

FRIDAY FOLLIES

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What a great week! History witnessed! I have been teary-eyed all week! Just very emotional, heart-warming, and FULL of hope and expectations! No, the hockey game did not make me cry. The inauguration was just something like I have never seen and never thought I would. The whole thing from start to finish made me so very proud to live in this country. Think about it. A change in leadership with no violence, no upheaval, no coup, just an orderly act of democracy! The whole world watched in envy. I was so proud! Soooo PROUD to be an American! I know many of you reading this live in other countries. I also know from many of your notes that you were proud, too. We are ALL one! Look at the tissues in front of my TV while I watched in my kitchen! We actually had a snow day today with no snow, so I got to watch the whole thing! I mean - very emotional!

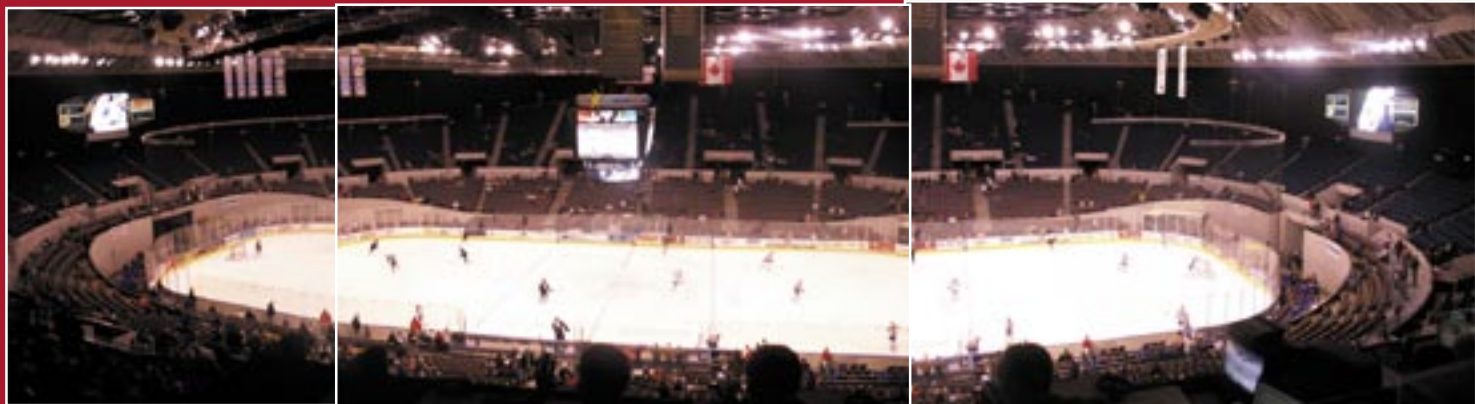
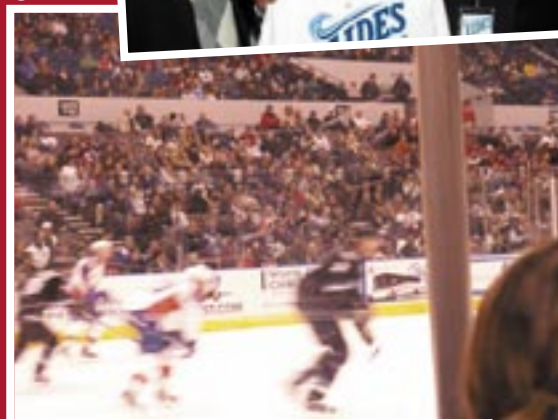


I have been to inaugurations and balls before... but trust me... none like this! God Bless Teddy Kennedy and his years of service to this country!



As for the hockey games... well, they were pretty much fun, too! And no, President Obama was NOT at the hockey games! This photo was from back in the fall, but Ken just got around to sending it to me this week from his computer at his office in Norfolk. Very appropriate week to do so, wouldn't you say? He even has on the same sweater! Hahaha! I laughed when I started putting these together and saw that.

Anyway, the holiday weekend was filled with many fun things, lots of personal work, and lots of time to



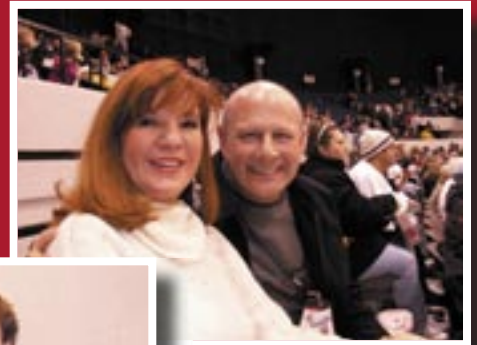
relax! We started off Friday night going to the Admiral's game. (I have only been to one in my life and this was only the second Ken had been in town for all season.) It was great fun, and I think he enjoyed explaining the rules to me. It actually went into over time and then was settled with a shoot-out. (Not in our favor...) I also got to go up to the press box and meet the reporters and watch him being interviewed on the radio. That was fun because some of the reporters, I deal with in my work.



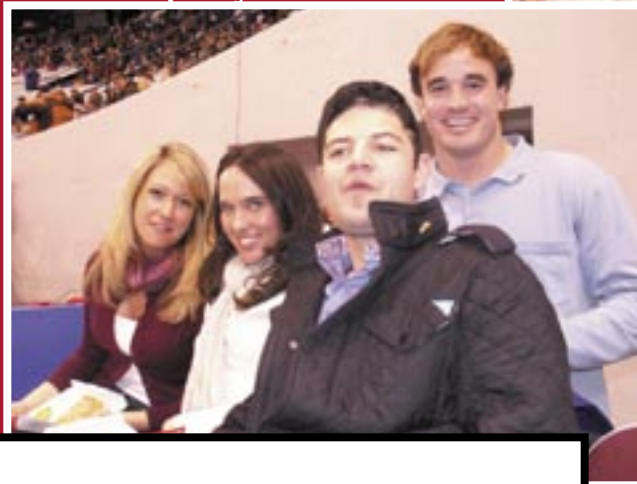
Then once downstairs after the interviews, I spotted some of my friends standing with some of Ken's friends! Very cool. When we went down to the lower level to speak, it was so much fun. They were like, "What are you doing here!" And I was like, "What are YOU doing here!" They had never been to many games either and we marveled at how similar it is to lacrosse - a sport they played - only on ice. VERY few rules! We all introduced one another and had the best time. They were celebrating a friend's birthday party and were taking photos left and right.



