Russell, and Julie "Jill" Schlein and her husband Uffe; and many sisters-in-law, nieces & nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in JoAnn's name may be made to the NICU Helping Hands Angel Gown Program (<https://www.nicuhelpinghands.org/ways-to-give/>).

Rest in Peace JoAnn. We miss you.

We used to be young and beautiful.
Now we are just beautiful.



-- submitted by QM Leila, Na Huapala, HI --

Happy
Thanksgiving



Support the Red Hat Society:

On Oct 5, 2020 Exalted Queen Mother Sue Ellen Cooper, and RHS CEO Lady Bug Debra Granich sent an e-mail to all RHers discussing how COVID19 has affected the RHS and RH activities. The e-mail also discussed paying membership dues and asked that RH chapters ask non-paying members to begin paying RHS dues and only permitting dues-paying members to attend their events.

Queen Mum Rose Ortel, of the Frolicking Friends of Falston, in Fawn Grove, PA sent an e-mail to her RH chapterettes and RH friends in the local PA/MD area. I am repeating it here.

“Ladies,
“Please take the time to read this [the Oct 5 e-mail] from Sue Ellen Cooper, founder of the Red Hat Society. I know some of you may be thinking about retiring from the society. If you do, I will understand. With Covid going on, there have been no lunches for some time now. I am hoping that we will be able to start up again in January, but I will keep an eye on the situation. The Society helped me get through loosing my mom and best friend; now I’m hoping it will help me with loosing Nancy [Rose’s sister].

“If you have ladies in your chapter who are not official members, please do your best to make them see how important it is to support the society. One thing membership gives them is an open invitation to be invited to all Red Hat events, including the B&B Queens chapter from MD. Also official chapter events taking place all over MD, PA, Washington, DC, etc. As your Queen Mum, I will start letting you know when there are events that you are welcome to attend.

“So please let’s support The Red Hat Society in 2021. As the saying goes ...
“Let’s Make the Red Hat Society Great Again”
Queen Mum Rose”

Some Thoughts on Aging:

-- Submitted by Elna Swofford, Queen Travelsalot, Duchesses of Bedford, Oakton, VA –

- Do you ever get up in the morning, look in the mirror and think “No, that can’t be accurate.”
- I want to be 14 again and ruin my life differently. I have new ideas.
- As I watch this new generation try to rewrite our history, one thing I’m sure of...it will be misspelled and have no punctuation.
- I thought getting old would take longer...a lot longer.
- I told my wife I wanted to be cremated. She made me an appointment for Tuesday.
- Confuse your doctor by putting on rubber gloves at the same time he does.
- My wife asked me to take her to one of those restaurants where they make food right in front of you. I took her to Subway. That’s when the fight started.
- Me: Sobbing my heart out, “I can’t see you anymore.....I’m not going to let you hurt me again.” Gym Trainer: “It was one sit-up. You did just one sit-up.”
- Picked up a hitchhiker. He asked if I wasn’t afraid, he might be a serial killer? I told him the odds of two serial killers being in the same car was extremely unlikely.
- I went line dancing last night. OK, it was a roadside sobriety test... same thing.

Don’t forget: You have until Dec 31, 2020 to renew or enroll as a virtual member at a reduced rate at www.redhatsociety.com.

You are invited! Go to www.royalsplendor.com to register for these events.

Royal Splendor

SAVE THE DATES!

Upcoming Show Schedule

- Nov. 4th 2:00pm (PST)- Nancy's Birthday Celebration - RSVP online today!
- Nov. 11th 9:00am (PST) Morning Show - PJ Breakfast
- Nov. 13th 4:00pm (PST) Shopping Extravaganza
- Nov. 18th 4:00pm (PST) Nancy's Comedy Cooking

Visit the Royal Splendor Facebook page to watch all the shows



A Greater Gift

Before you buy a bunch of “stuff” for family and friends this holiday season, try asking them what they really NEED.

Maybe they need help with a utility bill, or a car payment, or the rent.

Maybe they need a kid-free night, and could use a free babysitter.

Maybe they need a night off of cooking, and could use a homemade meal.

Maybe they need help with gas for their car.

Maybe they need a night out with friends.

Maybe they need a cup of coffee, and someone just to listen.

Maybe they need help making the holidays bright for their children.

Maybe they need help in some other way, but they either don't know how to ask for help, or are embarrassed to ask.

Maybe YOU could be the one to give them what they really need this season, rather than just more “stuff”.



Stress Management for Women!

A young lady confidently walked around the room while leading and explaining stress management to an audience with a raised glass of water. Everyone knew she was going to ask the ultimate question, 'half empty or half full?' She fooled them all. "How heavy is this glass of water?" she inquired with a smile. Answers called out ranged from 8 oz. to 20 oz.

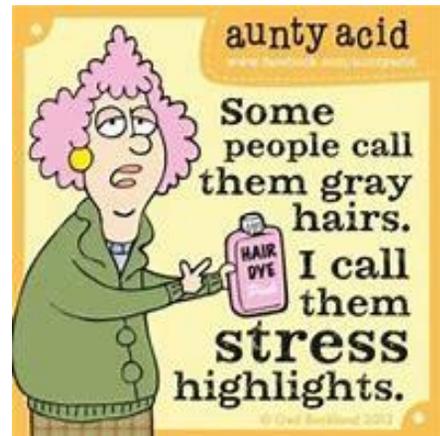
She replied, "The absolute weight doesn't matter. It depends on how long I hold it. If I hold it for a minute, that's not a problem. If I hold it for an hour, I'll have an ache in my right arm. If I hold it for a day, you'll have to call an ambulance. In each case it's the same weight, but the longer I hold it, the heavier it becomes." She continued, "and that's the way it is with stress. If we carry our burdens all the time, sooner or later, as the burden becomes increasingly heavy, we won't be able to carry on.

