

Volume V-7, July 2020

From the Editor:

Wearing masks is no fun but there are so many beautiful creations out there. Some are reasonable and some are expensive. Check out the Royal Splendor ads on page 7 for some fashionable ones.

Snap a photo of you wearing your favorite mask and send it in to be printed in the August Newsletter. Doesn't look like this virus is going away anytime soon so, in the meantime, wear a mask. It might just save your life or the life of someone you love. Wash your masks regularly. Germs from you are on the inside mask; germs from others are on the outside.

Thanks to all those who have sent in items for this and future issues.

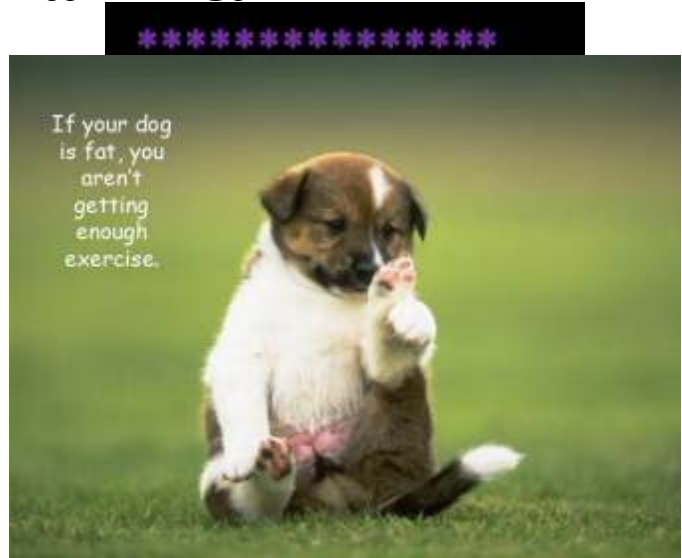
Be sure to check with hostesses of events to determine if they are still scheduled.

Are your chapter members doing anything as a group but separated? Any Zoom activities? Tell us what you are doing so we can encourage other chapters to keep Red Hattin' at a social distance.

MONTHLY 1st Wednesday Lunch in Maryland

All Red Hatters: These monthly events, normally held at the Nautilus Diner in Crofton, MD, have been canceled until further notice.

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-- Submitted by Yvonne Danel, Queen, Bodacious Sassy Scarlet Sisters --

Sending virtual hug



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Judy Litke
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DEADLINE For August Newsletter
Articles: **Jul 26, 2020**

Upcoming Red Hat Events

* For Supporting Members Only

NOTE: Send an e-mail to moonrockB@aol.com if you need a copy of any announcements on this page.

Contact the hostess to determine whether the event is still a "go".

Jul 6-9, 2020: ~~"Celebrate! Vision 2020", at the Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island, MI (held every two years)*~~ **Rescheduled for Jun 6-9, 2021**

Jul 18, 2020: 16th Annual Spring Fling, hosted by Joy Lucas & The Dazzling Diamonds, Raleigh, MS

Aug 9, 2020: "Pretty in Paris" luncheon hosted by The Belles of Scarlett, in Charlotte, NC (rescheduled from Apr 18)

Aug 10-14, 2020: Red Hatters/Powerful Woman in Red presents Bus trip to Tunica-Casino Capital of the South and Memphis-Home of the Blues, departs Park Forest, IL

Aug 13-16, 2020: ~~RHS 2020 International Convention, Flamingo Fling, Palm Desert, CA*~~ **rescheduled for May 6-9, 2021**

Aug 28-30, 2020: Virginia FUNvention 2020, theme will be "Back to the Future", hosted by the Mad Hatters of Stafford *

Sep 10-13, 2020: 2020 Florida Sunshine State Extravaganza, hosted by Christine Towers, FQM, in Kissimmee, FL *

Sep 11-13, 2020: Darlin's of the Wild West, hosted by The Elegant Dames, Portland, OR *

Sep 11-13, 2020: Winnipeg FUNvention, hosted by the Red Hat Divalicious chapter, in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

Sep 18-20, 2020: Lil Bit Country Lil Bit Rock B Roll, hosted by Julie's Jewels, Erlanger, KY

Sep 18-20, 2020: Visions of Christmas Funvention 2020, hosted by the Frontier Floozies, in Cheyenne, WY

