

Volume VII-2: February 2022

**From the Editor:**

Hi Red Hatters! I hope you and your families are well. If you are attending any events in Feb, be sure to check with the hosting queen or chapter to ensure that the event has not been canceled or postponed.

Hopefully, Omricon will bid us farewell by the end of Feb and be on its way and Red Hatters can once again gather together at lunches and conventions. Be sure to read pages 6 & 7 regarding events, masks, vaccine cards, and refunds.

It is very disconcerting that our country is so divided over the pandemic. As Red Hatters, let's try to be patient in dealing with one another, considerate of one another, and to tolerate each other's preferences and opinions. Life as we knew it until Dec 2019 has changed forever. We need to grieve that loss and learn to adapt to a new way of living.

Sending virtual hugs,  
 Judy Litke  
 moonrockB@aol.com

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**MONTHLY 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Lunch in Maryland**

The Red Hatters 1st Wednesday of the month lunch (Feb 2) will be held at the Nautilus Diner, Crofton, MD, at noon. Wear something for Valentine's Day, Presidents; Day or just come in red and purple. Reservations not required.

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**B&B Queens Council Quarterly Lunch**



The following event is open to all supporting members of the Red Hat Society

Event: Red Hat Luncheon  
 Date: May 21, 2022  
 Time: Doors open at 11 AM; Lunch at 12 noon  
 Cost: \$28.50 (registration & money due by May 13)  
 Location: Hellas Restaurant, 8498 Veterans Hwy, Millersville, MD

Hosted by the Red Hat Ladies w/Klass and Sass and the Bodacious Sassy Scarlet Sisters

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Why is it called beauty sleep? When I wake up, I look like a troll.

**DEADLINE** For Mar Newsletter  
 Articles: **Feb 26, 2022**



## In Memoriam

### Deborah Lee "Debi" Gibson,

Deborah Lee "Debi" Gibson, 69, of Westminster, died Wednesday, January 12, 2022, at Carroll Hospital Center. Born May 17,

1952 in Westminster, she was the daughter of the late Laura L. (Logue) Bailey and John W. Bailey. Debi worked at Carroll County CETA, Random House and the Carroll County Times. She served as President of the Carroll County FCE and was the Queen Mother of her Red Hat group, The Victorian Ladies. She attended Westminster High School and enjoyed crafting, shopping, TV time, scrolling, owls and snowmen. There were many things that made her smile.

Debi is survived by her beloved husband of 38 years, William "Bill" Gibson; daughter Lisa Diaz and husband Tony of Westminster; son Randy Grimes and wife Linda of Lenoir, NC; and daughter Laura Grimes-Cullen and husband Chris of Chambersburg, PA; siblings Ellen Berry, Lucy Smith and Robert, Gary and Scotty Bailey. Also survived by numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by a brother John Bailey and sister Kathy Weinhold. The family will receive friends on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Fletcher Funeral & Cremation Services, 254 E. Main St., Westminster. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, January 19, 2022 at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Interment will follow in Zion United Methodist Church Cemetery in Shipley.

Published by Carroll County Times on Jan. 15, 2022.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR those Attending the Red Hat Land Cruise, Feb 25-27, 2022:

The Baltimore LAND CRUISE at Best Western Feb 25-27, 2022, Baltimore, MD is a go! The committee can't wait for you to come "aboard". This will be a fun event that you won't want to miss. The hotel staff will be doing everything they can to try to prevent the spread of COVID. There will be a set number of seats/places at each table. Please DO NOT add people or chairs to your tables during the meal gatherings. We need to be as socially-distanced as space affords us. You may choose to meet up with your RH friends during the reception, at bingo, the hospitality room, or in the lounge.

Vaccinations and pre-testing are not required. **WHY?** The committee discussed the fact that, at this point, anybody—vaxed or unvaxed people – can catch the virus and/or pass it to others. This means that if only vaxed people come to any event, you or others may still be vulnerable to the virus. The committee chose not to exclude anyone.

If you plan to go to locations away from the Best Western for dining or shopping, you need to bring your vaccination card with you. Some establishments may not let you enter without showing your vaccination card.

Currently, Baltimore City requires everyone to wear masks in all public spaces. A mask will be provided to you in your registration bag, so please plan on wearing your mask at all times when you are in common areas (elevator, dining rooms, etc.) where multiple people are gathered. Masks may be removed for eating and drinking. We request your cooperation in wearing your mask so the spread of colds or COVID are lessened..

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**IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR those Attending the Red Hat Land Cruise (continued)**

For those not attending the full convention, you may stop by to shop. There is no entry fee. Shopping times are:

Friday: 1 to 5 PM  
Saturday: 9 AM-12 PM; 1:30-4 PM

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*Upcoming Red Hat Events*

**\* For Supporting Members Only**

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**One-Day Events**

**Feb 5, 2022:** "Go Red for Women's Heart Health Luncheon, hosted by Queen Crimson Rose and The Sassy Alabama Ladies, in Arab, AL

 **Feb 11, 2022:** 2nd Friday Red Hat Breakfast, Windsor Mill, MD (limit 40 people, sells out fast) \*

**Feb 12, 2022:** Diamonds & Pearls – *if anyone has the flyer to this, please forward to me (moonrockB@aol.com)* so I can post the info

**Mar 12, 2022:** 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the B-Uniq Sophisticated Ladies, A Diamonds and Pearl Event, in Bessemer, AL

**Mar 12, 2022:** 2022 Meet & Greet, "Angels in Red Hats", hosted by the Red Mums Royal Jesters, in Brunswick, OH


**Apr 16, 2022:** Birthday Bash, Columbus, OH (Contact Sherry Thompson, qmdivasherry@yahoo.com)

**Apr 22, 2022:** Too Too Tutu Party, Celebrating the RHS's 34<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Myrtle Beach, NC; \$45 plus registration for due Mar 31

**Apr 23, 2022:** "Walking Like an Egyptian", hosted by The Belles of Scarlett, Charlotte, NC \*

**Apr 26, 2022:** "Victorian Birthday Party", hosted by South Central Queens Council, Wichita, KS

**Apr 30, 2022:** "Red Hat Resale", Columbus, OH

 **May 21, 2022:** B&B Queens Council 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Luncheon, hosted by Beautiful Women Moving Forward, Red Hat Ladies w/Klass & Sass and the Bodacious Sassy Scarlet Sisters, Millersville, MD \*

**Jun 11, 2022:** Hawaiian Beach Party, hosted by 2 sisters N Fun, in Booneville, MS

**Jun 18, 2022:** "Puttin' on the Ritz", Dublin, OH \*

**Jul 16, 2022:** "Luau", Broadview Heights, OH (Contact Carol Weiss, redhatsocialite14@twc.com

**Jul 16, 2022:** 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Fling, "Under the Big Top Carnival – Red Hat Style", Pearl, MS

