

FRIDAY FOLLIES

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Would you believe it is STILL raining here! I don't think we have had more than three sunny days since April 1! Plus, we are starting to get those big, threatening, tornado-type storms like I grew up with in Mississippi. Very strange Spring, indeed.

Went to the Virginia Wine Festival at Town Point Park with Ken this weekend. It started out a beautiful day, but rained intermittently all day (Oh, what a surprise). Thus my frizzy hair! Ha!

Ken lives pretty close to the park, so we packed a huge picnic basket and walked over. Made it easier to relax and not worry about having to drive back. Anyway, I have to tell you, this picnic basket weighed a TON! We could not figure out why! It had very light-weight plastic utensils and plates, some crackers, a few appetizer spreads, and four very small bottles of water. I was carrying the flowers, the bread, the fruit, and cheese in a separate bag!

When we got to our table, we unloaded it and tried to figure it out. Then we picked up the *empty basket* and realized the *basket* was what was HEAVY! We laughed because that meant that no matter how much we ate or drank, it was still going to be *heavy* on the walk back!

Beautiful, beautiful day, really, cool, breezy, clouds floating by, until late in the afternoon. I had not been to the wine fest in a few years, so I had forgotten just how much fun they are. They have one that lasts for two days in the fall each year





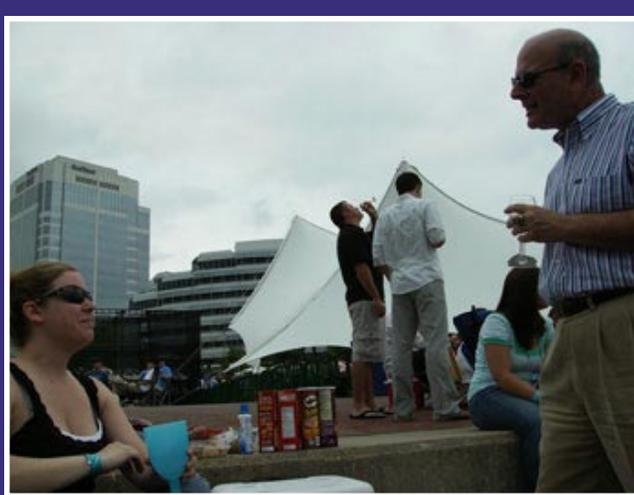
- always a sell-out, and just last year started this one in the spring. Just one day in the spring for the time being. You see tons of folks you know and also meet so many nice, new friends. Everyone is just chillin' and enjoying the music, conversation, wine, and fresh air.

I put this photo here because it made me laugh when I downloaded my photos. I honestly did not even think about it at the time, but this photo has Ken and me and then half the elected officials in Norfolk! Ha! -- the Mayor, Vice-Mayor, and a City Councilman. Too funny.

Then below that is one of my dear friends, C.R., who came over at one point to speak. Her friend is considering running for office, so I asked the Vice Mayor, Anthony, to give him some advice. It was great to see you C.R.! Somehow I lost you in the crowd after that!



The funniest thing was, though, several of the policemen who work at Harbor Park with Ken were there, and one in particular was just a *clown*. Jimmy came over and wanted to make sure that Ken knew a bunch of his staff was partying on the dock behind the stage. Look at Jimmy, here. Doesn't he just look like he is full of it! He is, but, Man! I would *not* want to make him angry!



Actually, sitting out back on the dock is a really great way to go to these things at Town Point Park. Bring a lawn chair and plop down away from the maddening crowds. Plus you're right there on the waterfront always with a nice, cool breeze.

Well, Ken bought a couple of bottles of wine, and we walked back to visit with all of them. I was blown away by how *young* they all were. Maybe it is more like how *old* I have gotten!

Without exception, though, every one of them, whether they were in marketing, ticket sales, advertising, photography, no matter what, they all talked about how much they LOVE what they do.

One of them had relatives visiting from Wisconsin and they were simply amazed at how nice Norfolk, the festival, where their kids worked - all of it - just how nice *everything* was. I guess living here all the time, we sometimes take it all for granted. I try not to. I *know* how lucky I feel to live here...

Anyway, on the next page, just more shots of the silliness of the day. The photos get a bit sillier as the day grows on... Ha!