Sep 22, 2020: 22nd Birthday of the Red Hat Society, Celebrating in Victorian Style, hosted by the So. Central Kansas Queens' Council, Wichita, KS * **rescheduled from Apr 22, 2020**

Sep 25-27, 2020: Chicagoland Red Hat Queens 2020 FunVention, Burr Ridge, IL *

Sep 25-27, 2020: ~~South Dakota Red Hat State Convention, hosted by the Chatty Hatters of Estelline, in Brookings, SD~~ **CANCELED; will be rescheduled in 2021-**

Oct 2-4, 2020: ~~Red Hat Run-A-Way, Theme: Denim & Diamonds, hosted by The Elegant Society Sisters, in Allentown, PA*~~ **CANCELED**

Oct 7, 2020: Riverside County Citrus Chow Down, hosted by The Floozies with Panache, in Riverside, CA

Oct 9-11, 2020: Paint the Town Red, At 6 – "The Fairy Tale Dream Theme", hosted by The Regally Honored Sisters with Hattitude, in Laughlin, NV

Oct 9-11, 2020: 2020 Iowa Convention, hosted by The Red Hot Flashes, in Burlington, IA

Oct 15-18, 2020: Wisconsin Pajama Gathering, in Wisconsin Dells/Baraboo, WI (RHers may invite female family members or female friends to join them)

Oct 16-18, 2020: ~~2020 North Carolina State Red Hat FunVention, hosted by the NC Region-6 Red Hatters of Fayetteville, NC, in Fayetteville, NC*~~ **CANCELED**

Upcoming Red Hat Events (Continued)

Oct 29-Nov 9, 2020: 11-night “Trick or Treat” cruise from Baltimore, MD with stops in Labadee, San Juan, St. Kitts, St. Thomas, and Antigua, hosted by the Star Sisters. Contact Queen Joann at joann@purpleology.com for details

Oct 30-Nov 1, 2020: Halloween on the Beach, hosted by The Fabulous Floozies, in Myrtle Beach, SC

Nov 6-8, 2020: 2020 St. Louis FunVention, Theme: Sisters in Service, hosted by the Ladies in Red Chapter, in University City, MO (updated info available upon request to moonrockB@aol.com)

NEW Nov 13-15, 2020: 17th Annual Red Hat Ozark Mountain Christmas 2020, includes Hippie Holiday, in Branson, MO

Dec 5, 2020: Ugly Sweater Christmas Luncheon, hosted by the Rocket City Queen Council, in Tanner, AL

May 6-9, 2021: RHS 2020 International Convention, Flamingo Fling, Palm Desert, CA * **rescheduled from Aug 13-16, 2020**

May 13-16, 2021: Florida FUNvention, in West Palm Beach, FL

May 20-23, 2021: Wisconsin Hatvention, hosted by multi-chapters in Wisconsin – details now available

Jun 6-8, 2021: “Celebrate! Vision 2021”, at the Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island, MI (held every two years) * **Rescheduled from Jul 2020**



Red Hatters Invited Events Open to Anyone

Contact the person responsible for the event if you signed up to attend to check if the event is still a “go”.

Aug 3-7, 2020: Bus Trip from Catonsville, MD to the Ark Encounter an Creation Museum, Williamstown, KY



Things to Ponder:

- If a poison use-by date expires, is it more poisonous or is it no longer poisonous?
- Which letter is silent in the word “Scent”, the “S” or the “C”?
- Do twins ever realize that one of them is unplanned?
- Why is the letter W, in English, called double U? Shouldn’t it be called double V?
- Maybe oxygen is slowly killing you and it just takes 75-100 years to fully work.
- Every time you clean something, you just make something else dirty.
- One hundred years ago, everyone owned a horse and only the rich had cars. Today everyone has cars and only the rich have horses.
- If you replace “W” with “T” in “What, Where and When”, you get the answer to each of them.

-- submitted by Kate Eustice, Duchess of Dickens, Red Hat Dancers of MD --



Chef Ruby

Swedish Nut Cake

-- submitted by Berlyn Wheeler, Queen of the Chesapeake Bay Babes, Edgewater, MD --

Ingredients:

- 2 cups sugar
- 2 cups flour (not sifted)
- 2 eggs (not beaten)
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 1 20-ounce crushed pineapple, with juice
- 1/2 cup chopped nuts

Directions:

1. In a large bowl, mix all ingredients together by hand.
2. Pour into an ungreased and unfloured 9" x 13" baknig pan.
3. Bake at 350 degrees for 35-45 min.