**Jul 23, 2022:** 2022 Red Hat Rocket to Mars, 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Event, hosted by The Crimson Violets and The Friends & Feathers, in Evansville, IN

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**Aug 6, 2022:** Brats Festival Hoot, in Columbus, OH (for anyone to attend)

**Aug 27, 2022:** Flamingo Fling – Pink Party, hosted by Queen Toni Gilbert & Vice Queen Marilyn Klein, Purple Ladies & Lavender Maids, in Dublin, OH

**Oct 1, 2022:** Alien Encounter, hosted by Monica Schultz & Ann Brewer, in Fairfield, OH \*

 **Nov 11-13, 2022:** 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas in the Ozarks, Gems and Jewels, hosted by Lee-Ann Carter and the Hattitudes with Bling, in Branson, MO \*

**Nov 18, 2022:** Springfield Christmas Party, Springfield, PH – Save the Date (no other details known at this time)

**Jun 17, 2023:** “Puttin’ on the Ritz”, Dublin, OH – Save the Date (no other details known at this time)

**Aug 26, 2023:** “Un-Birthday Party”, Dublin, OH – Save the Date (no other details known at this time)

**Oct 7, 2023:** “Halloween Party”, Cincinnati, OH – Save the Date (no other details known at this time)

## Multi-Day Events

**Feb 25-27, 2022:** “Red Hat Land Cruise, with “stops” in New Orleans for Mardi Gras; Under the Sea for lunch; and a Captain’s Ball, Baltimore, MD \*

**Mar 25-26, 2022:** 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Tea Extravaganza, hosted by by the Dazzlin! Derbi Citi Royalties “Divas”, in Louisville, KY

**Apr 1-3, 2022:** “Women Around the World – a Red Hat Funvention”, hosted by Tennessee Chapters of Red Hatters, in Burns, TN \*

**May 19-22, 2022:** RHS 2021 International Convention, Flamingo Fling, Palm Desert, CA  
**CANCELED**

**Jun 9-12, 2022:** 2022 Wisconsin Hatvention, “Shake, Rattle & Red Hats” – a 50s, 60s & 70s Extravaganza, hosted by Multi-State registered Red Hat Society Members \* (get more info on website at <https://wisconsinhatvention.wixsite.com/1950redhats>)

**June 24-26, 2022:** 2022 Kansas City FUNvention, hosted by Pretty Magnificent Sisters, in North Kansas City, MO \*

**Jul 11-14, 2022:** “Celebrate! Perfectly Purple with a Dash of Red, hosted by The Red Hat Gals, at Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island, MI; \* For recent photos and more information, go to the website at <https://redhatgals.weebly.com/>  
NOTE: This event is full and so is the wait list. Try to register in Feb or Mar 2022 to determine if cancellations were made.

**Aug 12-14, 2022:** 2022 St. Louis FUNvention: “Hot Fun in the Summertime”, hosted by the Ladies in Red Chapter, Bridgeton, MO \*



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**Aug 26-28, 2022:** “2022 Virginia FUNvention: Magical, Mystical, Fantasy Weekend!”, in Richmond, VA \*

**Sep 9-11, 2022:** Winnepeg FunVention, “An Unforgettable Weekend in the Peg”, hosted by the Divalicious chapter, in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

**Sep 9-11, 2022:** “Hatters Celebrate Good Times”, Wichita, KS \*

**Sep 9-11, 2022:** “Biennial Red Hat Convention, hosted by South Central Queens Council, Wichita, KS (no details yet)

**Sep 24-Oct 1, 2022:** Trip to Dubai, hosted by The Classy Ruby Red Hat Ladies, cost of \$1892 includes round trip airfare, hotel, breakfast daily, airport transportation, and 3 excursions. For additional info and registration info, contact Queen Juanita Brooks (302-632-3355); Vice Queen Norma Branker (302-387-1660); or Bonnie Harden (804-839-4443)

**Oct 14-16, 2022:** Red Hat Mountain Rendezvous, hosted by the Southern Sassy Sisters, in Gunterville, AL

**Oct 28-30, 2022:** Wisconsin PJ Gathering – Mark Your Calendars, details coming soon. E-mail questions to [gingerzsnap@gmail.com](mailto:gingerzsnap@gmail.com)

**Nov 4-6, 2022:** “Sock Monkeys Down the Rabbit Hole”, hosted by Sock Monkey Sisterhood chapter, in Bismarck, AR

**NEW** **Nov 4-6, 2022:** “Divas on the Move”, hosted by The fabulous Floozies”, in Myrtle Beach, SC \*

**Nov 10-13, 2022:** 16<sup>th</sup> Annual RH Weekend, “Christmas in the Smokies”, hosted by Sassy Sweethearts, Pigeon Forge, TN \*

**NEW** **Jan 6-8, 2023:** Red Hat Senior Prom, hosted by Queen Charlotte Walters & the Southern Bellas, in Myrtle Beach, SC \*

**NEW** **Sep 23-25, 2023:** Royals Through The Ages, hosted by the Central Missouri Regional Queens Council, in Branson, MO \* (costs and details coming in the spring)

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**Apr 23-28, 2022:** Cruise - Red Hat Anniversary, hosted by Jazzy Divas of J-Ville, cruise departs Miami for Ocho Rios, Jamaica, Grand Cayman and return to Miami

**Sep 25-Oct 5, 2022:** Cruise – Classic Danube, arranged by Dame Jean Marie, anyone may go on this trip.

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-- by Judy Litke, Editor --

## **To Be or Not to Be Vaxed:**

According to doctors, some version of COVID-19 is going to be with us for years to come. The virus and its variants do not care whether you are vaxed. It's very scary but we must be able to tolerate other peoples' choices. The alternative is to stay home and live in fear.

Prior to COVID19, we always had to deal with the common cold or seasonal flu. Few people stayed home when they were sick. They went to work, church, shopping, etc. Prior to Jan 2020, nobody wore masks or cared to stay home rather than risk catching some cold or virus. We didn't bother to stay away from those who did not get the yearly flu shot nor did we exclude them from attending outings with family and friends. We relied on their sense of consideration for others to stay home and not pass on their germs.

The pandemic changed all that. Masks may or may not be required from time to time in various areas or establishments. Whether you like it or not, whether you agree with it or not, please be considerate of others and obedient to the venue's health requirements. Wear your mask when required while you are out and about. If you are sick, stay home.

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## **Let Me See Your Vaccine Card:**

What a can of worms this statement is. Did you know that the only place you, yourself, may demand to see a vaccine card is when someone comes to your own home? It's true.

## **Let Me See Your Vaccine Card (Continued):**

As a hostess of a Red Hat event, legally you may not require attendees to present a vaccine card UNLESS the establishment in which you are holding the event requires that all persons entering that establishment be vaccinated – thus they may be required to show proof of vaccination. There are very few of those places.

