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T.G.I.S. (Thank God It's Spring (almost))

Calendar of Events



President's Message

For five and a half years I have been privileged to serve as president of the UBBRG.

Since the passing of Joe Campbell, Jerry Feldscher, Mary Pacifico, and John O'Brien, the executive board has been functioning without a Vice President or Travel Chair. These officers were a stabilizing force which has been sorely missed. For the future of UBBRG, this is a matter of great concern.

The Blue Bell Retirees' formed in 1988 originally as a social group. It soon took on the matter to settle a dispute over medical coverage for Unisys retirees'. With this incentive, membership grew to approximately 1800 members which resulted in substantial turnout for the meetings. The dispute has long been resolved and interest in the group has waned.

Membership currently is at 637. This is because, “long time faithful members”, whose numbers are declining,

have continued to renew their membership. The marked reduction in Blue Bell retirees' and the lack of interest has greatly impacted the recruiting for new members. Although these numbers are impressive, the executive board has not been able to find anyone willing to become a member. To replace any of the executive chairs requires significant time and effort.

This involves learning programs to publish NEWSBITS, record membership details, keep the Website up to date, and manage the treasury.

The executive board has not been able to over-come the afore-mentioned problems and met in January to discuss these issues. The following, while not easy to make, are steps the board has voted to take:

- UBBRG to be dissolved by December 31, 2016
- Discontinue general meetings at Plymouth Mall
- NEWSBITS and the ubbrg.org website will remain active through 2016.

The executive board will remain active and will meet at regular intervals through-out 2016. Communication to the membership will continue through NEWSBITS and the ubbrg.org website. If you would like to send comments, questions or suggestions to the executive board, they will be published in the June edition of NEWS-

BITS. I will attempt to answer your queries as best I can.

Please provide your name, phone number and comments and send to:

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Joe LaViola - President

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50/50 Drawings

We have a 50/50 drawing at every monthly meeting. Here is how it works: Tickets are sold to attendees at the beginning of each meeting and a drawing for the winning ticket is held immediately following our guest speaker. Two tickets cost \$1.00 and six tickets cost \$2.00. Half of the proceeds go to the holder of the winning ticket and the other half goes into our treasury to help defray the cost to rent our meeting space at the Church on the Mall (Plymouth Meeting).



Ann LaViola (from left) and **Marie Staub** will be happy to sell you as many tickets as you want. They will be seated at their concession table, at the church entrance, to take your offerings. The following were our winner's:

December's winner of the 50/50 drawing was.

January's 50/50 winner was Norm Hagerman.

Monthly Meeting Guest Speakers

December's guest speaker was Dr. Grover, ophthalmologist, who spoke about the eye health and eye problems.



The following were the major topics:

- Cataracts
- Glaucoma
- Age-Related Macular Degeneration
- Diabetic Retinopathy

Cataracts

A cataract is a clouding of the lens in the eye. The normally clear lens lets light enter the eye. As it becomes cloudy, less light enters and vision becomes blurry. Cataracts are common with age and can occur in one or both eyes. The

clouding of the lens usually happens slowly over time. But it can happen quickly as well.

What Causes Cataracts?

Cataracts may be caused by many things, such as:

Aging, Diabetes, Past eye infections, injuries, surgery, and some medications (such as steroids), too much ultraviolet (UV) light, especially from sunlight, family history of cataracts, and tobacco use.

What are the Symptoms?

Cataracts are not painful. But you may notice these symptoms:

Blurry vision, details are hard to see, glare when driving or reading, more light is needed to read, some colors seem faded, your prescription for glasses keeps changing, and double vision in one eye.

If you have cataracts take these steps:

Have eye exams as often as suggested by your eye doctor.

If cataracts limit your daily tasks, talk to your eye doctor about treatment. Surgery can often restore our vision. You can usually return to our daily tasks soon after.

Glaucoma

Glaucoma is an eye disease that can cause blindness. If caught early, it can usually be controlled. But it often has no symptoms, so you need regular eye exams. Glaucoma usually begins when pressure builds up in the eye. This pressure can damage the optic nerve. The optic nerve sends messages to the brain so you can see. There are two main kinds of glaucoma: open-angle and closed-angle.