Tips:

You can put cream cheese icing on the cake or eat without icing. It's a great cake to take to events.



Items for Sale from Paulette Brown

Contact

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Red Hat Whimsy
redhatwhimsy@yahoo.com

Facebook: Red Hat Whimsy by Paulette Brown

TO ORDER any items on pages 5 and 6: Make checks payable to Paulette Brown. State which item you want and what size. Include name, address, city, state, zipcode and phone number.

MAIL TO: Paulette Brown, 4920 5th Street NW, Washington, DC 20011



NEW!!! The Stepping High Series: The jacket and pants can be done in an array of colors -- white, purple, red, lavender and pink; the t-shirts (see next page) only come in purple and red.. Jacket - \$70.00, Pants \$49.99, t-shirts \$30.00. Shipping is not included in the cost.



More Items for Sale from Paulette Brown

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The Walking by Faith the t-shirts only come in purple and red.. Cost is \$30.00 each plus shipping.

This Red Hat Neckline t-shirt is \$22.00 (plus shipping) and a design can also put in the center for an additional charge depending on the design.



Brand New
Denim Lace
Face Mask

Single: \$14.99
Set: \$24.99



Brand New
Red/Purple Lace
Face Mask

Single: \$14.99
Set: \$24.99

These lace masks are made of Rayon/Cotton blend, lined in 100% cotton (3 layers of protection). They are available in denim blue, red, purple, white and black. Shipping now!

For masks shown below, go to Royal Splendor website to check out colors available or call them.



Back in Stock

Betty Rose Bun Stick



\$4.99

Back in Stock

Wendi Beaded Necklace



\$19.99

Back in Stock

Red Lace Gloves



\$7.99

Brand New

Runway High Rhinestone Headband



\$12.99

Brand New!

Francis Rhinestone Flat Top Hat



\$54

Brand New

Rosa Rose Stretch Rhinestone Ring



\$12.99

Quarantined 3/4 Sleeve



Starting at \$28.99

Quarantined T Shirt



Starting at \$24.99

Also available in other styles. Check out the website!



Items on this page are available at Royal Splendor

www.royalsplendor.com

Phone: 866-212-9983





Customized Caskets & Urns: Drop Dead Gorgeous is a vendor that sells caskets and urns with unique designs. Tell them what kind of design you want and they will design something for you. If you like to be special, get your order in. Keep it in your home as a show piece. Let people try it out. Use it for storage. Let everyone know that when the unfortunate date comes for you to be laid to rest, you can say “I’m going out in a Dead Gorgeous Box”. Two are shown below along with two urns. Their web page is located at <https://www.deadgorgeousbox.com/>