Many states have different mandates and protocols, so before booking an event for Red Hatters, check with the venue to determine its policy regarding masks and vaccine cards. Especially check with theatres when booking show reservations.

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## **“I Want a Full Refund.”**

### **A Note to Event Hostesses:**

Not all of the announcements for Red Hat events include information about whether a Red Hatter or guest can get their money back if they do not attend an event for which they paid. It is “understood” that a person who misses a luncheon will not be given a refund. How about a two or three-day event? Hostesses, do yourselves a favor and avoid any arguments or ugly confrontations; include something about refunds – full or partial -- on ALL event announcements you send out, regardless of how many days the event is.

### **A Note to All Who Register for Events:**

We are all aware of the pandemic. We all know the risk of signing up for events at any

## “I Want a Full Refund.” (continued)

time. We know when we go to any public place, we encounter people who are not wearing masks and who may not be vaccinated. We choose whether to enter.

We each choose for ourselves what risks we are willing to take when we sign up for events. If you are fearful of encountering someone who hasn't been vaccinated, then perhaps you should not sign up for events.

Beware of the NO REFUNDS clause in any announcement. If that exists, then don't ask for a refund when you cancel your reservation. Many announcements say “NO REFUNDS; you may transfer your registration to someone else” (in other words, try to sell your reservation to someone else).

If the announcement does NOT contain refund information, and you choose to cancel within six months of an event, DO NOT expect to get a full refund. Your planners/ hostesses must spend money for the venue, table favors, entertainment, etc. months in advance. Whether you cancel or come, that money has been spent on everyone who registered.

We each make our own choice to sign up. We each must bear the consequences if we decide to cancel.

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## Let Me See Your Vaccine Card (Continued):

As a host(ess) of an event, you may not require attendees to present a vaccine card UNLESS the establishment in which you are holding the event requires that all persons entering that establishment be vaccinated. Your announcement/flyer may ask that only those who have been vaccinated attend but, again, you are not guaranteeing safety for your guests because vaccinated people too could pass on the virus.

Many states have different mandates and protocols, so before booking an event for Red Hatters, check with the venue to determine its policy regarding masks and vaccine cards. Especially check with theatres when booking show reservations.

This pandemic still exists, according to the CDC. We all need to be careful. As a Red Hatter, I am ready to get back out there and have some fun. I am vaxed and boosted and I wear my mask. I do my best to attend events where social distancing is possible.

In Maryland, our positivity rate jumped from 30% in mid-Jan to just over 10% on Jan 29. Our rate continues to drop and by the end of Feb, when the Red Hat Land Cruise “disembarks” in Baltimore, MD, I am hopeful that the rate will be at 5% or less.

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*A House Divided  
Against Itself Cannot  
Stand:*

*Everyone involved must unify and  
function together or it will not  
work out.*



## Do or Die Mysteries

Ticket prices are going up...a little. In 2022 they will be \$62.50 per person, except where noted.

We're beginning to think the show Art of Murder is cursed. Every time we schedule it, there's a Covid spike. So, January shows were canceled amidst the tidal wave of Omicron but, numbers are coming down, so February, we're back to murder as usual.

### **Feb 7 & 14: Murder Mystery, the Musical**

It's the 1930s. The rivalry between Broadway and Hollywood heats up, and both towns want to make Maria Argentina their poster girl. It's music, murder and mayhem! *This show is slightly more expensive. Tickets are \$72.50 per person.* Our venue, Hellas Restaurant, is located at 8498 Veteran's Highway in Millersville, Maryland 21108. Free onsite parking

6:30 PM: Check In/Orders Taken/Dinner Served; Show follows Dinner

Dinner includes salad, entree and chef's choice of dessert. Entree items: Blackened Tzatziki Salmon, Jumbo Fried Shrimp, Lasagna, Gyro Platter, Chicken Souvlaki Platter, or Steak-n-Cheddar Taco Platter. Please inform of us dietary restrictions in advance. We do our best to accommodate everyone's needs.

***Occasionally, there are entree substitutions. Please contact us if you have any questions.***

Cost includes dinner, show, tax, and nonalcoholic beverages. Gratuity on meal is

included in the ticket price. Gratuities on alcohol beverages purchased are appreciated.

Cocktails are available

Group seating

Tickets are available by going to <https://doordiemystery.com/> or by calling the box office at (443) 422-3810. If you call the box office, and don't receive an answer, please leave a message. Covid has left us a little short staffed.

**COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS:** As of Jan 31, masks are required in Anne Arundel County at all indoor public places. Seating is still limited so get your ticket today.

Shows will be added in the event of a sell-out.

All sales final; no refunds.

Do or Die Mysteries in 2022:

**Mar 7 & 14:** Mystery Krewe  
Laissez les bon temps rouler! Get ready for a killer Mardi Gras Ball.

**Apr 11 & 18:** Death and Taxes

**May 9 & 16:** Detective Mom

**Jun 13 & 20:** Cradle to Grave

**Jul 7 & 11:** CSI Glen Burnie, Hon

**Sep 12 & 19:** Tune In, Turn On and  
Drop Dead

**Oct 10 & 17:** Death Expo

**Nov 14 & 21:** Death by Turkey

**Dec 28 & 29:** Slay Ride





-- excerpts from *EatingWell.com* --

## **10 Items to Have on Hand in Case You (or Someone You Live with) Test Positive for Coronavirus**

### **1. Your Doctor's Phone Number**

Call the office's nurse or physician's assistant to check in and ask if they have any guidance about the best person to contact in case any coronavirus symptoms arise.

### **2. A Bonus Refill on Prescriptions**

While you're speaking with someone who works with your doc, inquire about any Rx needs that might require refills within the next month or two. Depending on the medicine and your local pandemic positivity rate, he or she might suggest snagging an extra supply ahead of time.

### **3. The Location of Your Nearest Testing Facility, Plus Some At-Home Test Kits**

Go to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services online portal to find a community-based testing location near you. (<https://www.hhs.gov/coronavirus/community-based-testing-sites/index.html>) You may also be able to schedule a rapid test through private companies (just Google "rapid coronavirus testing sites near me. At-Home test kits are available through the U.S. Govt at <https://www.covidtests.gov/> If you think you have COVID but can't get find a test, the best plan of action is to act as if you are positive and stay home.

### **4. A Thermometer**

One of the most common symptoms of any infection is a high temperature; a signal your

white blood cells are attacking foreign invaders. Use a thermometer to monitor your internal temperature and the temperature of everyone in your household if someone falls ill. (Bonus points if you snag a different thermometer per person! Either way, be sure to clean the thermometer between each use.)

### **5. Cough Drops**

Coughing is another frequently reported reaction to the virus, so invest in a bag or two of cough drops to calm that and potentially aid an ailing throat.