Open-angle Glaucoma

Open-angle is the most common kind of glaucoma. It occurs slowly as people age. The drainage area in the eye becomes clogged. Not enough fluid drains from the eye, so pressure slowly builds up. This causes loss of side (peripheral) vision. But the loss is so gradual, you may not even notice it.

Closed-angle Glaucoma

Closed-angle glaucoma is less common than open-angle. It usually comes on quickly. The drainage area in the eye suddenly becomes completely blocked. Eye pressure builds rapidly. You may notice blurred vision and rainbow halos around lights. You may also have headaches, nausea, vomiting, and severe pain. If not treated right away, blindness can occur quickly.

Get an Eye Exam

The best way to catch glaucoma early is to have regular eye exams. During the exam, your eye doctor checks your eye pressure and to view the drainage areas and optic nerve. Your doctor also checks your visual field (to be sure you're not losing side vision. Additional tests may also be done.

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(December's guest speaker, Dr. Grover)

Glaucoma

Who's at Risk

Anyone can get glaucoma. But some people are more likely to get it. Risk factors include the following:

- Increasing age
- African ancestry
- A family history of glaucoma
- Previous eye injuries or surgeries
- Health problems such as diabetes or high blood pressure

Treating Glaucoma

Treatment can prevent or limit vision loss from glaucoma. The goal of treatment is to control glaucoma by lowering eye pressure. Your doctor can suggest what treatment is best for you. You may just need more frequent exams. Medications and procedures to improve eye drainage may also help.

Age-related Macular Degeneration (AMD)

What Is Age-Related Macular Degeneration?

Age-related macular degeneration (AMD) is an eye disease. It is a leading cause of vision loss in adults after age 50. One or both eyes may be affected. The **macula** (the part of the retina that produces central, detailed vision) becomes damaged. Central vision becomes limited. However, side vision remains clear. There are two types of macular degeneration: dry and wet.

Dry Macular Degeneration

Dry is the most common type of macular degeneration. In the early stages, changes in vision may be hard to notice. Over time, your central vision slowly worsens. You may notice wavy lines and blank spots in the center of your vision. Colors may look dim. There is no way to restore vision lost from dry macular degeneration. But you need to monitor it because it can turn into wet macular degeneration.

Wet Macular Degeneration

Wet macular degeneration is less common but more serious. Vision loss is quick and severe. You may suddenly notice dark spots, blank spots, wavy lines, and dim colors in the center of your vision. If wet macular degeneration is caught early, laser treatment may help slow further vision loss.

Again, to get the best out of your vision is to have regular eye exams

Diabetic Retinopathy

Diabetic retinopathy is the leading cause of blindness in U.S. adults. It occurs when diabetes weakens blood vessels inside the eye. These weak vessels leak fluid into the inside lining of the eye, called the **retina**. New, abnormal vessels may grow, then bleed. This can damage the retina, causing blurry, distorted vision.

Diabetes is the cause of this disease. Over time, diabetes makes blood vessels weaken all over the body, including in the eyes. Other things can combine with diabetes to make retinopathy worse. These include pregnancy, high blood pressure, and smoking.

You can have diabetic retinopathy without knowing it. Usually, there is no pain and no outward sign. Over time, you may notice gradual blurring or some vision loss. Symptoms may come and go. If diabetic retinopathy is severe, you may have clouded vision or blindness.

January's guest speaker was Sue Walla, CFP, tax expert.



Sue gave us tips on IRS 2015 tax filing and 2016 tax planning.

The following are some of these changes:

Tax Stats:	2015	2016
<u>Personal exemption:</u>	\$ 4,000**	\$ 4,050*
<u>Std deduction:</u> Married	\$12,600	\$12,600
Single	\$ 6,300	\$ 6,300
Over 65/blind (married)	+\$1,250	+\$1,250
Over 65/blind (single)	+\$1,550	+\$1,550

*exemptions & itemized phase out: 311,300 AGI MFJ, 259,400 single

**exemptions & itemized phase out: 309,900 AGI MFJ, 258,250 single

Income required to file:

Married, under 65	\$20,600	\$20,700
Single, under 65	\$10,300	\$10,350
Married, both over 65	\$23,100	\$23,200
Single, over 65	\$11,850	\$11,900

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(January's guest speaker was Sue Walla).