Damsel IN DEFENSE

Contact Barbara Thomas, Damsel Recruit, at defensebarb@gmail.com, 443-786-6067

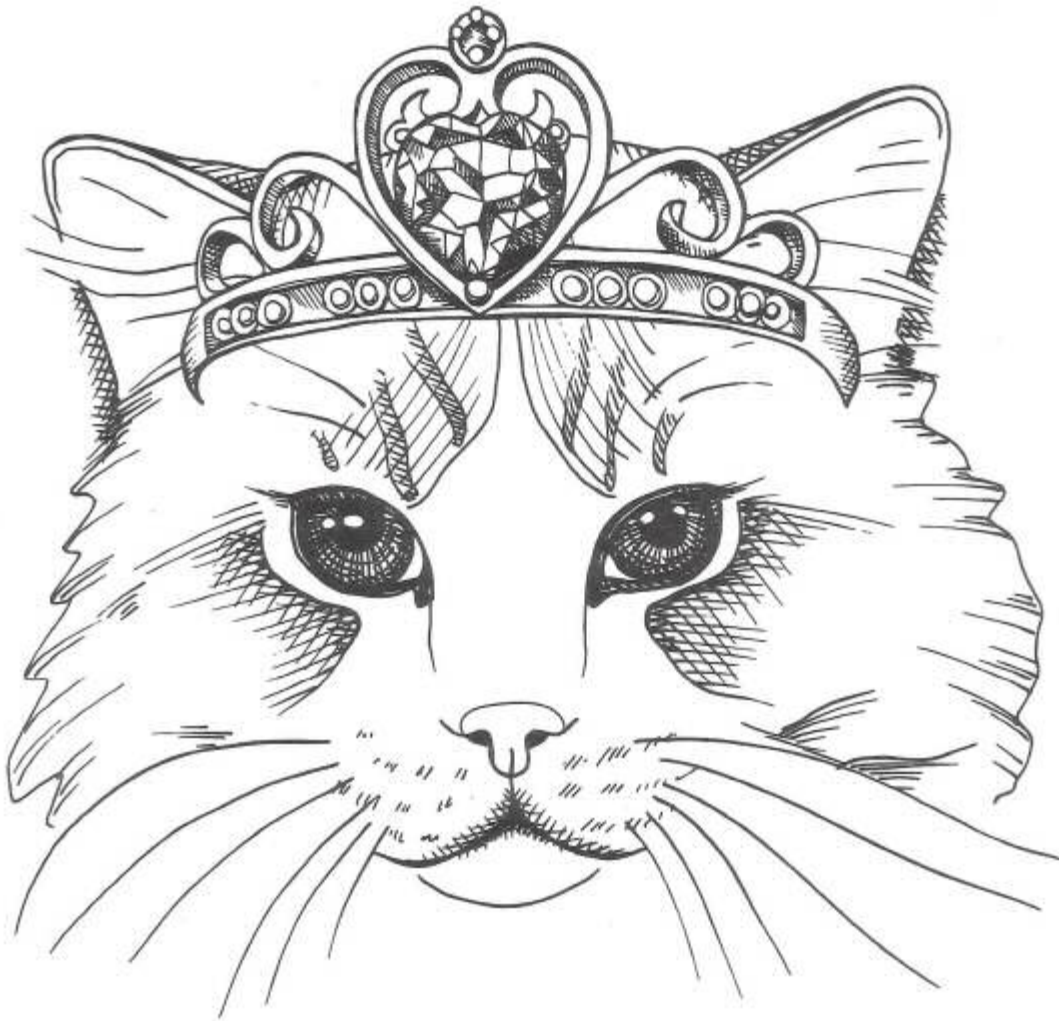
Web site is located at: <https://www.mydamselpro.net/DEFENSEBARB/>

There are a variety of non-deadly force products available for women who want to protect themselves: stun devices, pepper sprays, Security on the Go products, RFID protection, concealed carry purses, Safe Hearts Family Education books, and digital defense. Masks and sanitizing products are also available. Barbara Thomas can offer a group discount to anyone who puts together a group order of \$150 or more. Check out their products on Barbara’s website.

Quarantine Happenings & Activities

It's Fun to Color

-- submitted by Berlyn Wheeler, Queen of the
Chesapeake Bay Babes, Edgewater, MD --



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Just for Fun



Quiz for Seniors:

1. Which actor plays Ducky on NCIS?
2. What is the name of the TV series that costarred the actor in #1 (above) in the mid-1960s?
3. Who starred as a widowed mother named "Julia", who worked as a nurse at a factory in the 1968-70 TV series?
4. In which ocean are the Solomon Islands?
5. Which airline sports a kangaroo emblem on the tails of its aircrafts?
6. What is a Portuguese man-o-war?
7. Which bird lays the largest eggs?
8. The Kodkod is what type of animal?
9. From which fruit is grenadine distilled?
10. How many Olympic Games of the 20th century were cancelled due to war?
11. Which actor kissed Deborah Kerr on the beach in the 1953 film "From Here to Eternity?"
12. What is the capital of the US state Alaska?
13. To which group of mammals does the kangaroo belong?
14. In the human body what is the medical name for the collar bone?
15. Mount Everest stands on the border of which two countries?



Tong

Shep Schwab shopped at Scott's Schnapps shop; One shot of Scott's Schnapps stopped Schwab's watch.



Answers to Quiz for Seniors:

1. David McCallum; 2. Man from U.N.C.L.E.; 3. Diahann Carroll; 4. Pacific; 5. QANTAS; 6. Jellyfish (a really big one!); 7. Ostrich; 8. Cat; 9. Pomegranate; 10. Three (1916, 1940, 1944); 11. Burt Lancaster; 12. Juneau; 13. Marsupials; 14. Clavicle; 15. Nepal and China



Paraprosdokians are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence is unexpected.