### **6. Disinfectant Sprays**

It's best for infected individuals to quarantine away from family members. That might not always be completely possible (a shared bathroom), so keep the windows open, if possible, disinfect high-touch surfaces daily and disinfect any surface after the infected individual may have come into contact with it.

### **7. Disinfectant Wipes**

Clorox and Lysol wipes have also been proven to combat bacteria and viruses. Did you know you can even use these on most phones?

### **8. Soup**

According to *EatingWell* staff dietitians, one of the best things to eat if you have coronavirus is soup. Before you get sick, make a big batch of a healthy soup recipe to freeze in single servings or buy low-sodium store-bought options to feed your body while it's hard at work attempting to recover.

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## 10 Items to Have on Hand in Case You (continued)

### 9. Tea

Tea is not only great for hydration, but its warm temperature can help ease congestion—a symptom some coronavirus-positive individuals report.

### 10. Hand Soap

One of the most popular refrains from these past few pandemic-ridden years: Wash your hands! Good old soap and water is even more effective than hand sanitizer in most cases—as long as you wash your hands properly and often enough.

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### Free masks are on the way to

**pharmacies:** As the government sends free COVID tests to households across the nation, 400 million free N95 masks are also on their way.

Unlike the free testing kits which are ordered through a government website or hotline and shipped by the United States Postal Service, the free N95 masks will be available to pick up at “tens of thousands” of pharmacies and community health centers that have partnered with the federal government's COVID-19 vaccination campaign.

Check with your local pharmacies, senior adult activity centers or community centers.

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## Dehydration: By: Arnaldo Liechtenstein, physician

-- From Yvonne Danel, *Queen of the Open Road, Bodacious Sassy Scarlet Sisters, Severn, MD* --

Whenever I teach clinical medicine to students in the fourth year of medicine, I ask the following question: What are the causes of mental confusion in the elderly?

Some offer: "Tumors in the head". I answer: No!

Others suggest: "Early symptoms of Alzheimer's". I answer No!

With each rejection of their answers, their responses dry up. And they are even more open-mouthed when I list the three most common causes:

- uncontrolled diabetes
- urinary infection
- dehydration

It may sound like a joke, but it isn't. People over 60 generally stop feeling thirsty and consequently stop drinking fluids. When no one is around to remind them to drink fluids, they quickly dehydrate.

Dehydration is severe and affects the entire body. It may cause abrupt mental confusion, a drop in blood pressure, increased heart palpitations, angina (chest pain), coma and even death.

This habit of forgetting to drink fluids begins at age 60, when we have just over 50% of the water we should have in our bodies. People

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over 60 have a lower water reserve. This is part of the natural ageing process, but there are more complications. Although they are dehydrated, they don't feel like drinking water, because their internal balance mechanisms don't work very well.

Conclusion:

People over 60 years old dehydrate easily, not only because they have a smaller water supply, but also because they do not feel the lack of water in the body. Although people over 60 may look healthy, the performance of reactions and chemical functions can damage their entire body.

So here are two alerts:

1) **Get into the habit of drinking liquids:** Liquids include water, juices, teas, coconut water, milk, soups, and water-rich fruits, such as watermelon, melon, peaches and pineapple; orange and tangerine also work. The important thing is that every two hours, you must drink some liquid. Remember this!

2) **Alert for family members:** constantly offer fluids to people over age 60. At the same time, observe them. If you realize that they are rejecting liquids and, from one day to the next, they are irritable, breathless or display a lack of attention, these are almost certainly recurrent symptoms of dehydration

Inspired to drink more water now? Pass this article on to your friends and family, especially if they are 60 or over or are caring for someone 60 or over.

**HAPPINESS CAKE**

- 1 Cup of Good Thoughts
- 1 Cup of Kind Deeds
- 1 Cup of Consideration for Others
- 1 Cup of Sacrifice
- 2 Cups of Well Beaten Faults
- 3 Cups of Forgiveness

Mix Thoroughly, add tears of joy, sorrow, and sympathy, flavor with love and kindly service. Fold in 4 cups of prayer and faith. Blend well. Fold into daily life. Bake with the warmth of human kindness. Serve with a smile.

*-- Submitted by Berlyn Wheeler, Queen of the Chesapeake Bay Babes, Edgewater, MD --*

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Chef Ruby

## Donna Reed's Bundt Cake

-- Submitted by Judy Litke, Ramblin' Rosies, Severn, MD

While researching information for a Game Time I am working on for a cancer support group, I ran across this recipe. Donna Reed, of course, is the actress who played the lead in *The Donna Reed Show*, 1958-1966. She also played Miss Ellie in *Dallas* for one season after Barbara Bel Geddes vacated the role.

### Ingredients:

- 1 box lemon cake mix
- 1 large package of lemon pudding
- 1/2 cup oil (vegetable or canola)
- 4 eggs
- 1 cup water

### Directions:

1. Beat all ingredients for 4 minutes on High Speed. Butter and flour the Bundt cake pan, even if it is non-stick, to ensure a perfect mold, and bake at 325 degrees for 50 minutes.
2. Decorate with dripped icing or powdered sugar or any kind of fruit.





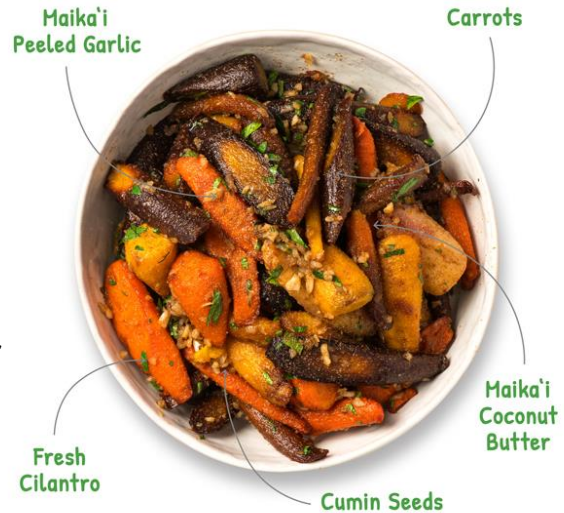
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## Cumin-Coconut Roasted Carrots

-- A Foodland Recipe, Submitted by Adele Rugg, Queen Diva  
Dell-Lucious, Kihel, Maui, HI --

### Ingredients:

- 3 pounds carrots (peeled and diced  
(or substitute carrots with  
kabocha squash)
- 3 tablespoons maika'i coconut butter  
(melted)
- 2 tablespoons cumin seeds
- 8 cloves garlic (minced)
- 3 tablespoons cilantro (chopped)
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper



### Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 400F.

1. In a large mixing bowl, combine carrots, melted coconut butter, cumin, salt, pepper and garlic. Toss well to combine.

2. Transfer the carrot mixture to a lined baking sheet and arrange in one layer. Bake for 30 to 35 minutes or until tender, giving it a light stir halfway through cooking.