Medical expense deduction threshold: 10% of AGI if under age 65

Starting with 2017 tax year: 10% of AGI for all taxpayers.

Estate tax exemption,

2015: \$5.43 million, max 40%

2016: \$5.45M (+ inflation) max 40% + permanent spousal portability

Gift tax annual exclusion: \$14,000; unified with estate tax

Social Security: Cost of living increase, 2016: 0 %.

2016 benefit reduction (\$1/\$2), wages earned before full retirement age (age 66 if born 1943-1954): \$15,720.

2016 Medicare Part B: based on 2014 income level

-- premium \$104.90 paid by most Americans (no COLA)

-- premium \$121.80 if first-time enrollee, directly billed, etc

-- higher if above \$85,000 single, \$170,000 married

-- can be \$170.50 to maximum of \$389.80/month

AGI = Adjusted Gross Income

MFJ = Married Filing Jointly

New Affordable Care Act reportable form:

- 1095-B issued by insurers to covered taxpayers, including Medicare recipients.
- 1095-A for purchases on government exchanges.
- 1095-C for employer-based plans.

You may receive more than one form.

AARP FREE Tax Assistance for Seniors....

AARP along with IRS offers FREE Tax Filing for Low to Moderate income Senior Citizens. Aimed at seniors 50 and older. The program is large.

Last Year over 35,000 volunteers at over 6,100 sites prepared over 2,500,000 returns....Most sites do electronic filings.

Federal, State, and Local Income Taxes are filed, and the several state and local school board real estate tax rebate programs are supported.

To find a site or sites near you go to:

www.aarp.org/Taxaide select

Find a site, enter your zip code and find sites near you.

Or you can call 1-888-227-7669 select tax aide, enter zip-code and get locations to contact....

You do not have to be an AARP Member, and there is NEVER a charge for these services...

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Letters to the Editor

From Allan and Ginny Brooks: My wife, Ginny and I are still going strong in Aiken SC, travelling quite a bit, Aiken is a horse area and my wife does a lot of carriage driving (just like the Southern ladies of olden times) while I still assist seniors in learning about computers at the local branch of the University of South Carolina. Most of my time however is spent being involved with duplicate bridge where I direct bridge tournaments for the American Contract Bridge League in the SC, NC, GA, and Tenn. Area once or twice a month. It is a great way to keep my mind (or what is left of my mind) sharp.

Enjoy reading the Newsbits – keep up the good work.

Alan Brooks

Update Information for VA Benefits

A call was received recently from a member's wife who had called the VA about the "Little Known Benefit for Wartime Veterans and their Widows or Widowers that was included in the December 2014 NEWSBITS.

She was told that this benefit is only for those that have total assets **of under \$80,000** and that very few people actually qualify.

<p>IMPORTANT UNISYS RETIREES CONTACT NUMBERS</p> <p><u>401K Investments:</u> FIDELITY Phone # 1-800-600-4015</p> <p>Internet 401k.fidelity.com</p> <p><u>Pension and H.R Concerns:</u> HEWITT Phone # 1-877-864-7972</p>
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In Remembrance

CARMEN CAMPBELL - January 10, 2016

ANGELO J. CRISTINZIO - December 21, 2015

MARGUERITE GREENLEAF - October 20, 2015

RICHARD KAHL - January 19, 2016

HARVEY MASLOWE - December 25, 2015

JOHN C. OBERHOLZER - May 22, 2015

STANLEY MAHLICK - February 16, 2016

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TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2016



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OBITUARIES

ANGELO J. CRISTINZIO

Angelo J. Cristinzio died on December 21, 2015. He was the beloved husband of Eileen C. (nee Donlon), brother of Carmella Rosania, and Dominic Cristinzio. He is also survived by many loving nieces. Mr. Cristinzio worked at **Univac Corporation (Unisys)** for many years illustrating their technical manuals. He was an avid biker, a fine furniture maker, an artist and a [Korean War](#) veteran.