"As with the glass of water, you have to put it down for a while and rest before holding it again. When we're refreshed, we can carry on with the burden - holding stress longer and better each time practiced. So, as early in the evening as you can, put all your burdens down. Don't carry them through the evening and into the night.

- 1 * Accept the fact that some days you're the pigeon and some days you're the statue!
- 2 * Always keep your words soft and sweet just in case you have to eat them.
- 3 * Always read stuff that will make you look good if you die in the middle of it.
- 4 * Drive carefully... It's not only cars that can be recalled by their Maker.
- 5 * If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague.
- 6 * If you lend someone \$20 and never see that person again, it was probably worth it.

- 7 * It may be that your sole purpose in life is simply to serve as a warning to others.
 - 8 * Never buy a car you can't push.
 - 9 * Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time, because then you won't have a leg to stand on.
 - 10 * Nobody cares if you can't dance well. Just get up and dance.
 - 11 * Since it's the early worm that gets eaten by the bird, sleep late.
 - 12 * The second mouse gets the cheese.
 - 13 * When everything's coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.
 - 14 * Birthdays are good for you. The more you have, the longer you live.
 - 15 * Some mistakes are too much fun to make only once.
 - 16 * We could learn a lot from crayons. Some are sharp, some are pretty and some are dull. Some have weird names and all are different colors, but they all have to live in the same box.
 - 17 * A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.
 - 18 * Have an awesome day and know that someone has thought about you today.
- AND MOST IMPORTANTLY**
- 19 * Save the earth. It's the only planet with chocolate!

Be the kind of woman that, when your feet hit the floor each morning, the devil says "Oh crap, she's up!"





CHEF RUBY

Shoyu Chicken

-- submitted by Adele Rugg, Queen Diva Dell-Lucious",
Kihel, Maui, HI

INGREDIENTS:

- 4 pounds chicken thighs, bone in, skin on
- 4 cups chicken broth
- 1 1/2 cup shoyu *
- 1 packed light brown sugar
- 1 bulb garlic cloves, peeked and smashed
- 1 4-inch piece ginger, sliced 1/8 to 1/16 inch thick, long ways
- 4 Tbsps. Cornstarch dissolved in 4 Tbsps. Water
- green onions for garnish

DIRECTIONS:

1. Combine all ingredients except cornstarch and green onions in a large pot and bring to a boil over high heat.
2. Reduce to low and cook very slowly, covered, until chicken is tender, about 30 to 35 minutes more. Continue to skim the broth for fat and impurities.
3. Remove chicken to a serving platter.
4. Strain the sauce and bring to a boil. Thicken with the cornstarch slurry.
5. Glaze over the chicken. Garnish with slices of green onion.

Tip: This dish tastes better the second day.

* *Shoyu* is the term broadly given to Japanese style soy sauces that are made from fermented soybeans, wheat, salt and water. In general, they are quite thin and clear and are a good all-purpose cooking and table sauce. Kikkoman soy sauce is the best-selling *shoyu* in the world.



CHEF RUBY

Crispy Skin Salmon with Soy Citrus Sauce

-- submitted by Adele Rugg, Queen Diva Dell-Lucious",
Kihel, Maui, HI

INGREDIENTS:

- 4 salmon filets (6 oz. each), skin on, pin bones removed
- salt and pepper as needed
- 2 Tbsps. Vegetable oil
- 4 tsps. good quality shoyu
- 1 tsp. fresh lemon juice
- 1 tsp. fresh lime juice

DIRECTIONS:

1. Take the salmon filet and dry them on a paper towel, season with salt and pepper.
2. Preheat a sauté pan to medium high heat. Add in the vegetable oil.
3. Place the salmon in the pan skin side down. The pan should not be over crowded. If the filets won't sit flat, then cook in batches.
4. With the fish in the pan you should hear a light, easy sizzling sound. Leave the fish in the pan with the skin side down and cook for 6 minutes. When the flesh appears to be cooked 3/4 way from the bottom up, flip the salmon and cook for 20 seconds.
5. Remove and place on a platter skin side up. Drizzle with the shoyu, lemon and lime juice.

NOTE: To dress up, you may garnish with namasu, or a nice salad of radish sprouts, chives and julienne carrots. Vegetables like bok choy, asparagus, sautéed spinach and rice are excellent accompaniments.

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CHEF RUBY

Simple Pumpkin Pie

-- submitted by Adele Rugg, Queen Diva Dell-Lucious",
Kihel, Maui, HI

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 large eggs
- 1 (16 oz.) can pumpkin puree
- 1 (14 oz.) can sweetened condensed milk
- 1 tsp. pumpkin pie spice
- 1 unbaked pie crust

DIRECTIONS:

Step 1

Preheat the oven to 425 degrees F (220 degrees C).

Step 2

Combine eggs, pumpkin puree, sweetened condensed milk, and pumpkin pie spice in a large bowl and mix until combined.