1. Where there's a will, I want to be in it.
2. Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
3. If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
4. War does not determine who is right - only who is left.
5. Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.
6. They begin the evening news with 'Good Evening,' then proceed to tell you why it isn't.
7. To steal ideas from someone is plagiarism. To steal from many is called research.
8. In filling in an application, where it says, 'In case of emergency', notify: I put 'DOCTOR.'
9. I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.

-- submitted by Elna Swofford, Queen, Duchesses of Bedford --

Nothing Better to Do So You Might As Well Read This!

GOD BLESS FREEDOM..... THIS
FREEDOM KNOWS SOMETHING MOST OF
US NEVER
LEARN...

An Eagle Kiss: A Story About Jeff Guidry and His Eagle Named Freedom

This is the kind of story you need when it
seems like the world is spiraling out of control.

Not many people get a picture of this proud
bird snuggled up next to them!

Freedom and I have been together 11 years
this summer. She came in as a baby in 1998
with two broken wings. Her left wing doesn't
open all the way even after surgery, it was
broken in 4 places. She's my baby.

When Freedom came in, she could not stand
.She was emaciated and covered in lice. We
made the decision to give her a chance at life,
so I took her to the vet's office. From then on, I
was always around her. We had her in a huge
dog carrier with the top off, and it was loaded
up with shredded newspaper for her to lay in.

I used to sit and talk to her, urging her to live, to
fight and she would lay there looking at me with
those big brown eyes. We also had to tube feed
her for weeks. This went on for 4-6 weeks, and
by then she still couldn't stand. It got to the point
where the decision was made to euthanize her
if she couldn't stand in a week. You know you
don't want to cross that line between torture
and rehab and it looked like death
was winning.

She was going to be put down that Friday and I
was supposed to come in on that Thursday
afternoon. I didn't want to go to the center that
Thursday, because I couldn't bear the thought

of her being euthanized but I went anyway
and when I walked in everyone was grinning
from ear to ear. I went immediately back to her
cage; and there she was, standing on her
own, a big beautiful eagle. She was ready to
live. I was just about in tears by then.

That was a very good day. We knew she could
never fly, so the director asked me to glove
train her. I got her used to the glove, and then
to jesses, and we started doing education
programs for schools in western Washington.
We wound up in the newspapers, radio
(believe it or not) and some TV. Miracle Pets
even did a show about us.

In the spring of 2000, I was diagnosed with
non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. I had stage 3,
which is not good (one major organ plus
everywhere), so I wound up doing 8 months of
chemo. Lost the hair - the whole bit. I missed
a lot of work.

When I felt good enough, I would go to Sarvey
and take Freedom out for walks. Freedom
would also come to me in my dreams and help
me fight the cancer. This happened time and
time again.

Fast forward to November 2000. The day after
Thanksgiving, I went in for my last checkup. I
was told that if the cancer was not all gone
after 8 rounds of chemo, then my last option
was a stem cell transplant. Anyway, they did
the tests and I had to come back Monday for
the results. I went in Monday, and I was told
that all the cancer was gone.

So the first thing I did was get up to Sarvey
and take the big girl out for a walk. It was misty
and cold. I went to her flight and jessed her
up and we went out front to the top of the hill. I
hadn't said a word to Freedom, but somehow

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she knew. She looked at me and wrapped both her wings around me to where I could feel them pressing in on my back (I was engulfed in eagle wings), and she touched my nose with her beak and stared into my eyes and we just stood there like that for I don't know how long.

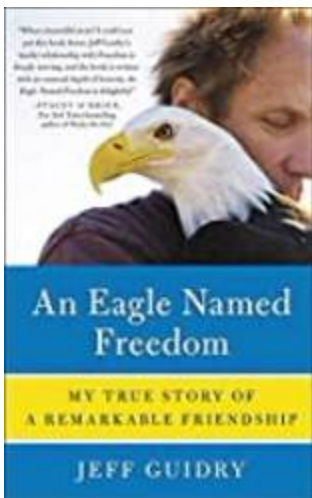
That was a magical moment. We have been soul mates ever since she came in. This is a very special bird. On a side note: I have had people who were sick come up to us when we are out and Freedom has some kind of hold on them. I once had a guy who was terminal come up to us and I let him hold her.

His knees just about buckled and he swore he could feel her power course through his body. I have so many stories like that.

I never forget the honor I have of being so close to such a magnificent spirit as Freedom.

Share this story with your friends.