Angelo was a member of the Unisys Blue Bell Retirees Group.

HARVEY MASLOWE

Harvey Maslowe, husband, father, musician, sportsman, and friend to many, passed away on December 25, 2015. He was a man who loved life and loved the people with whom he shared his many pursuits and passions.

Born on November 3, 1932 to Charles and Gertrude Maslowe, he enjoyed an active youth full of fun times with friends, sports, studies, and playing the violin. Later, he served in the US Army as a 'radio-man' in the Korean War. It was in the service that he entered his career in engineering and computers while stationed for training in San Antonio, Texas.

He started working for Univac (later Sperry Univac and Unisys) long before there were things called "personal computers". At that time there were only large mainframe computers. Harvey rose through the ranks of the company in a successful 34 year career.

Harvey, who grew up in the Bronx, NY, met Marilyn Teitel, who was from Brooklyn, NY, in the summer of 1959 in the Catskill mountains in an arranged blind date setup by a friend of Marilyn's and one of Harvey's brothers. The weekend went well and they fell in love. They were married on February 20th 1960.

Harvey and Marilyn are survived by their four sons and their respective wives/partners: Brian & Judy, Lou & Karen, Harris & Mike, and Dan & Sharon. They are also survived by their beloved grandchildren, Meagan and Kevin - who are Lou and Karen's children. The immediate family and extended family were so important to Harvey and Marilyn and were a source of great pleasure throughout their lives.

Harvey's was a life full of activities, hobbies, and pursuits. From morning to night. Every day! From racquetball and softball and other sports in earlier years, to golf, fishing, traveling, pool shooting, and many other activities, he remained in nearly constant motion. And of course there was his music; more on that later. He had an active life during his working days and the fun intensified when he retired in

December of 1989 at the age of 57. He loved to have fun, be busy, and get things done.

Successively living in New York, New Jersey, Maryland, and Pennsylvania while they raised their family, Harvey and Marilyn moved to Clearwater Florida shortly before Harvey retired. There they lived the rest of their lives under the warm Florida sun in their beautiful home on Sand Key. And Harvey stayed busy. Every day.

Music was ever-present & prominent in Harvey's life. His mother played the piano as he was growing up and Harvey took up the violin as a boy. He picked up the guitar while in the army and, as they say, never looked back. Starting with folk music and then becoming a listener and player of bluegrass, he was almost never without his guitar. In his 40's, he picked up his violin again, but no longer playing the classical music of his youth, it became his fiddle as he played the folk and bluegrass he loved so much.

Harvey made music with so many people - in groups, in bands, solo, in jams, at festivals, and local pubs, and as was obvious to everyone, he loved every minute of it. As a guitar 'picker' and as a singer he was good. Very good! And always he played with a smile and often a laugh.

His love and knowledge of music extended to many genres and in different forms including his large collection of 1900 - 1950s popular music sheets to his collection of classical music on old vinyl 38's. Oh, how he loved the music, but equally he loved the countless people with whom he made music and shared the love of music.

His love of his activities and people continued right up until his last days. True to form, after he lost Marilyn in May of 2013, he kept living, laughing, playing, and loving. Harvey was greatly fortunate to meet Olga Fisher with whom he came to share a deep love in the last years of his life and together they shared so much in too short a time.

Harvey Maslowe was a man of many talents and dimensions. He was very generous in many ways and was caring, funny, enlightened, and wise. In short, he was truly an amazing man who was greatly loved by his family and the legion of people with whom he interacted over time. Harvey gave great joy to the world around him wherever he went and he found great joy in all the good things life has to offer.

Harvey was a member of the Unisys Blue Bell Retirees Group.

MARGUERITE GREENLEAF

Marguerite GREENLEAF wife of former deceased **Univac** Blue Bell employee John Greenleaf died this past October, 20, 2015. She was living at their longtime residence in Springfield, Delaware county, PA.

