



FRIDAY FOLLIES



**December 12, 2003**

**Hey!**

**What an incredible weekend we had since I wrote last week! We traveled to Warrington, Virginia which is very near Washington D.C. for a friend's wedding. There was beautiful, incredible SNOW everywhere! What an early winter treat! With my new digital camera, I was snapping photos left and right. There was even a full moon on Saturday night, so with the snow, it was bright enough to practice taking shots at night. Absolutely beautiful!**

**Anyway, Jim has been a friend of ours for years, and his sister, Michelle, is one of my very best friends. Their parents are a blast, too! Their dad is a retired four-star admiral who was in charge of the entire Pacific Fleet. Mom is a Chevalier (Maiden name – you know –Maurice Chevalier?) She has story-after story-after story.**





Their home is incredible. I love houses that are named --reminds me of Mississippi. Let me tell you, "Le Chateau" is fabulous. There are interesting things everywhere you look. Example: at one point I sat my small purse and camera in a beautiful, antique cradle in the living room. Later, when I thought I had misplaced it, Michelle said, "Oh! I saw it in the Wilson cradle." "The Wilson cradle?" I asked. "Yeah! I thought I told you about that. That's the cradle President Woodrow Wilson gave our family." Well, things like that just kept happening. It was a riot!

We had thought about heading home after the wedding, but it was so incredible, and we were having so much fun, that around six, ten or so of us headed out to the "Guest House." Oh My! It was about a quarter-mile down the hill (walking distance) and it was HUGE! We started a fire, broke out a food tray and Champaign and then cranked up the player piano. We sang and sang and sang. There was a deck that surrounded the whole house. Outside, you could see the snow covered hills and even warn, little houses far off in the distance. It looked like a Christmas card.





Bottom line...we are so glad we stayed the night and did not rush home. All of our "chores" were still here waiting for us when we got home. It was a very special time with very special friends.

I have included a few shots of the wedding, the cake (without a doubt the prettiest wedding cake I have ever seen), and some of our friends.





At one point we even passed around my favorite red hat.





These last few shots are of some of our early decorations. We are slower than usual getting everything up because I was away at Thanksgiving and JP's shoulder is still separated! But it is getting done, and this year the competition is fierce! Every night after we finish our decorating "chores," we have to take a spin around the neighborhood to make sure we are still in the running for first place.



Well, Monday night, I thought JP was going to have a fit. He thought there was only one house that was even close to being our competition, but I pointed out another house down a side street that he had not seen, yet. Now he has two to worry about. He is so funny! He literally is so competitive (I guess it is a MAN thing) that he talks about it and worries about it constantly. He asks me daily (actually hourly) what I think we ought to add to the "Christmas Vacation" spectacle. Then, last night, he asked passing cars and polled the neighbors out walking their dogs. Hilarious. All I can say is, if this man does not win.....he will be the Grinch this Christmas!





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, Maryland, West (By-God) Virginia, Nashville, Chattanooga, New York, Oregon, Maine, 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**

P.S. 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!