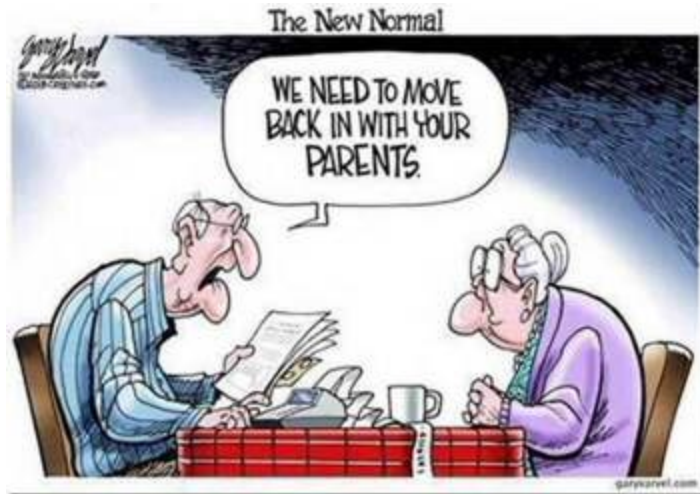
In memory of anyone you know who has been struck down by cancer or is still living with it or just someone who enjoys a
GREAT STORY.



Read the full story in this book, published in Aug 2011. It is available on amazon.com for \$15.99 paperback or \$7.99 Kindle

Nothing Better to Do So You Might As Well Read These Too!

-- submitted by Kate Eustice, Duchess of Dickins,
Red Hat Dancers of MD --



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-- submitted by Elna Swofford, Queen, Duchesses of Bedford --



Sounds like thunder outside but with the way 2020 is going it could be Godzilla

Because of Covid for the first time since 1945 the National Spelling Bee is cancel... cancel... cancel...
It's been called off.

News flash!! Sticking your tongue on an outdoor bug zapper lamp will cure the virus. Yep, I read it on the internet.

So in retrospect, in 2015, not a single person got the answer right to "Where do you see yourself 5 years from now?"

**Everything For Summer Has Been Canceled...
Let's Just Put Up Our Christmas Tree And Call It A Year...!!!**

Please take your clothes out of the wardrobe regularly to air them and allow them to stand in sunlight. Recent studies have shown that clothes kept in wardrobes during lock down will shrink!
Just for Jokes and Fun
www.facebook.com/daily.jokes247

Nothing Better to Do So You Might As Well Read These Too!

-- submitted by Beverly Goines, B&B Queens Council, Bowie, MD--



I Thought The Dryer Made My Clothes Shrink.
Turns Out It Was The Refrigerator.



Sometimes you might feel like no one's there for you, but you know who's always there for you?

Laundry.

Laundry will always be there for you.

My stomach is FLAT.
The L is just silent.



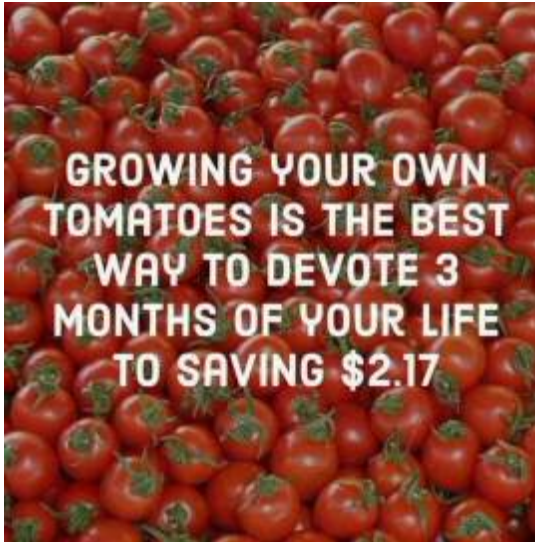
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-- submitted by Linda Murphy, Queen Mum, Twilight Red Hatters --

I got pulled over in the HOV lane for driving alone. I said that due to social distancing, my passenger was in the car behind me!



Guys I need your help. I'm in the middle of an argument with my wife and she just told me that I'm right. What the hell do I do next?!



