

FRIDAY FOLLIES

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Well! It looks like the “Village Idiots” are at it again! “Hear No,” “See No,” and “Speak No.” It was “See No’s” Birthday Dinner! We met at a local restaurant Sunday which happened to be packed because of the playoff games, and we sat near the piano bar and had a blast. Just silly fun.

But folks kept joining in the “silly fun” the whole time we were there. Every time we looked up, there would be someone else. Most of them, we did not even know. (For example, who is the lady in the pink sweater!?) Even the piano player and the waiter joined in on the fun before it was over.





Enter... the "Red Hat!"

Yup! We even broke out the red hat. Suz and Lee Ann had already had their photo taken in the red hat a couple of years ago, so it was grabbed by others. Again, just silly fun. I think we all needed it. There is just something about that stupid, red, mink hat that makes people smile. It also LOOKS GREAT on everyone who tries it on!



I had a very nice weekend - dinner with special friends Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights. And on Saturday, I had a few friends and neighbors just stop by to meet and welcome Bobo.

He was a HIT!

Bobo is slowly adapting to the house, the new cage, and still is fascinated by Oliver. Then my friend, Sue, who used to work for Animal Control and now is a kind of "Bird Expert" in the area and at local pet stores came by



to welcome Bobo. Very sweet. She agrees, he is a gem, and I got a "rock bottom" price for him. That made me feel good.

(Timmis - we will have to get Shelby and Bobo together when you get back from your six month luxury cruise! OK?)



Ok,
I guess I should
apologize for last
week's Follies,
especially since there
were so many new
folks on the list. Can
you imagine what they
must have thought
in Poland when their
teacher said they
were going to be
getting a "funny"
newsletter each week



from some American woman! Hahaha! That is kinda funny, though
- you have to admit! I have never sent a Follies like last week's.
Never!

But - I am not going to apologize, either. I was REALLY down.
My worries, like yours, are far from gone, but I am handling them
much better this week. Time will take care of everything. It always
does (smile). Didn't mean to be so depressing. (Sorry, Mr. Fargo!)
But, hey! If I can't talk with you guys, who can I talk with? Right?
Besides, I never "spilled the beans"... I never really said anything.
I just said I was down. I am allowed... I think it is important to re-
memeber from time-to-time that the Follies are simply the "lighter
side" of things. As I have always said, they are my **"Lemon-Aide."**

Had a GREAT time tonight with Bobby, Ed, and Ann
after work and look forward to seeing them all at
the Board meeting in the morning. "Thumper," it
was great seeing you last week after almost two
years! Thank you for staying such a good friend.



One of my best friends is getting ready to move and brought me a huge shopping bag filled with art and painting books. How happy do you think that made me! It is about that time of year when it is so cold and dreary outside, there is nothing else much to do but light a fire, watch old movies, and paint! Don't you love it!



I look forward to getting started again!

I will ask you to pray for one of my loved-ones who has just been sent back to Iraq. He wasn't supposed to go for a long while, but things changed over the holidays... It was rather sudden, and we just weren't quite ready for it. Are you ever? Now that all of the news has broken, we all understand why - but that doesn't mean that we like it. Please pray for him. He finished college, got married, joined the Army (something he had wanted to do for years - said it was the "right thing to do") and now he is gone. I worry about them all - all so honorable.



I also have a need to reiterate how very important friends are. It does not matter if they come into our lives for a short time or for a life time... and sometimes... the ones who have the most influence over us are the ones whom we know for very brief but important periods in our lives. They truly make us who we are.

I received word this week that my very dearest friend from when I lived in California is gone. I am devastated. She was just a few years older and was the absolute classiest, coolest, most stylish, fun woman I have ever known. In my eyes, she was perfect. She was my mentor the first few years I taught high school in California. I idolized her. Wanted to be exactly like her.



Over the years, she moved, I moved, but through all of it, she has been close to my heart. I can hear her laugh now. Recently - by sheer luck- I was put in touch with her daughter in Washington State. She is on our Follies list! It seems that Janie had moved to Washington state after I moved to the East Coast. I was excited at the possibility of “reconnecting.” Then the email came. I can absolutely promise you, I am not the only person who misses Janie...

My thoughts are with you Tom, Deb, Dee, Bill, and all of the girls and grandchildren. God bless...

Love to you all...

Until next week...

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, Chattanooga, New York, Oregon, Russia, 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,



Here's to a simpler time...

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!