On the Lighter Side

Ambiguities & Idiosyncrasies

FOR THOSE WHO LOVE THE PHILOSOPHY OF AMBIGUITY, AS WELL AS THE IDIOSYNCRASIES OF ENGLISH:

1. ONE TEQUILA, TWO TEQUILA, THREE TEQUILA..... FLOOR.
2. ATHEISM IS A NON-PROPHET ORGANIZATION.
3. IF MAN EVOLVED FROM MONKEYS AND APES, WHY DO WE STILL HAVE MONKEYS AND APES?
4. WHY DO SHOPS HAVE SIGNS, 'GUIDE DOGS ONLY', THE DOGS CAN'T READ AND THEIR OWNERS ARE BLIND?
5. I WENT TO A BOOKSTORE AND ASKED THE SALESWOMAN, "WHERE'S THE SELF- HELP SECTION?" SHE SAID IF SHE TOLD ME, IT WOULD DEFEAT THE PURPOSE.
6. WHAT IF THERE WERE NO HYPOTHETICAL QUESTIONS?
7. IF A DEAF CHILD SIGNS SWEAR WORDS, DOES HIS MOTHER WASH HIS HANDS WITH SOAP?
8. IF SOMEONE WITH MULTIPLE PERSONALITIES THREATENS TO KILL HIMSELF, IS IT CONSIDERED A HOSTAGE SITUATION?
9. IS THERE ANOTHER WORD FOR SYNONYM?
10. WHERE DO FOREST RANGERS GO TO "GET AWAY FROM IT ALL?"
11. WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN YOU SEE AN ENDANGERED ANIMAL EATING AN ENDANGERED PLANT?
12. IF A PARSLEY FARMER IS SUED, CAN THEY GARNISH HIS WAGES?
13. WOULD A FLY WITHOUT WINGS BE CALLED A WALK?
14. WHY DO THEY LOCK GAS STATION TOILETS? ARE THEY AFRAID SOMEONE WILL BREAK-IN AND CLEAN THEM?
15. IF A TURTLE DOESN'T HAVE A SHELL, IS HE HOMELESS OR NAKED?
16. CAN VEGETARIANS EAT ANIMAL CRACKERS?
17. IF THE POLICE ARREST A MUTE, DO THEY TELL HIM HE HAS THE RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT?
18. WHY DO THEY PUT BRAILLE ON THE DRIVE-THROUGH BANK MACHINES?
19. HOW DO THEY GET DEER TO CROSS THE ROAD ONLY AT THOSE YELLOW ROAD SIGNS?
20. WHAT WAS THE BEST THING BEFORE SLICED BREAD?
21. ONE NICE THING ABOUT EGOTISTS: THEY DON'T TALK ABOUT OTHER PEOPLE.
22. DOES THE LITTLE MERMAID WEAR AN ALGEBRA?
23. DO INFANTS ENJOY INFANCY AS MUCH AS ADULTS ENJOY ADULTERY?

24. HOW IS IT POSSIBLE TO HAVE A CIVIL WAR?
25. IF ONE SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMER DROWNS, DO THE REST DROWN TOO?
26. IF YOU ATE BOTH PASTA AND ANTIPASTO, WOULD YOU STILL BE HUNGRY?
27. IF YOU TRY TO FAIL, AND SUCCEED, WHICH HAVE YOU DONE?
28. WHOSE CRUEL IDEA WAS IT FOR THE WORD 'LISP' TO HAVE 'S' IN IT?
29. WHY ARE HEMORRHOIDS CALLED "HEMORRHOIDS" INSTEAD OF "ASSTEROIDS"?
30. WHY IS IT CALLED TOURIST SEASON IF WE CAN'T SHOOT AT THEM?
31. WHY IS THERE AN EXPIRATION DATE ON SOUR CREAM?
32. IF YOU SPIN AN ORIENTAL MAN IN A CIRCLE THREE TIMES, DOES HE BECOME DISORIENTED?
33. CAN AN ATHEIST GET INSURANCE AGAINST ACTS OF GOD?