Step 3

Fit pie crust into a 9-inch pie dish; pour pumpkin mixture into the crust.

Step 4

Place pie on a baking sheet and bake in the preheated oven for 15 minutes. Reduce heat to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C) and bake until filling is set, 35 to 40 minutes

RETRO PHOTO OPS

Red Hatters at Bowie, MD Lunches – 2015 & 2016

-- submitted by Paulette Brown, Red Hat Whimsy, Washington, DC --



COVID-19 PHOTO OPS

Valley Isle Travelers Flamingo Event

-- submitted by Kween Kathy, HI --



The Valley Isle Travelers had a Flamingo get together at Sassy Sandi's home. We are all set for the International Convention with Flamingos galore!

Below: Kween Kathy, Foxy Vice Kween Myrna, Sassy Sandi, Lavender Linda, Lefty Laurie.



COVID-19 PHOTOS



Shirley Hewitt, Queen, Animal Loving RH in Belfry, Baltimore, MD retired from her part-time job in April 2020, shortly after she began self-isolating in mid-March due to the pandemic. She has been “visiting” the Baltimore County Senior Centers through their Facebook pages and through Zoom meetings, virtual classes and virtual activities, such as coloring, games, crafts and more.

-- photo & note submitted by Sheila Maddox, Chic Chickies of Baltimore, MD --

Funny Take on Current Circumstances:

1. So let me get this straight; there's no cure for a virus that can be killed by sanitizer and hand soap?
2. Is it too early to put up the Christmas tree yet? I have run out of things to do.
3. When this virus thing is over with, I will want some of you to stay away from me.
4. If these last months have taught us anything, it's that stupidity travels faster than any virus on the planet, particularly among politicians and bureaucrats.
5. Just wait a second – so what you're telling me is that my chance of surviving all this is directly linked to the common sense of others? You're kidding, right?
6. People are scared of getting fined or arrested for congregating in crowds. As if catching a deadly disease and dying a horrible death wasn't enough of a deterrent.
7. If you believe all this will end and we will get back to normal just because we reopen everything, raise your hand. Now slap yourself with it.
8. Another Saturday night in the house and I just realized the trash goes out more than me.
9. Whoever decided a liquor store is more essential than a hair salon is obviously a bald-headed alcoholic.
10. Remember when you were little and all your underwear had the days of the week on them? Those would be helpful right now.
11. Remember all those times when you wished the weekend would last forever? Well, wish granted. Happy now?
12. It may take a village to raise a child, but I swear it's going to take a whole vineyard to home school one.
13. Did a big load of pajamas so I would have enough clean work clothes for the week.
14. Do you feel like you're stuck in the movie “Groundhog Day”?



Bling Masks for Sale from Paulette Brown

Contact Paulette Brown
 Red Hat Whimsy,
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Phone: 202-294-8377
Facebook: Red Hat Whimsy by Paulette Brown

Contact Paulette via e-mail or phone to get the shipping cost. Then make check payable to Paulette Brown. State which item(s) and color(s) you want. Include name, address, city, state, zipcode and phone number.

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Ho-Ho-Ho



Long sleeve Holiday t-shirts, red, purple - Sizes S - 3x - \$30.00

Red Holiday Leggings - \$22.00

Velour embellished Legging - Red, S - 3X - \$27.00

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4112 Help Wanted
Executives

Items for Sale from Paulette Brown



Bling items on pants are snowflakes, ornament, tree, candy canes, and a present; available in red only.



Velour with bling pants; available in red only

See previous page for contact info, pricing and payment.

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Items for Sale from Paulette Brown

4112 Help Wanted
Executives



The masks are \$12.00 each.

The Queen Diva embellished Jacket is \$75.00, embellished jeans are \$59.99. Jackets can say Vice Queen, Ambassador, Red Hatter, or customized. Tshirt \$30.00

Sizes S - 3x, colors purple, red, lavender and pink.

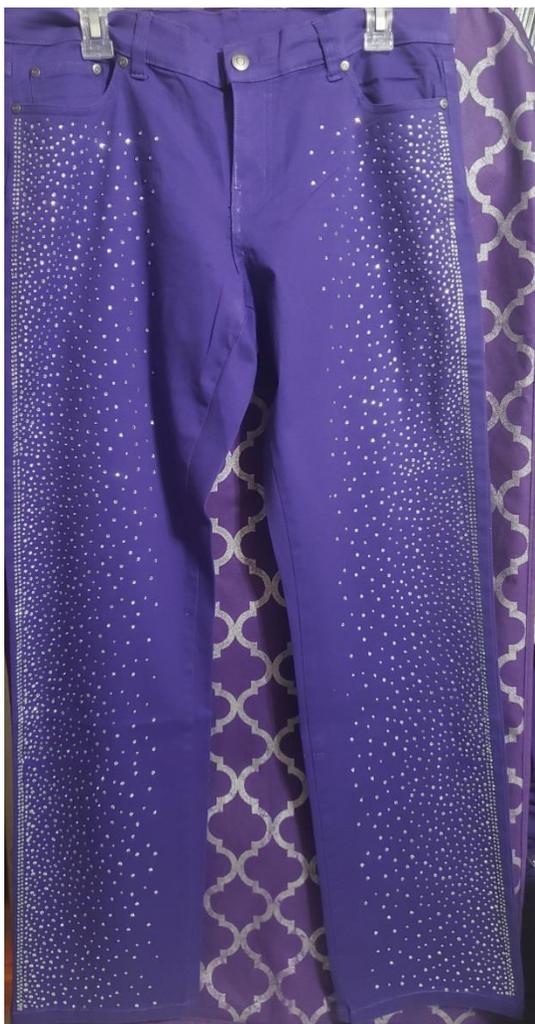
Large embellished necklace \$39.99.

