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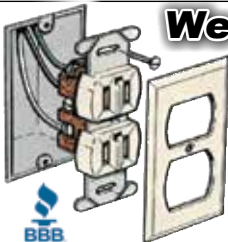
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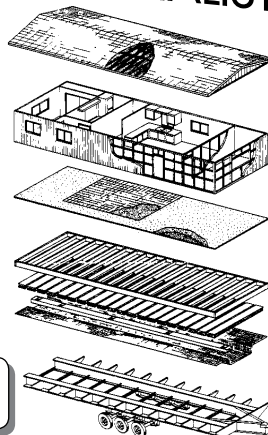
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MESSAGE FROM THE ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR

Deb Geiler, Lot 610



Well, we're counting down the days until everyone will be leaving. I'd like to thank each and everyone who stepped up in any way to make the activities here at Yankee one of the best around. In hopes of getting a jump start on next season I would like to meet with ALL CHAIRPERSONS BEFORE you leave the park to head home to discuss next season. I would like to meet on a Friday in April. Please let me know what date would work best for you. Once I hear back from everyone, I will send out an email to confirm the date, time and location. Thank you again.

Please remember to join the "YT Residents Association Of Largo Fl" Facebook Group in order to stay abreast of any last-minute changes and or updates to the Calendar.

Deb Geiler

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Mary Lantz, Lot 431



It's hard to believe that we are heading into April and many of us will soon be returning back north. Time goes by so quickly. I want to wish everyone safe travels and hope you enjoy your time away from all your YT friends. I look forward to seeing you in the fall.

This is my final edition as editor of the Gazette. It has truly been a pleasure to create this publication over the past three years. I am confident that Karen Kirk will do an amazing job. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve you!

If you have any stories, events, or other items you would like included in the May Gazette that you think others would enjoy, drop Karen Kirk a note by APRIL 13, 2026, at ke_kirk@hotmail.com and she will get them published. Anything received after that date will be included in the June Gazette.

If you have anything you want included in the May Calendar, please let Karen Kirk know.

YT RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION FACEBOOK GROUP



If you haven't already, consider joining the "YT Residents Association Of Largo Fl" Facebook Group. It is used frequently to remind you of upcoming events, share info about fun places to go or things to do, find someone who has an item you could borrow, or a new home for something you no longer need. Please note that this group is only for residents and is not officially sponsored by the park. If you'd like to join, please contact:

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YANKEE TRAVELER RESIDENTS DIRECTORY

Mary Lantz, Lot 431



The 2026 Yankee Traveler Residents Directory is still available for purchase, but only through April 15, 2026. If you haven't picked up your copy yet, there's still time. You can purchase the directory at the designated locations listed below.

- In the Office
- Lot 431 – Mary Lantz
- Lot 434 – Avis Howard

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Shirley Murphy, Lot 230



Explore the Lending Library located on the back wall of the Rec Hall (sometimes hidden behind the black curtains) and discover a wide variety of books to borrow. When you finish the borrowed book, please return it to the Lending Library. If you wish to donate a paperback book *in good condition*, just place it in the donation basket. Happy Reading!

EVENTS

KARAOKE

Bill Miller, Lot 338



Our next Karaoke night will be Saturday, April 18th at 6:30 PM in the Rec Hall. If you like to sing (even if it is in the shower), you will enjoy our karaoke nights. We invite all to come sing and/or support their favorite karaoke singer. Watch for posters announcing sign-up information and any changes or cancellations due to room availability.

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Looking for something to do? The Clearwater Community Band will have its final free concert for the season on **Saturday April 25, 2026** (donations are accepted) that you might be interested in attending. You can enjoy some good music and as an extra bonus you can see YT Tuba player Steve Murphy perform in the Concert Band.

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VETERANS HONOR DAY

Deb Geiler, Lot 610



Hello YT Folks, next season I would like to schedule a day to Honor ALL Veterans. US and Canadian. If you or someone you know is a Veteran, please send me an email or a text with the following information:

- YOUR NAME
- LOT NUMBER
- BRANCH OF SERVICE
- HOW MANY YEARS YOU SERVED

Please email the information to dageiler@sbcglobal.net or if you prefer you can text or call me. My# is 1-618-541- 8125. Please leave a message if there is no answer. I will get further information out next season. Thank You! Deb Geiler (Activities Dir)

GAMES

BINGO

Kathy & Ray Sibert, Lot 326



What a way to escape the cooler weather we had, coming to bingo with our friends! In total we had 139 residents in attendance! Great!!!

Our most excited players were:

Annette, Mark, Wanda, Paula, Bill, Darley, Judy Z, winning the 50/50. In total we donated \$120.00 back to the YT association. Thank you!

Surprise game winners:

Darley, Dennis, Barva, Beatie, Carol, this was the first time we had so many winners sharing the kitty of \$60.

Heather, Paula, Mary Rose, and Cindy with a total of \$293. For the month.

Champagne glass winners:

Carol, Diane, Barva, and Darley sharing a total of \$194.00.