Judy's Breast Cancer Journal

Part 6 – Light at the End of the Tunnel



June was a very busy month with four doctor visits, a blood test and a DXA Scan. The Oncologist Hemotologist changed my estrogen blocker from Letrozole to Examestane (aka Aromasin). He also prescribed Effexor to help diminish the hot flashes. The dr. suggested I take the estrogen blocker and Effexor every other day for two weeks, then two days on and one day off. I took the first Examestane on Jun 7 without taking the Effexor. I wanted to see if I could do without the Effexor. That evening I had the mother of all hot flashes. It lasted for a full 10 minutes. I had sweat on my brow, chest and back of my neck and that was with a ceiling fan on. I took the second pill two days later along with Effexor and have done so since then. I still have hot flashes but not like that one, whew!

To prepare for radiation I had an hour-long mapping and simulation session on Jun 5. I was stomach side down on a table, with a hole for my breast, for the first 45 minutes as my body was run back and forth through something like the hole in a huge donut. After a half hour of that, my breast, torso and back were marked with permanent marker x's, lines and arrows. The second part of the mapping was 15 minutes on my back and I was run back and forth through the machine again. This was followed by more markings and waterproof stickers over every marking. I was informed that the radiation oncology team needed a week and a half to evaluate the best way to for me to receive radiation (on my stomach or on my back) and how much radiation I would receive.

Radiation began on Jun 17. My Radiation Oncologist popped in to see how all was going. The first day took 15 minutes to get me lined up and then zapped. I was given my schedule, which was 11 AM every weekday through Jul 8 (except Jul 3, which is a holiday).

So far, I have had ten radiation sessions, with five more to go. I see the Radiation Oncologist every Wed after treatment. The nurse checks my weight and asks a load of health questions, then the doctor examines the breast to monitor any changes (coloring, shrinkage, ...) and to answer any questions I have. Each session has increased the pinking of my skin on the breast and under my arm. I have been able to wear a bra to get to the center, where I change into a scrubs top. After the first few days of treatment I took the bra off when I got home. After today's treatment (Jun 30), I will not be able to wear the bra until the pain goes away. The skin has deepened to a rose color and has burned like a sunburn since last Thurs (Jun 25). Per instruction, I apply Eucerin cream twice a day. It is to help keep the skin moist so it doesn't chafe. It does nothing for the burn pain. Sleeping is difficult. I have five more sessions to go. I hope that I don't get blisters as do some women.

I must say, the technicians are excellent. They put on my preferred music (meditation) when I arrive in the treatment area. They place a pillow, designed especially for me at the simulation session, on the table. It's hard as a rock but it helps keep my arms straight back. I have a rotator cuff problem on my left shoulder and it has been painful since Day 1 for me to extend my left arm back. Last week I asked if the tech could put something under my arm so it was not hanging in the air. That was most helpful. I have stopped taking the Tramadol that the Radiation Oncologist prescribed on the first day to help with shoulder pain. All it did was make me sleep for 6 hours when I got home.

I have a meeting with the Oncologist Hemotologist next Monday to evaluate how my body is handling Examestane and Effexor. I

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Judy's Breast Cancer Journal

Part 6 – Light at the End of the Tunnel



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have had several side effects that come and go. I'm not sure if they will come and stay once I am taking the stuff every day. Hopefully my body has gradually adjusted to the new meds and I will be able to stay on them for the next five years.

I joined a Living with Cancer Support Group that Zooms every Tuesday evening. It has been most helpful. There are both men and women in the group with various types and stages of cancers. The drugs, treatments, side-effects seem to be the same or very similar for everyone. It has been helpful to know I am not alone with my problems and concerns.

I thank everyone who sent me an e-mail, a card, a call and who prayed for me. They have been wonderful to lift me, especially on the bad days.

For those struggling with an illness: "Keep your head up; keep fighting. There is always light at the end of the tunnel and your struggles only make you better in the end."

I know I will come out of this much stronger than before. It's just that getting there has been a path of disbelief, tears, decisions, more tears, uncertainty, then treatments. It all became much easier once I joined the support group. If you are struggling with cancer, I strongly encourage you to find a support group. We laugh and cry together, we pray for one another, we lift up each others spirits, we share our struggles, our problems with meds or body issues. The support groups are run by trained people, some who have had cancer themselves.

Our loved ones might be loving us throughout our ordeal but unless they have had cancer,

they can't possibly understand what feelings, internal struggles and side effects you are going through. The loved ones too are going through some struggles too – dealing with your cancer struggle. Encourage them to join a support group for caregivers.

Next month I hope to say "I am a cancer survivor."

Hugs – Judy Litke