



FRIDAY FOLLIES

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It was so warm this year - The Polar Plunge was a piece of cake! It was around 55 degrees and the water temperature was mid-forties! The actual temperature this week is in the mid- to high-seventies in the day time, breaking all previous records! Really strange weather!

Anyway, it has been a very good and very busy week. Hope yours was, too. I actually got some yard work done (needed to so badly!) and played a good bit, as well!

There were some crazy costumes at the "plunge" this year! Jessica and her girlfriends were there, but I never did see them. There were 4,000 taking the plunge and probably twice that many watching! We had an arranged place to meet after, but we must have just missed each other. I never got a photo of them. She said she did, though, and will send them. They were the Hurley Hooligans!

Once again, for whatever reason, I was basically given a pass to roam right down front with the TV cameras and press photographers. It just cracks me up!



Anyway, I like to get there early so I can watch the rescue and frogmen get dressed! Actually, they were put to the test this year as several partiers needed assistance before it was over.

One man was standing right next to me after the race, trying to catch his breath. Then he collapsed! There were so many people in costume milling about, helicopters, loud music, and folks yelling, that I could not get anyone's attention. Finally someone else saw what was happening and about ten of us started yelling, "Help!" and waving our arms. Amazing. There were probably 500 rescue workers there and it was so crazy, we could not get their attention. I think the man was in pretty bad shape as they carried him away in an ambulance.

Anyway, on the next page are some of the goofy costumes. And look, Mayor Oberndorf! I managed to get right to the stage just as you spoke! It was like that all day long!

I also painted a bit this week, added to my new gallery, enjoyed the Super Bowl, cooked, almost totally finished my first volume of Just Judi's Favorite Cook Books (another story later on), and found a pet store that will take some of my sweet canaries next weekend and will give me a store credit! YEA!





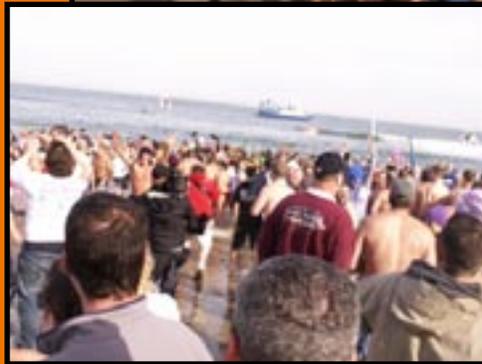
I will take the store four this Saturday, next month three more, and the following month three more. That should whittle the number down nicely! Of course, I am sure the canaries will continue to reproduce, but maybe this way I can get free dog food for life! Hahaha!

Just Judi's Favorite Appetizers was almost totally finished and then I had a catastrophe! I have the software to create the books myself, then it will be sold online in a bookstore and from a link on my website. It really was not hard and looked BEAUTIFUL! It will be in hard and soft copy and the hard copy even has a dust jacket!

I was so proud of it. But when I went in to edit the text, you know, the final touches, it started to freeze up on me. I did some reading online and apparently with this software, when you import the text, you have to strip it first. I did not. Long story short, I basically threw the whole thing away and will start again this weekend! BUMMER!

Once it is in the bookstore, I will send you the link and you can go in and preview the first fifteen pages. At last count, it was 40 packed pages!

I will figure it out. It is just really cruel to have to start over...



I also wanted to show you this image that I took while driving home this week. I wanted to stop the car and get a good shot, but by the time the traffic cleared, the clouds had rolled in again! It is hard to tell here, but it is an incredible DOUBLE RAINBOW! It was just so shocking to look up and see it. I tried to get a shot of the other end of them, too, but there were power lines in the way and it was a terrible photo. Just glad I didn't wreck the car, I was so excited!



We also had a HUGE pep rally at the end of an entire "spirit week" where I work. The kids had a blast, but the faculty and parents did, too. Here are Rocco, Wendy (AKA the Birthday Fairy) and me right before the pep rally started. Felt like a kid again!

And last, but certainly not least, having several occasions to be at the beach this week, it just slapped me in the face how lucky I am. I LIVE here! I mean people save up all year to come here for vacations, and I LIVE here! With this mild winter, it has been spectacular to go to the boardwalk with no tourists there at all.

OK. Pray for our men and women overseas, that they may return home to us, soon, safe, and successful!



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

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!