

FRIDAY FOLLIES

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Happy Valentines Day!

What a week! Hope you had a grand Super Bowl weekend! I sure enjoyed it. Once again I decided (“spur of the moment”) to have a Super Bowl Party! It seems there were quite a few of us who didn’t want to go sit in some expensive bar somewhere and strain to see the game over strange body parts . . .

I had no clue if there would be five or thirty, but that was OK. You end up doing just as much for five as for thirty . . . right? Plus football parties are so easy - - ham biscuits, meatballs, chili, beanie wienies, cheese dips and balls, sweets, valentines’ candy, and lots to drink!

I ended up having about twenty or so for the evening and it was a great group. Almost NO ONE knew anyone else which made for a delightful evening of conversation. I even had one friend who has suffered a great loss less than a year ago, and we had not been able to get together really at all since then. She came and we had a BLAST! It was so good to see her! And she made so many new friends!

I brought all of the TV’s downstairs, had a “Designated Serious Football Fans” section (for those who really wanted to watch the game) a roaring fire, plenty of libations, tons of hot food to consume, and lots of shared laughs - BUT - I also had a “Gossiping, Giggling, Only Watch the Commercials” section! That was reserved for the area near the kitchen (also with a TV). What fun! Of course, everyone ended up in the “Designated Serious Football Fan Section” gossiping, giggling, and watching the commercials! Then during the commercials, the serious football fans were in the “Giggling, and Gossiping” section. Too funny! There were two college football coaches here, though, and they didn’t complain



...so it must have been OK.
I really do not think anyone here cared who won...it was just the “event,” ya know. And of course, I was busy and did not take many photos - but in some ways, that is almost better!



Here are Dee and Gary - - (Dee is actually in the Bahamas as I type this ... I hate her....) and in the next photo are two of my very best friends who finally met each other - Lee Anne and Jimmy. It was a great eve-

ning with many faces (and stories), but not all of them told here! Deb, Susanna B., Wood, Tim, Bill, Jeannie, Babs, Dorcus, Jerry, Ken, Rowena, Tom, Craig, Leighton, Joanne, Wendy, Kevin, and others, thank you! Great evening!

OK, now I HAVE to share this with you. It is one of the funniest “Office Things” I can think of. Several years ago, our CEO retired and when he did, he gave everyone in the development office a potted plant. We all loved them but laughed because NONE of us had green thumbs. So, the competition was “ON” to see who would kill their beloved plant first.

Sally lost right away...with Lesley right behind her. Plants are LOOOOG gone. I mean within weeks of their arrival! Then Mary left and took her plant with her (smile). So did Sheila, (smile). So, last week as I was pulling my little baby into the sunlight and giving

him his weekly cup of water (with coffee grounds in the bottom of the cup), it dawned on me that Dan might like to see how the two remaining plants are doing.

Well, after Pamela had checked out for the weekend, I sneaked into her office and grabbed her plant off the filing cabinets and sat it beside mine. Then I took a picture!

I waited until Monday morning and then emailed the photo to Pamela. I could hear her howls all the way down the hall. Just absolutely hysterical because she has the greatest laugh in the world!! Ha! Now, can you guess which one is mine?????



We have laughed about this for months. Every time Pamela goes on vacation, I try to sneak her plant into the sunlight and give it an itty bitty bit of water, and I ALWAYS GET BUSTED! Back to her office I go with brown, dwarfed plant in hand.

Mine is such a behemoth that I am soon going to have to move it off of my desk because it is taking over

the phone, computer, TV, radio, files, everything! I have pencils and ruler stuck in it to hold up the heavy branches....just hilarious.

I am sorry - but this picture just makes me laugh out loud! I'm tellin ya - I work (and have worked) with some of the greatest people! They make everyday so much fun!

So Dan, you see, we DO still think about you often! Kiss, Kiss!





These photos came to us this week from Tara in Steamboat Spring, Colorado -- snow shoeing with Tizzy! Hope your new spa/gym is packed everyday,



Tara! I want to be out there soon. Tell Doc Mike and Judy, "Hello" when they get there.



OK! What follows are a great many Valentine's ROMANTIC recipes. But this first one is for the birds. I use it every winter for my "outdoor" critters. They love it! Hey! Squirrels get hungry, too, ya know! Enjoy! And Happy Valentines Day!



Homemade Birdseed Suet Recipe

- 4 cups cornmeal
- 1 cup Crisco or lard
- 1 cup peanut butter, crunchy or smooth
- 1 cup flour
- 1 cup bird seed
- Add raisins or oatmeal as desired.
- Mix all together and store in old jars. Does not need refrigeration.



Happy Valentine's Day!



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, Philadelphia, Key West, New Jersey, North Carolina, Indonesia, Washington D.C., Iraq, Costa Rica, Maryland, West (By-God) Virginia, Nashville, Florida, Chattanooga, New York, Oregon, Maine, Australia, Europe, or Yuma, have a wonderful, wonderful week!

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!