Clever Words

1. ARBITRAITOR
A cook that leaves Arby's to work at McDonald's
2. BERNADETTE
The act of torching a mortgage.
3. BURGLARIZE
What a crook sees through
4. AVOIDABLE
What a bullfighter tries to do
5. EYEDROPPER
Clumsy ophthalmologist
6. CONTROL
A short, ugly inmate.
7. COUNTERFEITER
Workers who put together kitchen cabinets
8. ECLIPSE
What an English barber does for a living.
9. LEFT BANK
What the bank robbers did when their bag was full of money.
10. HEROES
What a man in a boat does
11. PARASITES
What you see from the Eiffel Tower
12. PARADOX
Two physicians
13. PHARMACIST
A helper on a farm
14. POLARIZE
What penguins see through
15. PRIMATE
Remove your spouse from in front of TV
16. RELIEF
What trees do in the spring
17. RUBBERNECK
What you do to relax your wife

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On the Lighter Side (continued from page 8)

GOLFER IN A HURRY

This one may bring a little tear to your eyes . . . Only a golfer would understand this story of a GOLFER AT THE DENTIST.

A man and his wife walked into a dentist's office. The man said to the dentist, "Doc, I'm in one heck of a hurry I have two buddies sitting out in my car waiting for us to go play golf, so forget about the anesthetic, I don't have time for the gums to get numb.

I just want you to pull the tooth, and be done with it! We have a 10:00 AM tee time at the best golf course in town and it's 9:30 already... I don't have time to wait for the anesthetic to work!"

The dentist thought to himself, "My goodness, this is surely a very brave man asking to have his tooth pulled without using anything to kill the pain."

So the dentist asks him, "Which tooth is it sir?"

The man turned to his wife and said, "Open your mouth Honey, and show him.

DRUNK

A man and his wife were awakened at 3:00 am by a loud pounding on the door.

The man gets up and goes to the door where a drunken stranger, standing in the pouring rain, is asking for a push.

"Not a chance," says the husband, "it is 3:00 in the morning!"

He slams the door and returns to bed.

"Who was that?" asked his wife.

"Just some drunk guy asking for a push," he answers.

"Did you help him?" she asks.

"No, I did not, it's 3 am in the morning and it's bloomin' well pouring with rain out there!"

"Well, you have a short memory," says his wife. "Can't you remember about three months ago when we broke down, and those two guys helped us? I think you should help him, and you should be ashamed of yourself! God loves drunk people too you know."

The man does as he is told, gets dressed, and goes out into the pounding rain.

He calls out into the dark, "Hello, are you still there?"

"Yes," comes back the answer.

"Do you still need a push?" calls out the husband.

"Yes, please!" comes the reply from the dark.

"Where are you?" asks the husband.

"Over here on the swing," replies the drunk.

LOST HUSBAND

A woman reported the disappearance of her husband to the police. The officer looked at the guy's photograph, questioned her, and then asked if she wanted to give her husband any message if they found him. "Yes, please" she replied. "Tell him Mother didn't come after all."

TEN BEST CADDY REMARKS

Comment #10

Golfer: "Think I'm going to drown myself in the lake."

Caddy: "I don't think you can keep your head down that long."

Comment #9

Golfer: "I'd move heaven and earth to break 100 on this course."

Caddy: "Try heaven, you've already moved most of the earth."

Comment #8

Golfer: "Do you think my game is improving?"

Caddy: "Yes sir, you miss the ball much closer now."

Comment #7

Golfer: "Do you think I can get there with a 5 iron?"

Caddy: "Eventually. "

Comment #6

Golfer: "You've got to be the worst caddy in the world."

Caddy: "I don't think so sir. That would be too much of a coincidence. "

Comment #5

Golfer: "Please stop checking your watch all the time. It's too much of a distraction. "

Caddy: "It's not a watch - it's a compass."

Comment #4

Golfer: "How do you like my game?"

Caddy: "Very good sir, but personally, I prefer golf."

Comment #3

Golfer: "Do you think it's a sin to play on Sunday?"

Caddy: "The way you play, sir, it's a sin on any day."

Comment #2

Golfer: "This is the worst course I've ever played on."

Caddy: "This isn't the golf course. We left that an hour ago."

Comment #1

Golfer: "That can't be my ball, it's too old."

Caddy: "It's been a long time since we teed off, sir."