3. Before serving, sprinkle with cilantro.



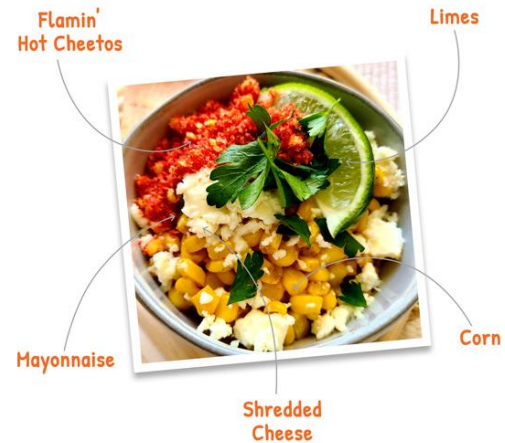
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## Hot Cheetos Esquites

-- A Foodland Recipe, Submitted by Adele Rugg, Queen Diva Dell-Lucious, Kihel, Maui, HI --

### Ingredients:

- 2 cups corn (fresh or frozen)
- 2 tablespoons mayonnaise
- 2 ounces cheese of your choice
- Hot Cheetos (crumbled)
- 1/4 cup oil
- 1 lime (juiced)



### Directions:

1. Heat oil in a non-stick pan on medium-low.
2. Add corn to pan and cook until softened.
3. Add mayonnaise and mix with corn.
4. Remove from heat and top with cheese, lime juice and Hot Cheeto dust.

**Optional:** Garnish with cilantro.



## Chef Ruby

### Beef Luau

-- A Foodland Recipe, Submitted by Adele Rugg, Queen Diva  
Dell-Lucious, Kihel, Maui, HI --

#### Ingredients:

- 2 pounds fresh luau leaves, stems removed and stemless leaves coarsely chopped (you may sub with frozen luau leaves)
- 2 pounds beef chuck, cut into 2" cubes (short ribs or stew meat also works)
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 pound yellow onion, sliced 1/2 inch
- Hawaiian Salt, to taste



#### Lomi Tomato (Optional)

- 2 ripe tomatoes, diced into 1/4 inch pieces
- 1/2 tennis ball sized sweet onion, finely minced
- 1/4 cup green onions, finely sliced
- 1 pinch Hawaiian salt

#### Directions:

1. Heat a heavy-bottomed pot on the stove on high. Season the beef with Hawaiian salt.
1. Add just enough oil to the pot to lightly coat the bottom. When the oil is hot enough to shimmer and gives off wisps of steam, add the beef in small batches to avoid overcrowding and brown well. Remove browned beef, add next batch and continue until all beef is browned.
2. Pour out most of the rendered fat from the pot, leaving just enough to coat the bottom. Add onions, lower heat to medium and cook, stirring occasionally, until onions are sweet and translucent.

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## Chef Ruby

### **Beef Luau** (continued)

4. Layer the luau leaves on top of onion. Add browned beef on top of the luau leaves to weigh them down, add water, cover. Bring up to a boil, then lower to very low, and simmer until the beef is very tender and the luau leaves are very soft. Taste and adjust with salt, chili pepper water and water if needed.

Note: Alternatively, you may pre-blanch and drain the luau leaves in a separate pot of salted water to speed up the cooking and help to wilt the greens so they fit in the pot with the beef more easily.

#### **Lomi Tomato**

1. Combine ingredients, add in a few ice cubes to chill down and add to sauce.
2. Serve.

#### **Optional Ingredients for Lomi Tomato**

- 2 dry opae (dry shrimp), chopped
- 1 clove garlic chopped

#### **Chili Pepper Water (Optional)**

##### Ingredients

- 2 cups water
- 2 cloves garlic
- 5 fresh chilies (Hawaiian or Thai Chili Peppers work best)
- Pinch of salt
- Vinegar, to taste

##### Directions

1. Combine water, garlic, chilies and salt and bring to a boil.
2. Boil until all ingredients are soft and mushy, then remove from heat and puree.
3. Adjust seasoning if needed, then add vinegar to taste.



# PHOTO OPS

Red Hat 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday Breakfast at Best Western  
Jan 14, 2022

-- Submitted by Sheila Maddox, The Chic Chickies,  
Baltimore, MD --

We're still here and together. The 2nd Friday Red Hat Breakfast Group held its January gathering at the Best Western Plus Hotel and Convention Center in Baltimore City, MD Chapters in attendance included The Chic Chickies, The Baltimore Belles, Marvelous Ladies of Suitland, The Chesapeake Bay Babes, Red Hat Dancers, The Chikezie Ladies, Red Hat Ladies With Klass And Sass, The Dundalk Divas, Purple Passion, The Baltimore Classy Divas, The Rambling Roses, Red Hot Chocolate, Sassy and Classy, The Virtuous Crowns, and The Eastside Ladies. We continue to be safe and blessed!





# MORE PHOTO OPS

## Ruby Diamonds Holds Reduation

-- submitted by Queen Lady Sunshine Riggs, California, MD --

Congratulations to Lady Diva Dana of the Ruby Diamonds Chapter on her Reduation as she becomes a Red Hatter!! We had lots of laughs, food & fabulous fun!! Also, Congratulations to Lady Kattonna & Lady Vi for being inducted in the Sisters of the Sword! Special Thanks to Queen Bee, Queen Bev & Sarge (not pictured) for making our Chapter event even more special!!



# MORE PHOTO OPS

## February "Red Heart" Fun!!

-- submitted by Queen Lady Sunshine Riggs, California, MD --





# PHOTO OPS

## Chesapeake Bay Babes Outing

-- Submitted by Ettice Patton, Charm City Red Hat Divas,  
Baltimore, MD --

Chesapeake Bay Babe's Red Hatters had lunch at Senor's Chile in Edgewater, MD. Alma, Berlyn, Joyce and Ettice







## Items for Sale from Paulette Brown

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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.

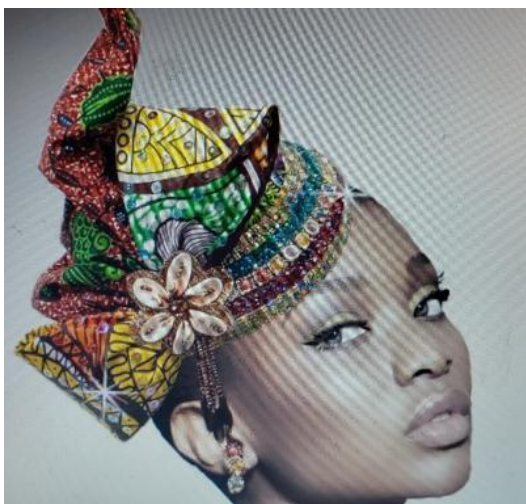
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RHW 2827 - VALENTINA FASCINATOR - PINWHEEL FASCINATOR ; COLORS: RED OR PURPLE



A HEADBAND FASCINATOR WITH DRAPED MINI CAP FEATURES A FERRIS WHEEL OF CRYSTAL LOOPS ANCHORED BY DELICATELY JEWELLED FLOWERS.