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4112 Help Wanted
Executives

Items for Sale from Paulette Brown



The Queen Diva embellished jeans are \$59.99.

T-shirt is \$30.00

Sizes S - 3x, colors purple, red, lavender and pink.

Large embellished necklace \$39.99.

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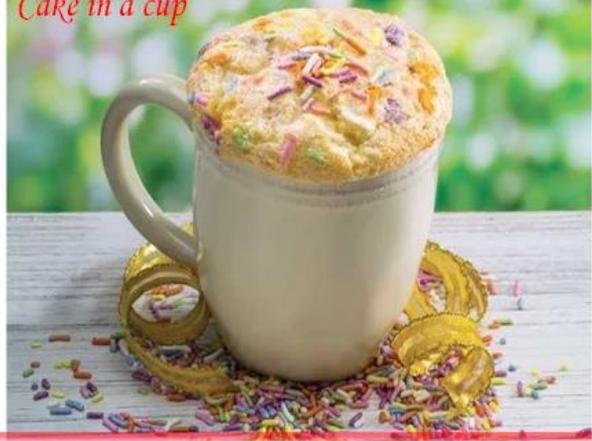
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Scoop 3/4 Classic: \$28.99

3/4 Sleeve V Neck Classic: \$28.99

Crystal Denim Jacket: \$58.99

Crystal Cardigan: \$54.99

All items listed are also available in red

Please double-check prices with the Royal Splendor web site.



International Red Hat Sisters Button Pin, \$1.49



International Red Hat Sisters Short Sleeve Scoop Classic, \$29.99; available in red, purple, lavender and pink



Jar Opener, \$2.99



International Red Hat Sisters Face Mask, \$16.99 (available in red or purple)

Check out the Sofia Collection:

Basic T-Shirt: \$26.99

Sweatshirt: \$34.99

Scoop 3/4 Classic: \$34.99

3/4 Sleeve V Neck Classic: \$34.99

Classic Denim Jacket: \$59.99

Crystal Classic Cardigan: \$59.99

Tank Top: \$24.99

All items listed are also available in red

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Additional Int'l RH Sisters Items:

Purple Hooded Jacket: \$44.99

Baseball Hat: \$14.99

Custom Name Badge: \$12.99

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Luggage Tag: \$6.99

Pocket Planner: \$6.99

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2020 Birthday Cruise Basic T-Shirt; also available in 3/4 sleeve collection. Both available in red or purple.



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Tank Shirt: from \$26.99

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with the Royal Splendor web
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Nothing Better to Do So You Might As Well Read These Too!



From Joanie Cellana's Facebook Page

" Sometimes our light goes out but is blown into flame by another human being. Each of us owes deepest thanks to those who have rekindled this light. " ~Albert Schweitzer

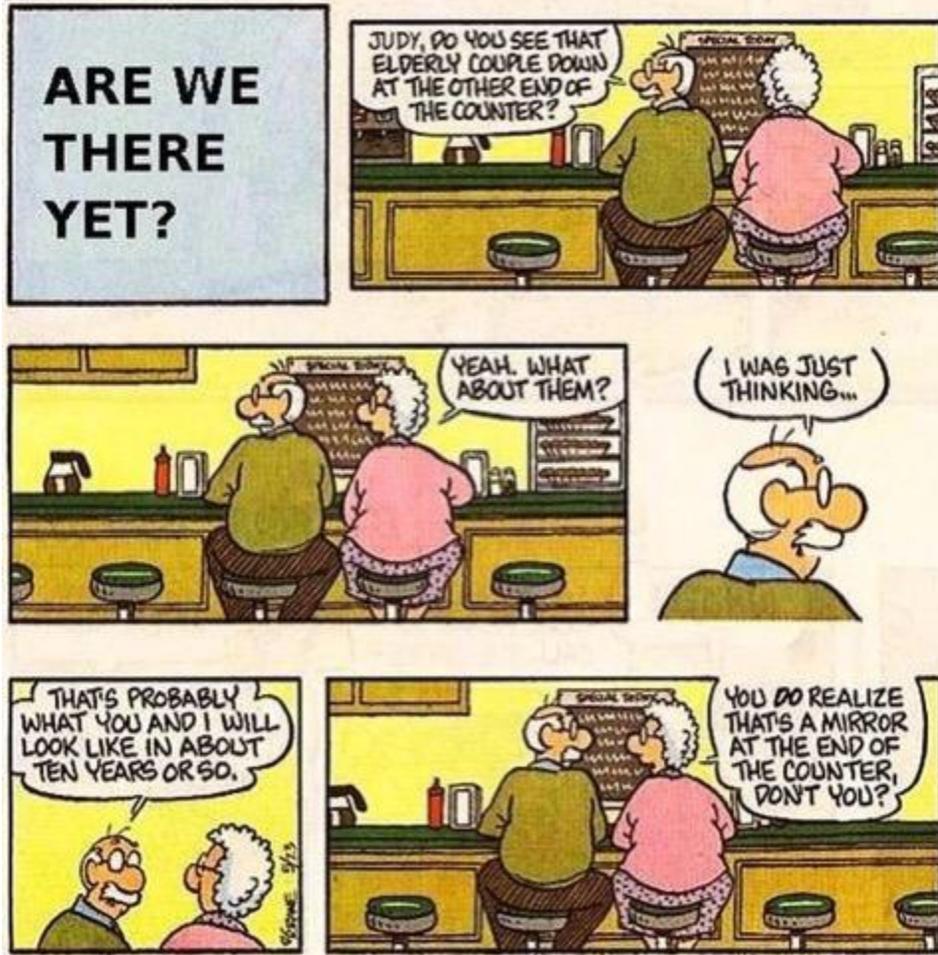
" Be true to yourself. Make each day a masterpiece. Help others. Drink deeply from good books. Make friendship a fine art. Build a shelter against a rainy day." ~John Wooden

