

FRIDAY FOLLIES

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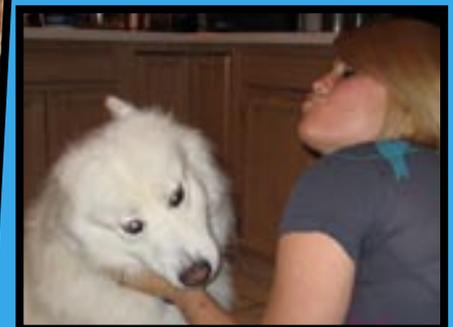
What a Thanksgiving! Wow!

Busy, busy, busy, but still enough time to give THANKS! Mainly, thanks for great friends, great fortune, and great family - and not necessarily in that order!! How lucky can you get? I am serious about that! That is one reason I love Thanksgiving so much! I are not rich by monetary standards at all, but let me tell you... I are RICH... beyond imagination!

Thanksgiving morning started off with Jess coming over to help prepare some of the recipes to be served at Ricky's parents' home later that evening.

Then Jeremy, Jessica, and I got ready and headed to the Hampton Roads Salvation Army's Adult Rehabilitation Center. We helped serve the men that could not go home for Thanksgiving - and it was very special, indeed. Bobby had his whole family were there ,and Ann, the new Chair of our Board, was there, as well. It was just a very special time.

The funniest thing that happened was that while I was clearing one of the tables, the men asked me if I could just roll in a big-screen TV for them to sit and watch the games all afternoon. Very sweet, indeed. I hope we will be honored with that opportunity again next year. The kids seemed to love it, too. Jeremy served up the food and Jess and I waited on the tables. We all stayed to help clean up. The whole thing only took an hour - just as with any family gathering... hours and hours to cook, prepare, and serve it, and fifteen minutes to eat it! Hahahaha!



Next was the race home to prepare the dishes for the evening meal. We met and reorganized at Ricky's parents' house at 5:00 and the race was ON! What a feast - what a feast! Ricky had fried over 100 turkeys and hams for the restaurant, and let me tell you - UMM- UMMM! The turkey was to die for! So were all of the side dishes we ALL prepared. Just a very, very nice, family time.



I have to tell you, though, I am not used to waiting that late to have the meal! By 5:00, I was about to cave in! Plus - it is always nice to eat about 2:00 - clean up - put on comfort clothes - and then graze and watch football the rest of the day and night.



Trust me! It did not take us long to eat and then veg-out! Look at these "before" and "after" shots! Hilarious! These were just a few of the folks there, but I was a little too busy to take photos!



I wanted to show this photo, too! My sweet little, next door neighbor wanted to give me a tour of their new "motor home" they bought for Thanksgiving! It is awesome! They are going to have a blast! That is actually on my "wish list" for the future. I want and have been looking for a "vintage" Airstream Bambi that I can pull with my truck! Then, if there is ever a big storm, Ollie, the birds, and I can simply "Hit the road, Jack!" I am not kidding you! I think it would be awesome and smart to have!



Well, next I will tell you about the Holiday Craft and Christmas Show on Saturday! What can I say?

I can simply say that I have the very best friends in the world! It was a very nice event, but there was very little traffic. We were pitted against one of the biggest Holiday Sales in the Mid-Atlantic region! "They" had over 16,000 people move through their event. "We," on the other hand, had a few less than that... (smile). It was still fun, though, and for my first event like that, I learned a great deal.

- I know now that even in a small crowd, my stuff will sell! Big Time!

- I learned that the canaries are a HUGE draw to the booth for children, men, women, and ALL!

- I learned that I took three times as much "stuff" as I needed to.

- I learned to sell art work, you have to have the right venue! No one was even the least bit interested in art! Ha! Good comments, though.

- AND - I learned that my friends are without a doubt, absolutely the BEST! That is from my heart!

Dr. Jayne came at 8:30 to help me set up and spent the morning, then came back later with her daughter and friends!

Amy came at 9 and stayed the whole day!

Lesley came and stayed through lunch.

Mary Anne and Kay came and stayed a large part of the afternoon.

Randy, Arlene, and Kim came in the afternoon and helped until time to close up.

Actually, Kim helped me load up and take it the extras home and sat and had a relaxing cocktail with me after!!

You wanna talk about friends!

I am truly, truly blessed, and I am truly, truly Thankful!





I sold some product and almost everyone who stopped by bought something - but the truly amazing thing was the canaries! They chattered, played, and sold like crazy! If I had had fifty birds - I could have sold them all. I even had to go home for more replacements! Too bad the babies were still in the nest! Just kidding... I would never sell them that young! The folks who bought them have even been in touch to let me know how my babies are doing. Very cool!

OK. Tired! And still lots of deadlines and things to do before I sleep. (Sounds like a poem I love...) So I will sign off for now. I just hope and pray that your Thanksgiving was every bit as meaningful.

This next week or so proves to also be busy and filled with friends and festivities. Life is good!

Please pray for our troops overseas - that they return home safe, successful, and soon!!!!



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, France, Phoenix, New York, Oregon, Russia, Maine, Australia, Bangkok, or Yuma, have a wonderful, wonderful week!



**Jamil stopped by to say, "Hello" this week, too!
Great to hear from so many loved ones!**

*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!