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On the Lighter Side (continued from page 9)

Walmart Blonde

Don pulled his car into the crowded parking lot at the Super Wal-Mart Shopping Center and rolled down the car windows to make sure Duke, his Labrador Retriever Pup, had fresh air.

Duke was stretched full-out on the back seat and Don wanted to impress upon him that he must remain there. So Don walked to the curb backward, pointing his finger at the car and saying emphatically, "Now you stay. Do you hear me?" "Stay! Stay!"

The driver of a nearby car, a pretty blonde young lady, gave Don a strange look and said, "Hey mister, why don't you just put it in park?"

GOD vs. Vanity

A 65-year-old woman had a heart attack and was taken to the hospital.

While on the operating table she had a near-death experience. Seeing God, she asked, "Is my time up?"

God said, "No, you have another 33 years, 2 months and 8 days to live."

Upon recovery, the woman decided to stay in the hospital and have a face-lift, liposuction, breast implants and a tummy tuck.

She even had someone come in and change her hair color and brighten her teeth! Since she had so much more time to live, she figured she might as well make the most of it.

After her last operation, she was released from the hospital. While crossing the street on her way home, she was killed by an ambulance.

Arriving in front of God, she demanded, "I thought you said I had another 33 years? Why didn't you pull me from out of the path of the ambulance?"

God replied: "I didn't recognize you."

Make the Wife Happy!

Do something she likes, and you get points.

Do something she dislikes, and points are subtracted.

You don't get any points for doing something she expects.

Sorry, that's the way the game is played.

Here is a non-exhaustive guide to the point system:

SIMPLE DUTIES

You make the bed. (+1)

You make the bed, but forget the decorative pillows. (-10)

You throw the bedspread over rumpled sheets. (-3)

You go out to buy her what she wants (+5) in the rain (+8)

But return with Beer. (-5)

PROTECTIVE DUTIES

You check out a suspicious noise at night. (+1)

You check out a suspicious noise, and it is nothing. (0)

You check out a suspicious noise, and it is something. (+5)

You pummel it with an iron rod. (+10)

It's her pet Schnauzer. (-30)

SOCIAL ENGAGEMENTS

You stay by her side for the entire party. (+1)

You stay by her side for a while, then leave to chat with an old school friend. (-2)

Named Tina (-10)

Tina is a dancer. (-20)

Tina has breast implants. (-40)

HER BIRTHDAY

You take her out to dinner. (+2)

You take her out to dinner, and it's not a sports bar. (+3)

Okay, it's a sports bar. (-2)

And it's all-you-can-eat night. (-3)

It's a sports bar, it's all-you-can-eat night, and your face is painted the colors of your favorite team. (-10)

A NIGHT OUT

You take her to a movie. (+1)

You take her to a movie she likes. (+5)

You take her to a movie you hate. (+6)

You take her to a movie you like. (-2)

It's called 'Death Cop.' (-3)

You lied and said it was a foreign film about orphans. (-15)

YOUR PHYSIQUE

You develop a noticeable potbelly. (-15)

You develop a noticeable potbelly and exercise to get rid of it (+10)

You develop a noticeable potbelly and resort to baggy jeans and baggy Hawaiian shirts. (-30)

You say to her, "It doesn't matter, you have one too." (-80)

THE BIG QUESTION

She asks, "Do I look fat?" (-5)

(Yes, you lose points no matter what)

You hesitate in responding. (-10)

You reply, "Where?" (-35)

You give any other response. (-40)

COMMUNICATION

When she wants to talk about a problem, you listen, displaying what looks like a concerned expression. (+2)

You listen, for over 30 minutes (+50)

You listen for more than 30 minutes without looking at the TV. (+500)

She realizes this is because you have fallen asleep. (-4000)

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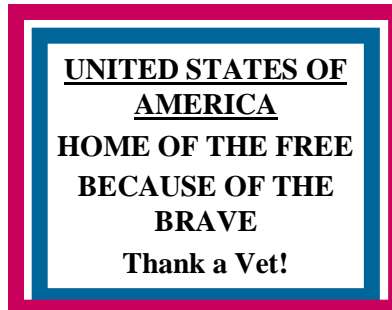
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