" Love and compassion are necessities, not luxuries. Without them humanity cannot survive. " ~Dalai Lama



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-- Berlyn Wheeler, Queen, Chesapeake Bay Babes, Edgewater, MD --



Old age is golden, or so I've heard it said,
But sometimes I wonder, as I crawl into bed,
With my ears in a drawer, my teeth in a cup,
My glasses on the table until I get up.
As sleep dims my vision, I say to myself:
Is there anything else I should lay on the shelf?
The reason I know my youth is all spent?
Is my get-up-and-go has got up and went!
But, in spite of it all, I'm able to grin
And think of the places my getup has been!



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-- submitted by Jacquie Maly, Maui, HI --



Coronacoaster

noun: the ups and downs of a pandemic. One day you're loving your bubble, doing work outs, baking banana bread and going for long walks and the next you're crying, drinking gin for breakfast and missing people you don't even like.



PLEASE TAKE OUT YOUR CLOTHES FROM CLOSET REGULARLY, AIR THEM AND ALLOW TO STAND IN SUNLIGHT. RECENT STUDIES SHOWS THAT IF CLOTHES ARE KEPT IN CLOSETS OVER LOCKDOWN THEY SHRINK. 😊

Nothing Better to Do So You Might As Well Read These Too!

From Jacquie Maly, Maui, HI:

- Well, Hospital here I come. This has not been a good day. After spending the last couple of months stressed over this COVID quarantine thing, I decided to go horseback riding, something I've only done a few times in the last decade. It turned out to be a horrible mistake! I got on the horse and started out slowly, but then we went a little faster...before I knew it, we were going as fast as the horse could go. I couldn't take the pace and fell off; my foot got caught in the stirrup, the horse was then dragging me. The horse just would not stop.

Thankfully the manager at Walmart came out and unplugged the machine. He actually had the nerve to take the rest of my coins so I wouldn't try to ride the Elephant....

- Everyday Covid Check: At 5 PM open a bottle of wine, smell it, then pour it in a glass. If you can smell it and taste it, you are good. Celebrate by finishing the bottle.

From Adele Rugg, Queen Diva Dell-Lucious, Kihel, Maui, HI

- Wine improves with age. The older I get, the better I like it.

- In wine, there is wisdom, in beer there is freedom, in water there is bacteria.

- Do not let them take your temperature going into the store! It's a scam! They're erasing your memory. I went for bread and eggs and came home with Blue Bell Ice Cream and Snickers.

- I hate it when people act all intellectual and talk about Mozart, while they've never even seen one of his paintings....

- This will be the first year we are not going to Hawaii because of Covid-19. Normally we don't go because we can't afford it.

- I don't always go the extra mile, but when I do it's because I missed my exit.

- As I watch this generation try to rewrite history, one thing I'm sure of.... It will be misspelled and have no punctuation.

- If you see me talking to myself, I'm having a staff meeting.

- Getting older is just one body part after another saying "Ha, Ha, you think that's bad? Watch this."

- My mind is like my Internet browser...
19 Tabs open
3 of them are frozen &
I have no idea where the music is coming from.

- I want to be 14 again and ruin my life differently. I have new ideas.

- I really don't mind getting older but my body is taking it badly.

- Most people don't think I'm as old as I am until they hear me stand up.

So in retrospect, in 2015, not a single person got the answer right to "Where do you see yourself 5 years from now?"

- I'm so old that:
I've dialed a rotary phone (that didn't have an answering machine), recorded a song that I love off a transistor radio onto a tape recorder, watched a black and white TV (with less than 10 channels) that had foil on the rabbit ear antennae, taken a long walk without counting the steps, and eaten food that I didn't take pictures of.

Nothing Better to Do So You Might As Well Read These Too!

FROM Berlyn Wheeler, Chesapeake Bay Babes, Edgewater, MD

- I don't have an attitude. I have a personality you can't handle.

FROM Beverly Goines, B&B Queens Council, Bowie, MD

- Exercising can add years to your life. For example I jogged 4 miles today and now I feel like I'm 73!

- One minute you're 21, staying up all night drinking beer, eating pizza and doing sketchy stuff just for fun. THEN ... in a blink of an eye, you're 60. drinking water, eating kale and you can't do any sketchy stuff, because you pulled a muscle putting on your socks.

