

# FRIDAY FOLLIES

July 28, 2006





Jazz.” Well, that is all it took. It sounded like fun, so Suzanne, Jeffrey, and I headed into Norfolk to meet Lee Ann. When we got there (if you have never seen the Chrysler Museum before - it is beautiful), we knew the “almost empty” parking lot was not a good sign.

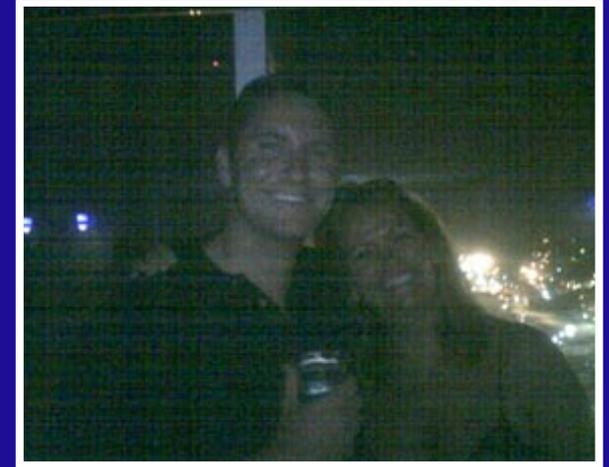
Once inside, we saw why. They had a great jazz trio and wonderful wine and appetizers, but almost four whole ten-top tables were taken up by the “Red Hat Society.” You

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Great week! It seems like the whole world is still out of town on vacation, but those of us left behind seem to be making the best of it. For example, these photos were taken on a crazy, crazy night! One of my friends, Lee Ann, works in Norfolk, so one afternoon she called and wanted to get a group together to head to the after work party at the Chrysler Museum in Norfolk where they were touting “Cocktails and



know those ladies, don't you? Ha! I mean, there is nothing wrong with them, but that was not exactly the type of after work party we were expecting... We had one glass of wine and then headed over to La Galleria, a very pretty, upscale restaurant in downtown Norfolk. Again - the place was practically empty. We laughed, ordered a drink, and then found out they were having free appetizers during happy hour - the appetizers being three different scrumptious pasta dishes.



WOW!

After that, we decided to head to “The Beach” where it is a perpetual party in the summer time. We ended up at “Catch 31” - an awesome night spot at the Hilton, right on the beach with a very cool outdoor bar and grill complete with fireplaces and bands playing in the park - all under the watchful eye of King Neptune. (Remember I showed him to you a few weeks ago?) Anyway, we had a



blast. After a while, we were invited up to the roof top bar, the Sky Bar, overlooking the city. (I have shown you that one before, too. Breath-taking...) There were tons of folks up there from all over the country. The try-outs for the USA Field Hockey Team were being held in Virginia Beach, and all of the parents had popped up on the roof top for a drink and some dancing. We simply had a blast and met some of the nicest folks - all OUR age for a change! We danced, and danced, and danced some more.

After the Follies went out last week, several folks wrote back to tell me that the odd looking flowers I was asking about are called “Jack in the Pulpits.” Apparently, when blooming, they look like preachers in their pulpits, and then they go to seed. Very colorful, but strange plants, that is for sure. Can’t hurt to have a brigade of preachers in my yard, though!

Several others wrote - thankful for the fig recipes - you know - figs are very much in vogue again. I still haven’t enough ripe ones to try any of the recipes I posted. If you try a good one before I do, or if you find a new one that is good, please send it one!

But my absolute favorite response from last week was from my friend Cheryl Kalinke in Southern California. She sent me this photo of she and Huey Lewis together at 1:00 or 2:00 a.m. at the Paris Hotel in Las Vegas this spring. ARRGGHH! How much would I love to have one like that for my “Forest Gump” room! I just adore him!

Cheryl was a track, field, and swimming star at UCLA. Her brother, Allan Kennedy, played for the San Francisco 49ers for years. This past spring, the former owner of the San Francisco 49ers, Eddie DeBartola, hosted a reunion of the five 49er Superbowl Championship teams and Cheryl and her brother went, of course. Huey performed at the big gala event. Now can you imagine how much fun that must have been! ( Hey, Roman! Why do we always get the “Hog Callers” or whatever at your tournaments? How ‘bout Huey in October? ... Smile ...)





Well, not a whole lot of news this week. I would like to say it was a lazy, summer week, but not so. There was some time for the beach, though. It was marvelous! What I like about my NEW beach is that it is where all of the surfers go. It is so much fun to watch them. And then at 6:00 p.m. I can take Ollie back with me. He just loves it, even though he gets a bit dizzy in the waves. Hey! He is a snow dog, after all! Look how tired and dirty he is in this last photo. Ha! My car will never be the same!



I ended up having to take "Sunshine" to the vet this week. Can you believe I took a canary to the vet! But I HAD to. Trust me, I have lost several canaries this past year. When they get sick, I put them in the hospital cage and do the best that I can to help them get well - but the vet? Never, unless it looks like something that is going to run through all of them. That has never happened, though. It would just be too expensive! But this was different! He was perfectly healthy, except I thought he had a broken leg. This went on for over a week, and I simply could not stand it anymore. The vet was awesome and specializes in birds. Very cool. (VERY cute!) Sunny turned out to only have a sprain, and it only cost me about 30 bucks, which was a relief! Now I know a good vet for the birds, "Sunny" is recuperating and singing again, and I feel much better! I hate it when my babies are sick or hurt. It just KILLS me.

It turns out that it is a good thing I did not go out to see Jeremy in Tahoe right now. He wrote this week and the amount of money he made in the past seven days boggles my brain! I know if I went out to visit right now, I would (1) never see him or (2) he would put me to work! Ha! I decided the fall or winter will be better and I can ski - or at least sit in the lodge by the fire (smile).

More cooking and canning this week, too. Garden is finishing up - sadly... but my pantry is bursting! The canned veggies and sauces are BEAUTIFUL and will make great "hostess" and "Christmas" gifts... much prefer them to bottles of wine. Plus, I always use a lot of the canned veggies and sauces when I have Halloween parties.

OK. Go to the site and check everything out. LOVE having you visit! Lost of new visitor and many, MANY new ones from around the world! Where are they hearing about it? I don't even know anyone in Taiwan! Ha! Really cool!



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, 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,

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!