Saturday night, we went to a cocktail party at one of Ken's partner's homes and then we all piled into cars and headed to the "Pink in the Rink" game. I met the NICEST people there! It was really a lot of fun! Thanks, Chris and Joan!

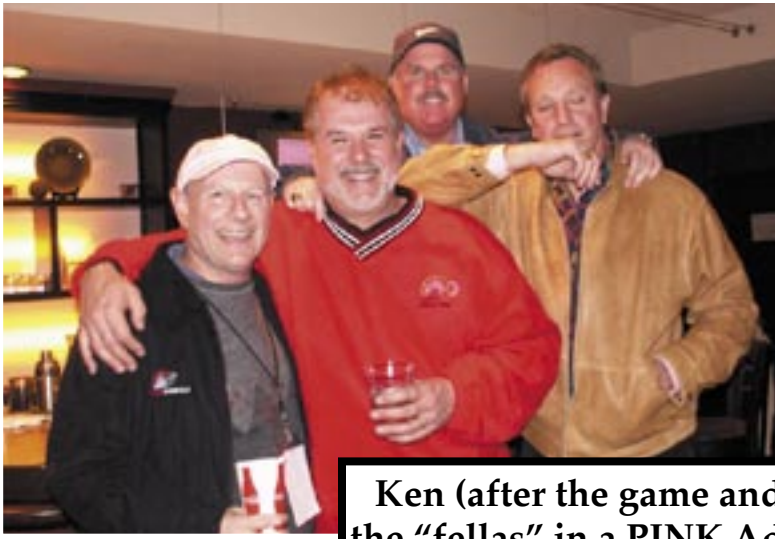


Once at the game, my friend Leslie and her daughter, Jessica, joined us. We had FUN! Jessica lucked out because there were three Sixth Grade boys sitting right in front of her! Very cute!



Donald and Justin with their "birthday friends" enjoying their first (well, in a long time) hockey game!





Ken (after the game and dressed by the "fellas" in a PINK Admiral's cap!), Chris, Sheriff McCabe, and Miller.

Sunday we stayed at my house and simply ate and ate and ate... I fixed dip after dip and chili, and Black Eyed Pea casseroles etc. **JUST DECADENT!**

We met for Monday dinner and ate some more. Ran into friends there, too! Just, honestly, ridiculous amounts of food this weekend!



My very good friend, Leslie, and her daughter, Jessica, were able to join us Saturday for the "Pink in the Rink"



Tuesday, today, I awoke to a snow day with absolutely no snow! But how could they

know? Even the weather channel was predicting a winter storm watch for this area... We still may get some tonight!

The Grand Auction I always tell you about is coming up the week-



They actually dyed the ice in the rink PINK for Breast Cancer awareness on Saturday! Very Cool! (Photo is actually 3 pieced together, if it looks a bit strange...)

Ken, President Obama, and Dave with his Obama Tides Jersey!



President Obama actually signed a baseball for Ken.



This was as close as I got to President Obama the whole night! Hahaha! That was Ok, though. It was a *very* cool night!



end of the 30th, and there are numerous special events before then! Just very busy month! Still LOVING Facebook and re-connecting with hundreds of old friends!

There has been no time for painting and taxes are spread all over the table... I will get to it all!

Also this week, a good friend and former student, Beth Buchanan, was substituting at my school. I went to see her and we had a photo taken, but, since I am home today, I do not have access to that photo. Honestly, it was not that good of either of us, but I will post it when I get to my "school" camera! God bless!



To all of you on my Friday Follies List, whether you are in Manila, Singapore, Kuwait, Bermuda, Virginia Beach, Mississippi, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Minnesota, Indiana, Colorado, Lake Tahoe, Philadelphia, Key West, New Jersey, North Carolina, Indonesia, Washington D.C., Iraq, Costa Rica, Poland, Maryland, West (By-God) Virginia, Nashville, Florida, Saudi Arabia, New Hampshire, Tampa, Chattanooga, France, Phoenix, New York, Oregon, Russia, Maine, Australia, Bangkok, or Yuma, have a wonderful, wonderful week!



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God bless.
Remember, life is short!
We need to make it a good one.
Grow in peace and wisdom.
Your Friday Friend,

Judi Godsey

PS. NOTE OF CAUTION... 20 employees were fired from The New York Times here in Norfolk for sending lewd and indecent emails. (To my knowledge, none of the 20 were on our joke list - even though some of the attorneys who represent the company were!) I have asked each and every one of you on this list to tell me if the jokes that accompany these "Follies" place you in jeopardy, or even if they offend you. Please understand that they are intended to be light-hearted and are not mean-spirited in any way. If you are ever offended, do not hesitate to ask to be taken off the Friday Follies Joke List. PSS. If you send a joke and I don't use it, it is because it has been used before, and I try not to repeat. Remember, I have been sending these since August of 1997. One tends to go through huge numbers of jokes that way. Disclaimer: When anyone asks if I type all of these jokes, the answer is, "No!" I cut and paste one evening during the week (30 minutes, TOPS). Obviously I don't have time to sit, read, and retype jokes all day!