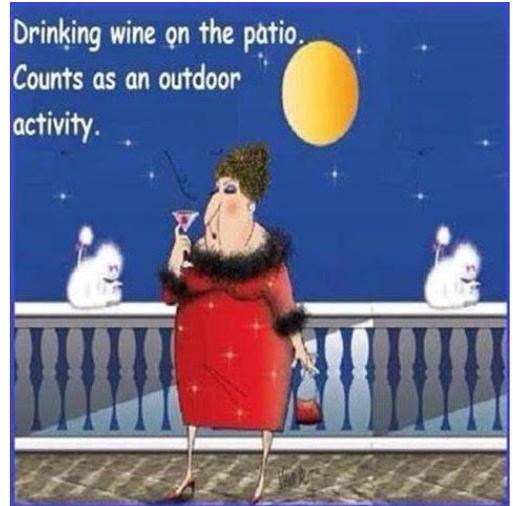
- One minute you're really cool ... and the next, you're getting all excited about a new vaccum.

- I'm so old I remember multiplication was called "Times Tables".

- You know you're getting old when "Friends with Benefits" means having someone who can drive at night.

- As you get older, you've got to stay positive. For example, the other day I fell down the stairs. Instead of getting upset, I just thought, "Wow, that's the fastest I've moved in years!"

- At the bank, I told the cashier "I'd like to open a joint account please."
"OK, with whom?"
"Whomever has lots of money."



-- Submitted by Jacquie Maly --

*Getting Old..... To my Ever--So-Young friends!
I very quietly confided to my best friend that I was having an affair.*

She turned to me and asked, 'Are you having it catered'?

And that, my friend,

Is the definition of 'OLD'!

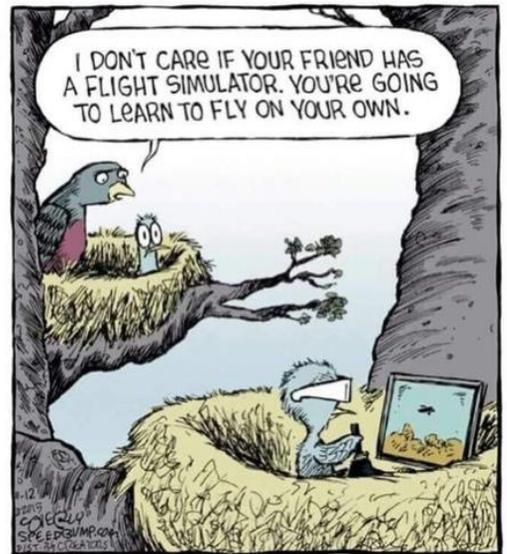
-- Submitted by Adele Rugg --



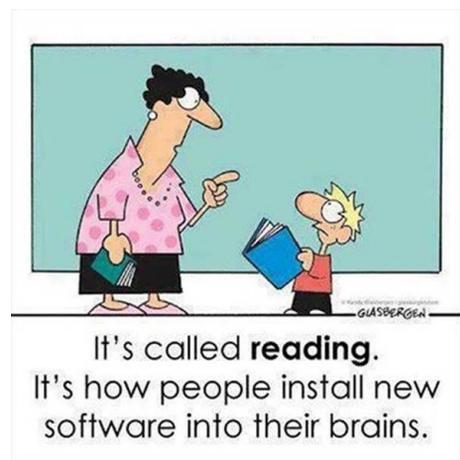
Veterans Day is Nov 11, 2020. Take the time to thank a veteran whenever you meet one – not just on Veterans Day.

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-- submitted by Elna Swofford, Queen Travelsalot, Duchesses of Bedford, Oakton, VA --

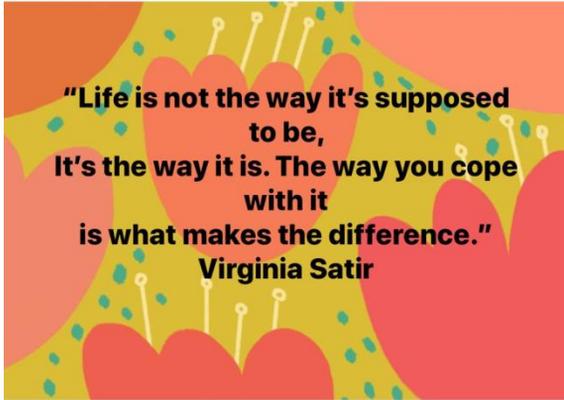


"I figured you should have breakfast in bed on your birthday. Can you reach the stove okay?"

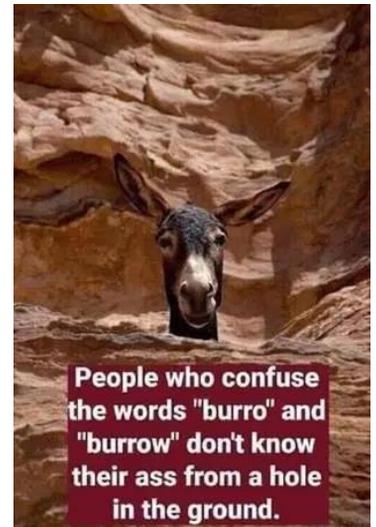
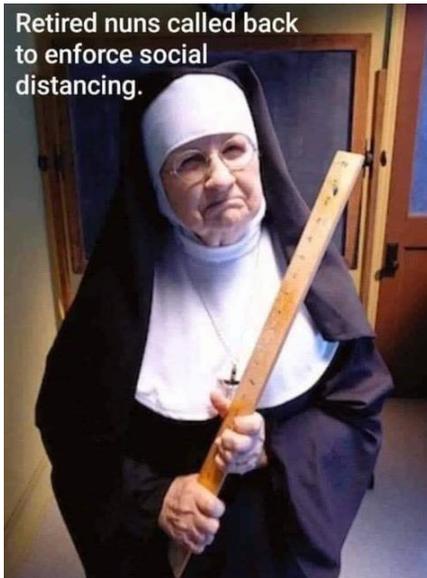


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-- submitted by Adele Rugg , Queen Diva
Dell-Lucious, Kihei, Maui, HI --



The official flag of 2020!