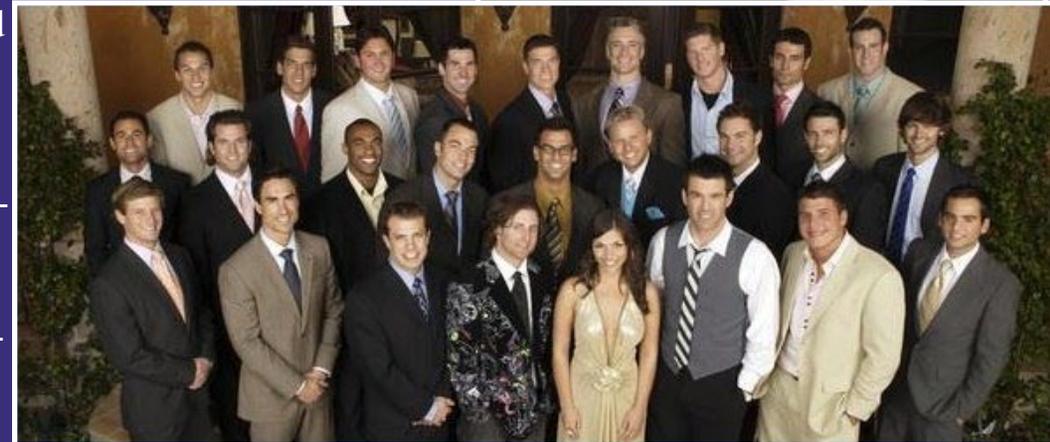
All in all, it was just a terrific day.



By the way - notice the guy in the yellow jacket? He has on an Ole Miss hat! Ken spotted it and had the guy come over and talk with me! He was a character, too!

My friend Marta had a nice birthday party that night, too, and I really had intended to go, but after sipping wine all day and then going to a cook out - well, I did not make it back in time. Happy Birthday, Marta! I love ya and thought about you.. I am sure it was a blast!

Now for the Bachelorette! I can say his name now! Chandler is the son of very dear friends of mine and he graduated from the college prep school where I have worked forever. He is a doll baby and I am looking forward to the premiere party next Monday! Watch and look for Chandler! Who knows what will happen. He sure cannot tell at this point! Here is a photo of Chandler (in the khaki pants right down front and center) on this huge billboard in Time Square, his promo shot, and the group shot for the show. Chandler is front row left. Isn't he handsome! The perfect Southern Gentleman!



Mom's Day was awesome! Hope yours was, too. Jessica had gone to a bachelorette party the night before; Ricky had worked for the first time since his surgery; Jeremy had worked until 3:00 a.m.; and I had my late night in Norfolk. Needless to say - we all slept in and came together for dinner that night at the Jewish Mother. It was great fun! I think we ought to make it a weekly event. They agreed!



Jessica "walks" this Saturday. She actually graduated in December and started her new job in January teaching school. But she wanted to wait until the end of the year to do her graduation celebration. I don't blame her. Both my undergraduate and graduate degrees were finished in the middle of the year, and I did not "walk" in either of them because of it. Wish I had. I can't wait to see her walk down that aisle! Whoo Hoo!

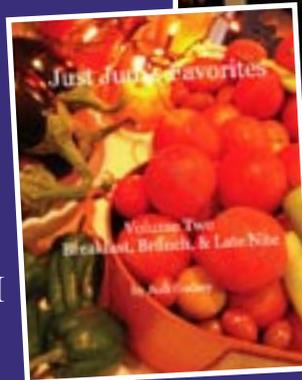


Ricky continues to recuperate and is slowly regaining his strength. He just tires easily. That is to be expected. It was less than a month ago that he gave his father one of his kidneys! God bless him!

Jeremy continues to keep his 4 point average and is still working two jobs. The landscaping company he was to inherit from a friend that was leaving the area did not work out because the friend decided to stay here. Too bad, but he has enough on his plate right now.



If you did not get my email this week, I published my second of ten cook books. This one is *Breakfast, Brunch, and Late Nite!* Yumm! Half the book is breakfast food and half is sandwich recipes. I think I love it more than Volume one• Appetizers.



<http://www.blurb.com/bookstore/detail/241008>

Please continue to pray for our young men and women overseas, and also add to your prayer list the thousands around the world in China, Myanmar, and other hard hit areas. Believe me, prayer in numbers works! P.S. Susan in Bangkok! Thank you for the update. So glad all is well with your faculty and staff. I remember the tsunami when you saw some of your folks on international TV! Love you!



*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!*

God bless.

Remember, life is short!

We need to make it a good one.

Grow in peace and wisdom.

Your Friday Friend,

Judi Godsey

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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!