

FRIDAY FOLLIES

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WOW! What an exceptional Fourth of July! Hope yours was great, too. I actually went to a beach party - not on the Atlantic Ocean - but on the Chesapeake Bay. I had forgotten how much I dearly LOVE the BAY! (I also have never seen that many people on the beach - ever!)

The Bay has small waves like the Gulf of Mexico; you can wade out forever without a drop off; it is clean, residential, non-touristy; and the best part of all is that the sun sets *facing* the beach - unlike the ocean where it is to your back. Just spectacular! In addition to that, the weather was the prettiest it has been all season and the food and friends were the best!

After hours on the beach, we all went back to the house for a cook-out. Scrumptious! I took a picture of my homemade ice



cream and John's chocolate/cherry dump cake! Unbelievably good! After a rest from the food, and once the sun had set, everyone went up to the third floor landing to watch the fireworks! Just a very special day spent with very special friends! Thanks so much!

I also had a friend over for lunch and the pool



one day. It was nice to reconnect and catch up on everything. When you work with someone for years, it is sometimes hard to find the down time to relax and enjoy each other as "just friends." Very special relationships, those...





Even though it was supposed to be several of us, and it ended up being two of us (due to illness) we set the table and had a feast! We did not make it to the pool until 3:00, but it did not matter. There was still plenty of fun in the sun.

I also have some news on the home front, even though many details still need to be gathered. I left my work at the end of May - out on sick leave. I applied for disability due to the hearing loss, and just found out this past week that my disability claim was approved. I am happy and thankful, and yet, somewhat sad. At this point, I am still waiting on the particulars, so there is not much else to tell.

Many of you had wondered why I put my little "*Cottage by the Sea*" up for sale. That is why. As soon as I knew the direction I



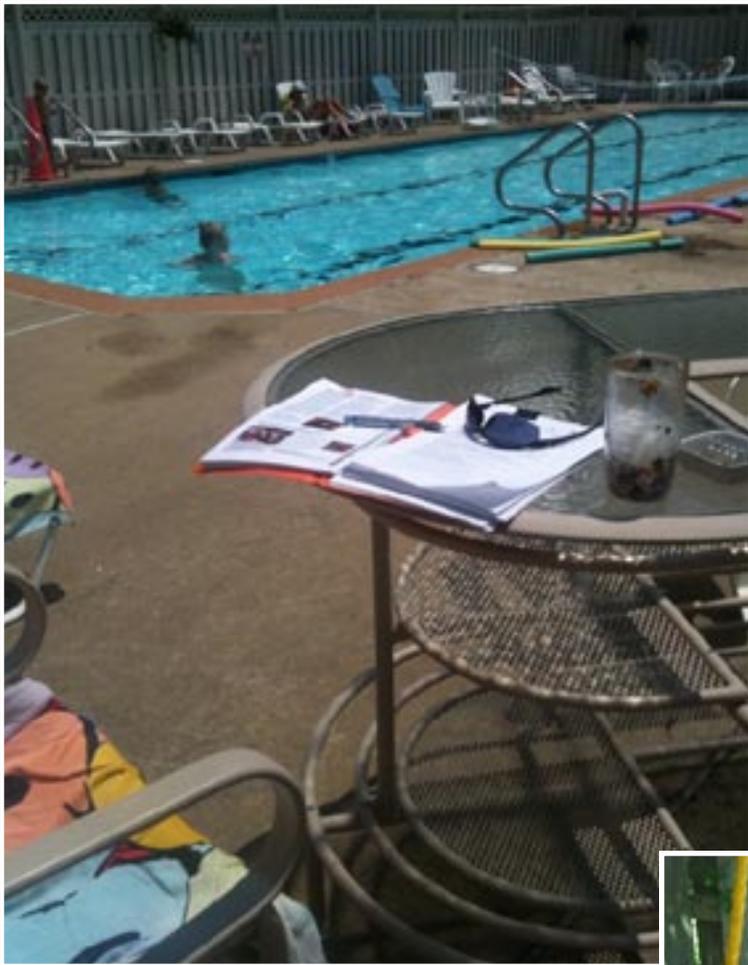
needed to go, I had my friend list her. There was a contract within days. If all goes well, it should close by mid- to late- August.

Yes, it breaks my heart, and no, I have no clue where I will be going. I still am not certain what kind of budget I will be looking at, so that complicates things just a bit.

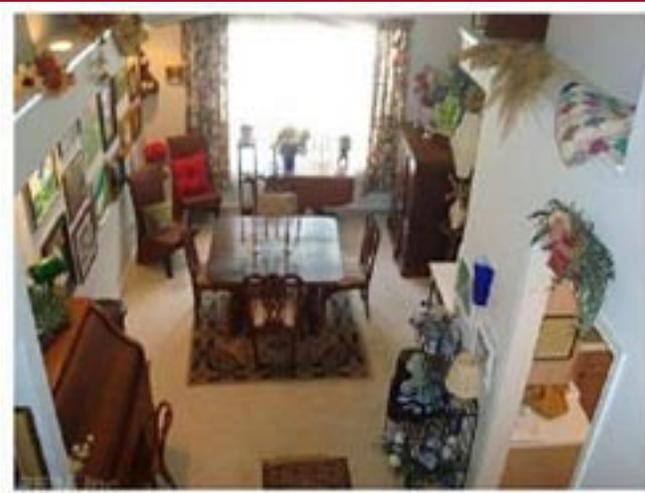
I know that in a few weeks, all of the dust will settle, though, and I also know from so many years of experience on this Earth... that this will all work out in the end. Just hate having everything so "up in the air" right now. But I am also thankful I am not in a harmful situation, in pain, or facing some horrible illness. I know, truly, that I am lucky.

I am also hoping to go to my high school reunion in Mississippi in a couple of weeks, but time will tell. A lot of this - *Is the house going to sell? How much, exactly, will my disability be? Where am I going to move and when?* - will be settled in the next few weeks. So depending on the timing, I may or may not have a "window of opportunity" to go to Mississippi for a week. It is going to make me sad, if I have to miss it. So many from my class have gotten close again through Facebook, that it would be a shame not to get to be there. I am sure it will work out.





I am sharing a photo of what I call my "Summer Office" with you! Ha! Seriously, I have done a good bit of work there this summer. Also the latest harvest from my little garden, and photos of Kai this week. As you can see, he has discovered swings and he loves them!



I will close with these shots - some of the photos my realtor took of my house. I cannot believe I have been lucky enough to live here for five years! Maybe I will find a house I like as much. If you are in the area and know of some cute (and cheap) rentals, let me know! :-)

Love to you all.
I hope you have a great week, and I will catch you later!

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 Greenhaw



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!