Don't you hate it when you see a cat laying on top of your car?



Like i was saying, the circus is just one of my careers. The real money comes from frosted flakes



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-- submitted by Kate Eustice, Duchess of
Dickins, Red Hat Dancers, Lanham, MD --

- Quarantine has turned us all into dogs.
We roam the house all day looking for food.
We are told “no” if we get too close to
strangers. And we get really excited about car
rides.

- Now that I’ve lived during a plague, I
understand why most renaissance paintings
are of chubby women laying around without a
bra.

- Anyone else feel like Halloween is
unnecessary this year? I’ve been wearing a
mask and eating candy for 7 months now, I
don’t think I need a day dedicated to it
anymore.

- The Bathtub Test:
During a visit to my doctor, I asked him, “How
do you determine whether or not an older
person should be put in an old age home?”

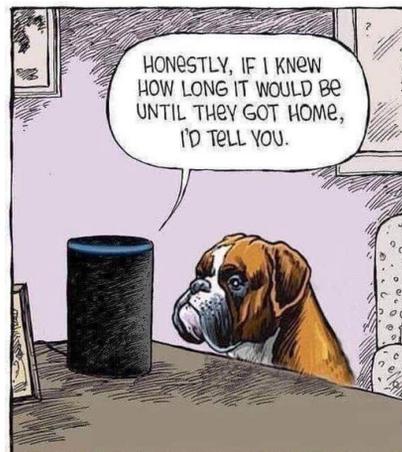
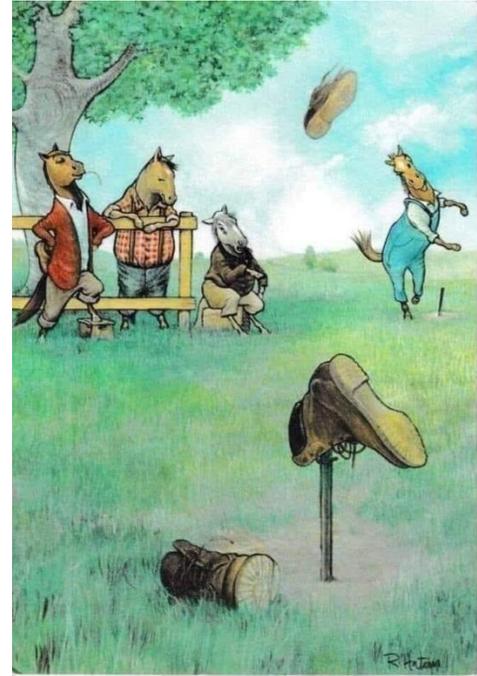
He said, “Well, we fill up a bathtub, then we
offer a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to the
person and ask them to empty the bathtub.”

“Oh, I understand,” I said. “A normal person
would use the bucket because it is bigger than
the spoon or the teacup.”

“No” he said. “A normal person would pull
the plug. Do you want a bed near the
window?”

- I told my suitcases that there will be no
vacation this year. Now I’m dealing with
emotional baggage.

- Not only does my mind wander,
sometimes it walks off completely.



Just for Fun

Quiz for Seniors:

1. Which Soviet Russian author wrote the 1957 novel "Dr. Zhivago"?
2. On which part of the body is Reflexology practiced?
3. What is the middle color of the national flag of France?
4. What is the name for a ship's kitchen?
5. Which river feeds the Dead Sea?
6. Betty Joan Perske was the real name of which late American actress, whose films include "To Have and Have Not" and "Key Largo"?
7. Addis Ababa is the capital city of which country?
8. On television what is the name of The Simpson's dog?
9. Which 1823 poem opens with the line, "Twas the night before Christmas"?
10. Herpetology is the study of which creatures?
11. In the film "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly" which actor played "The Bad"?
12. According to the proverb where does charity begin?
13. What are the components of the Screwdriver drink?
14. Which American artist's paintings include "Campbell's Soup Cans" and "Marilyn"?
15. What was discovered in China on Mar 29, 1974, by a group of farmers digging a water well?







Say this 3 times as fast as you can:

A Proper Copper Coffee Pot

- Answers to Quiz for Seniors:**
1. Boris Pasternak; 2. Soles of the feet; 3. White; 4. Galley; 5. Jordan; 6. Lauren Bacall; 7. Ethiopia; 8. Santa's Little Helper; 9. A Visit from St. Nicholas; 10. Reptiles and amphibians; 11. Lee Van Cleef; 12. At home; 13. Orange juice and vodka; 14. Andy Warhol; 15. Terracotta Army

More Just for Fun

Try this out. It's amazing!

1. While sitting at your desk in front of your computer, lift your right foot off the floor and make clockwise circles.
2. Now, while doing this, draw the number "6" in the air with your right hand. Your foot will change direction.