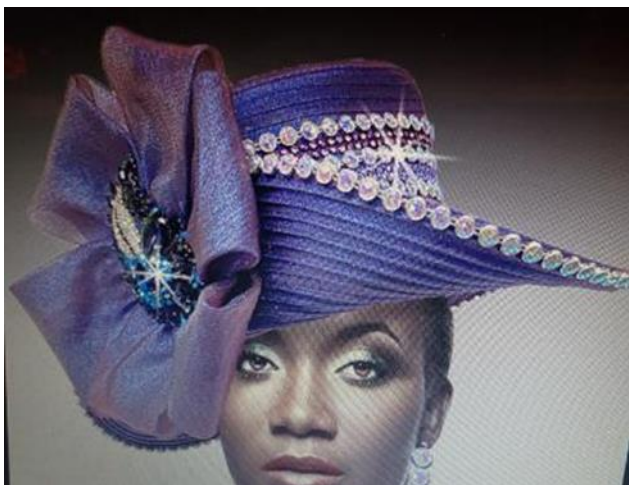


RHW2757 - MULTI TRIBAL FASCINATOR  
AN ELABORATE MARRIAGE OF TRIBAL FABRICS AND EXOTIC JEWELS CREATES AN EXQUISITE HEADBAND FASCINATOR THAT CELEBRATES THE MULTI ETHNICITY OF OUR SOCIETY. THE FASCINATOR IS A COLLAGE OF FABRICS THAT CULMINATE IN A FLATTERING SCULPTED BOW AND A BEADED MOTIF. GREAT FOR BLACK HISTORY CELEBRATIONS.



## Items for Sale from Paulette Brown (continued)

See previous page for ordering info



RHW2739 - COKIE BRIM HAT  
THIS PROFILE NAPOLEON BRIM HAT  
GLIMMERS WITH ITS MULTI JEWEL BAND  
AND EDGE. A MULTI PETAL BOW,  
POSITIONED AT A QUARTER ANGLE TO THE  
WEARER, FEATURES AN EXQUISITE TONAL  
CRYSTAL BROOCH. AT APPROXIMATELY  
4.25" HIGH. COLOR: PURPLE

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PAULETTE BROWN AND MESSENGER ME FOR PRICING







## Items for Sale from Paulette Brown (continued)

See previous two pages for ordering info



Paulette is planning to be a vendor at the Red Hat Lane (Feb 25 & 26 ) during the Batimore Red Hat Convention, Red Hat Land Cruise, Feb 25-27, 2022



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**KEEP CALM AND READ FOR PLEASURE**

**When I see lovers' names carved on trees, I think it's strange how many people bring knives on a date.**



**PSA for Canadians on Social Distancing**  
6ft = 1 moose length  
(Or 4.5 beavers)  
You're welcome, eh.

**Today's mood:**  
**Bitchy with a touch of sarcasm.**





**KEEP  
CALM  
AND  
READ FOR  
PLEASURE**



This is what "good grief" really looks like!



This is what "I can wait" looks like!



This is what impatience looks like!



This is what a helping hand looks like!  
(the guy in the back is the supervisor)



This is what sorry looks like!



This is what bad spelling looks like!



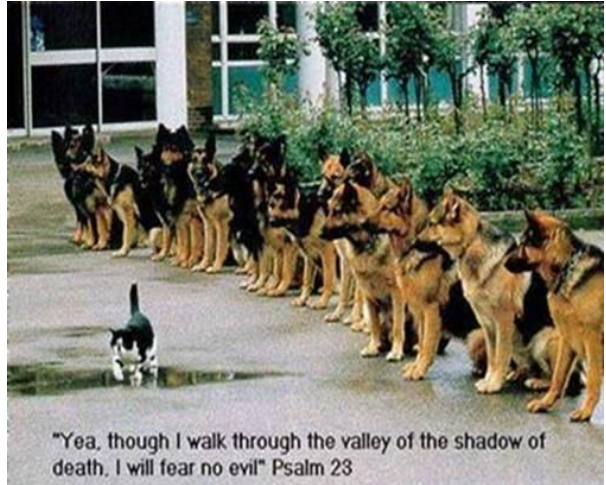
**KEEP  
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**This is what intimacy looks like!**



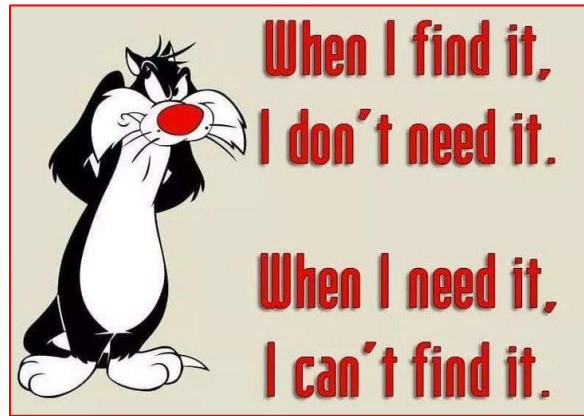
**This is what a bad mood looks like!**



"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil" Psalm 23

**This is what courage looks like.**

Costco has a great sense of humor



**This is what tired looks like!**

**KEEP CALM AND READ FOR PLEASURE**







-- Submitted by Berlyn Wheeler, Queen of the Chesapeake Bay Babes, Edgewater, MD --

**OLD PEOPLE**

A doctor, who had been seeing an 80-year-old woman for most of her life, finally retired. At her next checkup, the new doctor told her to bring a list of all the medicines that had been prescribed for her.

As the doctor was looking through these his eyes grew wide as he realized Grandma had a prescription for birth control pills.

"Mrs. Smith, do you realize these are birth control pills?"  
"Yes, they help me sleep at night."  
"Mrs. Smith, I assure you there is absolutely nothing in these that could possibly help you sleep!"

She reached out and patted the young doctor's knee and said, "Yes, dear, I know that. But every morning, I grind one up and mix it in the glass of orange juice that my 16-year-old Granddaughter drinks. And believe me it definitely helps me sleep at night." You gotta love Grandmas!

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A man was riding on a full bus minding his own business when the gorgeous woman next to him started to breast-feed her baby. The baby wouldn't take it so she said, "Come on sweetie, eat it all up or I'll have to give it to this nice man next to us."

Five minutes later the baby was still not feeding, so she said, "Come on, honey. Take it or I'll give it to this nice man here."

A few minutes later the anxious man blurted out, "Come on kid. Make up your mind! I was supposed to get off four stops ago!"