Try this too!

Think of a number. Jot it down without telling anyone.

Double it.

Add 6

Half that.

Subtract the number you started with.

Your answer is 3.

A THANKSGIVING POEM

May your stuffing be tasty,
May your turkey plump,
May your potatoes and gravy
have nary a lump.
May your yams be delicious
and your pies take the prize,
and may your
Thanksgiving dinner
stay off your thighs!



Fall Riddles:

Q: What is a turkey's favorite dessert?

A: Peach Gobbler

Q: Why did the farmer run a steamroller over his potato field on Thanksgiving Day?

A: He wanted to raise mashed potatoes.

Q: Why do pilgrims pants always fall down?

A: Because they wear their belt buckles on their hats.

Q: Why did the farmer have to separate the chicken and the turkey?

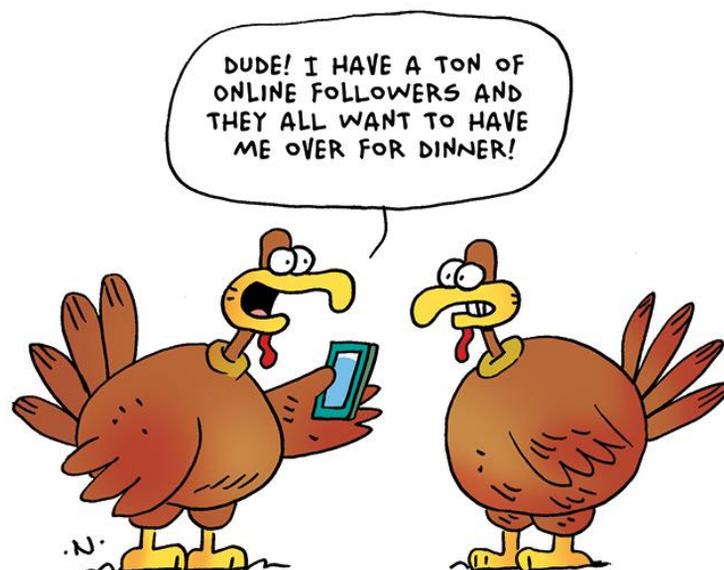
A: He sensed fowl play.

Q: What kind of music did the Pilgrims listen to at the first Thanksgiving feast?

A: Plymouth Rock

Q: What's the difference between a pirate and a cranberry farmer?

A: A pirate buries his treasure, but a farmer treasures his berries.



More Just for Fun

New Alphabet

A is for apple, and B is for boat,
That used to be right, but now it won't float!
Age before beauty is what we once said,
But let's be a bit more realistic instead...

Now the NEW Alphabet:

A's for arthritis;
B's the bad back,
C's the chest pains,
Perhaps car-d-iac?

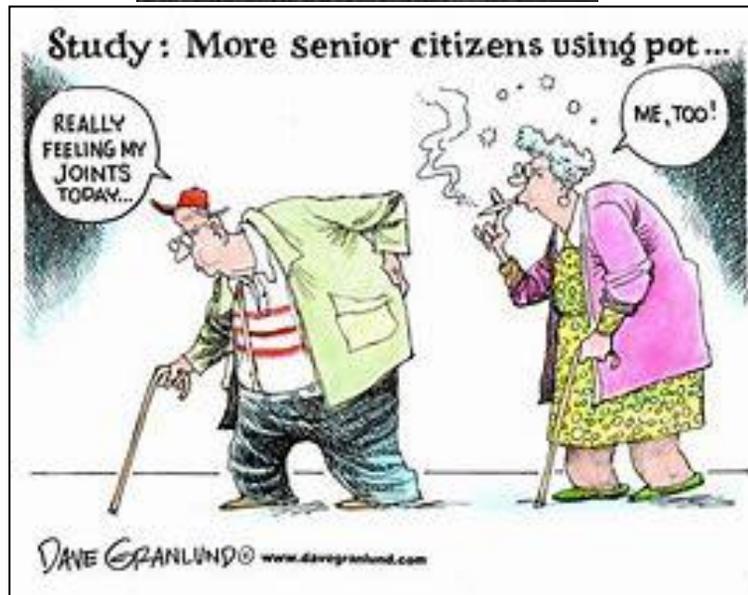
D is for dental decay and decline,
E is for eyesight, can't read that top line!
F is for fissures and fluid retention,
G is for gas which I'd rather not mention.

H High blood pressure--I'd rather it low;
I For incisions with scars you can show.
J is for joints, out of socket, won't mend,
K is for knees that crack when they bend.
L's for libido, what happened to sex?
M is for memory, I forget what comes next.
N is neuralgia, in nerves way down low;
O is for osteo, bones that don't grow!

P for prescriptions, I have quite a few,
Just give me a pill, and I'll be good as new!
Q is for queasy, is it fatal or flu?
R is for reflux, one meal turns to two.

S is for sleepless nights, counting my fears,
T is for Tinnitus; bells in my ears!
U is for urinary; troubles with flow;
V for vertigo, that's 'dizzy,' you know.

W for worry, NOW what's going 'round?
X is for X ray, and what might be found.
Y for another year I'm left here behind,
Z is for zest I still have-- in my mind.



I've survived all the symptoms, my body's deployed,
And I'm keeping twenty-six doctors fully employed!

Something to Color