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Students in an advanced Biology class were taking their mid-term exam. The last question was, 'Name seven advantages of Mother's Milk.' The question was worth 70 points or none at all.

- One student was hard put to think of seven advantages. He wrote:
- 1) It is perfect formula for the child.
  - 2) It provides immunity against several diseases.
  - 3) It is always the right temperature.
  - 4) It is inexpensive.
  - 5) It bonds the child to mother and vice versa.
  - 6) It is always available as needed

And then the student was stuck. Finally, in desperation, just before the bell rang indicating the end of the test he wrote:

- 7) It comes in two attractive containers and it's high enough off the ground where the cat can't get it. He got an A+.

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A woman and her 12-year-old son were riding in a taxi in Detroit. It was raining and all the prostitutes were standing under awnings.

"Mom," said the boy, "what are all those women doing?"  
"They're waiting for their husbands to get off work," she replied

The taxi driver turns around and says, "Geez lady, why don't you tell him the truth? They're hookers, boy! They have sex with men for money."

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The little boy's eyes get wide and he says, "Is that true Mom?"

His mother, glaring hard at the driver, answers "Yes."

After a few minutes the kid asks, "Mom, if those women have babies, what happens to them?"

She said, "Most of them become taxi drivers."

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An elderly, but hardy cattleman from Texas once told a young female neighbor that if she wanted to live a long life, the secret was to sprinkle a pinch of gunpowder on her oatmeal each morning.

She did this religiously and lived to the ripe old age of 103.

She left behind 14 children, 30 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, five great-great-grandchildren and a 40-foot HOLE where the crematorium used to be.

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**By the Sea:**

A couple lived near the ocean and walked the beach a lot. One summer they noticed a girl who was at the beach almost every day. She wasn't unusual, nor was the travel bag she carried, except for one thing, she would approach people who were sitting on the beach, glance around, then speak to them.

Generally, the people would respond negatively, and she would wander off, but occasionally

someone would nod and there would be a quick exchange of money for something she carried in her bag. The couple assumed she was selling drugs and debated calling the cops, but since they didn't know for sure they just continued to watch her.

After a couple of weeks, the wife asked, "Honey, have you ever noticed that she only goes up to people with boom boxes and other electronic devices?"

He hadn't and said so. Then she said, "Tomorrow I want you to get a towel and our big radio and go lie out on the beach. Then we can find out what she's really doing."

Well, the plan went off without a hitch, and the wife was almost hopping up and down with anticipation when she saw the girl talk to her husband and then leave. The man walked up the beach and met his wife at the road. "Well, is she selling drugs?" she asked excitedly.

"No, she's not." he said, enjoying this probably more than he should have.

"Well, what is it, then?" his wife fairly shrieked.

The man grinned and said, "She's selling batteries."

"Batteries?" cried the wife.

WAIT FOR IT, wait for it...

"Yes," he replied. "She sells C cells by the Seashore."

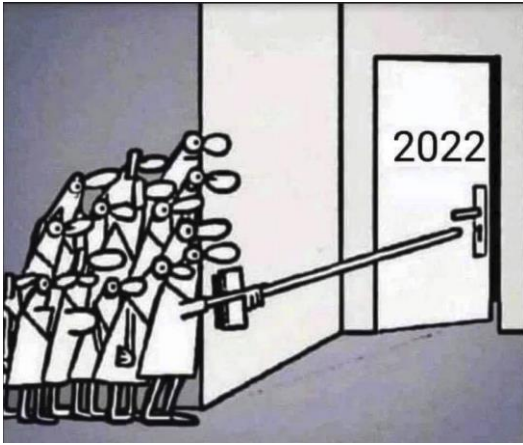
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**How many times can you subtract 10 from 100?**  
**Once. The next time you would be subtracting 10 from 90.**

**KEEP CALM AND READ FOR PLEASURE**

# Some Post-Holiday Memes

-- Submitted by Jacquie Maly, Maui, HI --



**I heard a 5 year old telling people "were in a panDAMNIt," and now I'm totally convinced we're the ones saying it wrong!**



**I STARTED A NEW EXERCISE ROUTINE. EVERYDAY I DO DIDDLY-SQUATS.**

In England , "booster shot" is spelled "borchestershire shot"

Has Covid-19 forced you to wear a mask and glasses at the same time? You may be entitled to condensation.

↑ Suggested Resolutions ↓



You know who's going through a lot right now?  
Literally everyone.  
Just be kind.

tinybuddha.com



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**KEEP CALM AND READ FOR PLEASURE**

# Some Post-Holiday Memes

-- Submitted by Jacquie Maly, Maui, HI --

I know this. When this ends—**AND IT WILL**—every game will sell out, every restaurant will have a 2-hour wait, every kid will be glad to be in school, everyone will love their job, the stock market will skyrocket, every other house will get TP'd, and we'll all embrace and shake hands. That's gonna be a pretty good day.

Hang in there, World.



**Anti-Masker Drowns After Trying Out SCUBA Diving**



**Eggs, bread, milk...Eggs, bread, milk...**

**Shit...  
Forgot my mask!!**

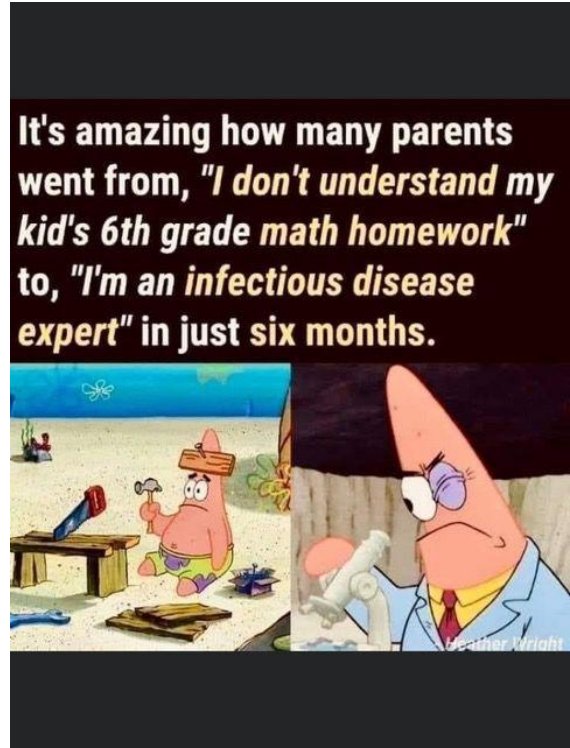
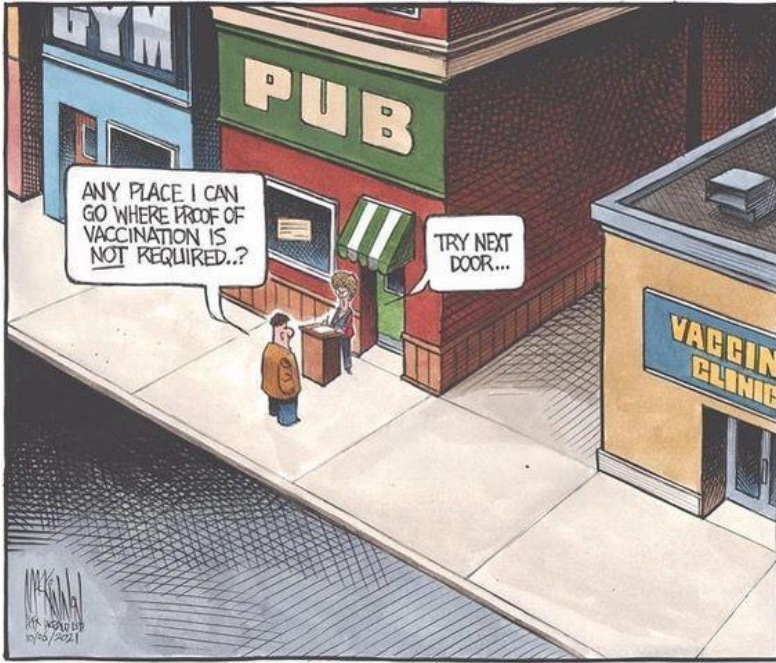
**Shit...  
What did I need??**

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**KEEP CALM AND READ FOR PLEASURE**

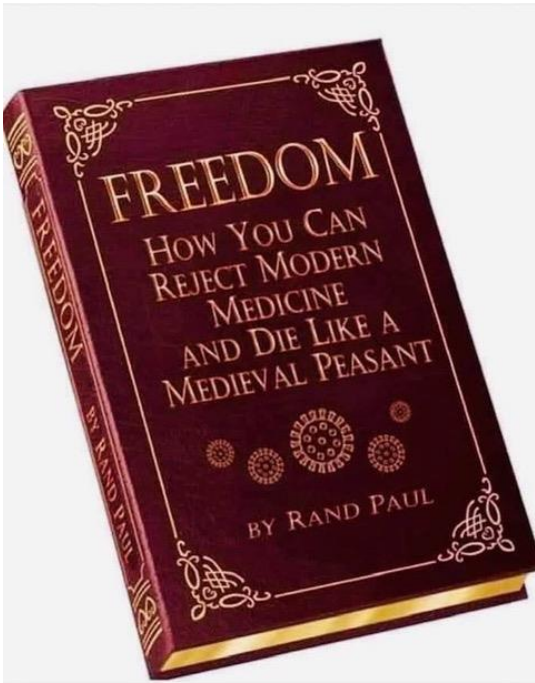
# Some Post-Holiday Memes

-- Submitted by Jacquie Maly, Maui, HI --



**freedumb**  
 noun  
 1 the belief that your personal freedom outweighs others' personal safety.

**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.**







-- Submitted by Barbara Peterson, Queen Blingsalot, Sweet Elite Tarts, Stewartstown, PA --



Mila RaoNana Funny Society.

Today I was in a shoe store that sells only shoes, nothing else. A young girl with a tattoo and green hair walked over to me and asked, "What brings you in today, I looked at her and said, "I'm interested in buying a refrigerator." She didn't quite know how to respond, had that deer in the headlights look.

I was thinking about old age and decided that old age is when you still have something on the ball, but you are just too tired to bounce it. When people see a cat's litter box they always say, "Oh, have you got a cat" I just say, "No, it's for company!"

Employment application blanks always ask who is to be called in case of an emergency. I think you should write, "An ambulance."

The older you get the tougher it is to lose weight because by then your body and your fat have gotten to be really good friends.

The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.

Have you ever noticed: The Roman Numerals for forty (40) are XL.

The sole purpose of a child's middle name is so he knows when he's really in trouble.

Did you ever notice that when you put the 2 words "The" and "IRS" together it spells "Theirs"

Aging: Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.

Some people try to turn back their "odometers." Not me. I want people to know why I look this way. I've traveled a long way and a lot of the roads were not paved.

Ah! Being young is beautiful but being old is comfortable.

Lord, keep your arm around my shoulder and your hand over my mouth.

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As we wave goodbye to our younger years we must also wave goodbye to some of the fads we loved. The following combinations Do NOT go together and should be avoided:

1. A nose ring and bifocals
2. Spiked hair and bald spots
3. A pierced tongue and dentures
4. Mini skirts and support hose
5. Ankle bracelets and corn pads
6. Speedo's and cellulite
7. A belly button ring and a gall bladder surgery scar
8. Unbuttoned disco shirts and a heart monitor
9. Midriff shirts and a midriff bulge
10. Bikinis and liver spots
11. Short shorts and varicose veins
12. In-line skates and a walker
13. Thongs and Depends

Laughing with a mouthful of Coffee

# Just for Fun

## February Trivia for Seniors:

1. February is the only month of the year that can pass without a single full moon — true or false?
2. What are the three months that always start on the same day of the week unless it is a leap year?
3. On February 1, 2003, which Space Shuttle broke apart in flight, killing all seven crew members?
4. In February 1964 which popular band made their first American television appearance on the "Ed Sullivan Show." that over 73 million Americans watched?
5. In the Spanish language, February is called what?
6. February has been Black History Month for over how many years?
7. What are the zodiac signs in February?
8. Name 4 U.S. states that entered the Union during the month of February?
9. Which largest American sporting event of the year is held in February?
10. On February 3, 1690, the first paper money in America was issued in the colony of which state?
11. What is February's birthstone?
12. Which popular animation movie was released on February 4, 1938?
13. Those born on a leap day (February 29th) can be called what?
14. On February 9, 1811, who was granted a patent for the practical steamboat?
15. In which year's February 1, Royal Canadian Mounted Police Established?

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### Riddle:

1. Throw away the outside and cook the inside, then eat the outside and throw away the inside. What is it?
2. What occurs once in a minute, twice in a moment and never in one thousand years?

Crabby Road

2-15-12



**Answers to Riddle:** 1. Corn on the cob, because you throw away the husk, cook and eat the kernels, and throw away the cob; 2. the letter "m"

**Answers to Trivia:**  
 1. True; 2. February, March & November; 3. Columbia; 4. The Beatles; 5. Febreero; 6. over 40 years; 7. Aquarius (until February 18) and Pisces (February 19 onwards) [date will shift to 17-18 in a leap day]; 8. Arizona, Massachusetts, Mississippi and Oregon; 9. the Super Bowl; 10. Massachusetts; 11. the amethysts; 12. Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs; 13. leaping or leaper; 14. Robert Fulton; 15. 1920

# More Just for Fun

## Happy Valentine's Day

### Word Search

Search for the hidden words going up, down, left or right.



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