Special Game winners:

Carol, Jill, Heather, Lorraine, and Naomi sharing \$142.00

The Cookie winners:

Not as much money, but a good return on your quarter if you win!

Cindy, Bill, Sam, Brenda, Lorraine and Vera sharing cookies totaling \$34.00

Our residents bringing some pretty awesome snacks were Carol, Helga, Beth, Dorothy, Rob and Brenda, and Heather (I don't bake lol) it's a good thing we have so many grocery stores available to us! Without you our coffee break provided by the Association wouldn't be so sweet!

As always, I wouldn't be able to do all of this without my wonderful support team. A special thanks to my right-hand man Ray, my ladies, Cindy, Mary and Naomi selling your winning cards. My callers, Barva and Darley, volunteer just to speed things up a bit. If I missed anyone it wasn't deliberate.

Thank you for making this a fun Monday night every week. Bingo starts at 7:00 PM with card sales starting at 5:45 PM and ending at 6:45 PM. Peace out my friends!

Kathy & Ray Sibert



MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOS

Kathy & Ray Sibert, Lot 326



Wednesday at 7:00 PM in the Rec Hall.
Winners in the month of February include:
Laurie, Myself, Bob, Ray, Carolyn, Cindy and Emily.
Thanks to all our gamers! Hope to see you on Wednesday night!
Kathy & Ray Sibert

GAMES, GAMES, GAMES

Do you enjoy playing Games? We've got you covered. Below is a list of all the opportunities that are available to you. Pop in and join the fun and fellowship. Always a fun time!

Sunday	Court Whist/Other Games	Rec Hall	7:00 PM
Monday	Bingo	Rec Hall	7:00 PM
Monday	Hand & Foot	Card Room	7:00 PM
Tuesday	Bid Euchre	Rec Hall	6:45 PM
Tuesday	Billiards (Pool)	Card Room	7:00 PM
Wednesday	Mexican Train Dominoes	Rec Hall	7:00 PM
Wednesday	Cribbage	Rec Hall	7:00 PM
Thursday	Horseshoes/Washer Toss	Horseshoe Pit	1:00 PM
Thursday	Nickel Nickel	Rec Hall	7:00 PM
Thursday	Poker	Card Room	7:00 PM
Friday	Euchre	Rec Hall	6:45 PM
Friday	Hand & Foot	Rec Hall	6:45 PM



Be sure to watch for posters placed in the breezeway by the office, outside the Rec Hall, and on the "YT Residents Association of Largo, FL" Group Facebook page letting you know of any other games that may be occurring or if any of the above times or places have been changed due to conflicts with room availability.



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MEN'S GOLF

Bob Letner, Lot 404



Men's Golf is played every Tuesday at Countryway Golf Course. If you are interested in joining the group, contact Bob Letner at lot 404.

Below are the results of the games played:

DATE 02/03/26

Low Score	Score	Game	Closest to Pin
Ron Moore	67	Dave Cowell	#1
John Chestnut	67	Dan Hensley	#6
Charlie Gladwin	70	Joe Nadock	#8
Darrell Reboul	73	Rick Adams	#11
Dave Cole	74	Ron	#18

DATE 02/10/26

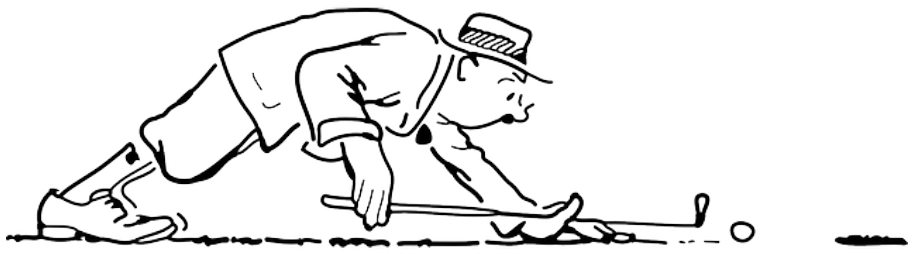
Low Score	Score	Game	Team Winners
Andre Dion	67	Andre/Dave Cow/Dan H/Steve	Front Nine: 144
Dan Hensley	70	Ron/Dan R/Ray/John H	Back Nine: 163
Darrell Reboul	70	John C/ Dale/Fred/Gary	18 Total: 319
John Chestnut	70		
Gary Frecker	74		

DATE 02/17/26

Low Score	Score	Game	Fewest Putts
Andre Dion	71	Tony Sarvo	28
Ron Moore	71	John Hayes	28
Jim Nelson	73	Andre Dion	29
Dave Cole	75	Charlie Gladwin	29
Fred Englehart	75	Darell Reboul	29

DATE 02/24/26

Low Score	Score	Game	Poker
Ron Moore	67	John Chestnut	44646
Darrell Reboul	71	Mark Jarrard	44646
Andre Dion	73	Tom Steinheiser	53746
Charlie Gladwin	74	Troy Fricker	63547
John Chestnut	74	Tony Sarvo	45558





CLASSES, CLUBS, WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

WATER AEROBICS

Barva Herzog, Lot 207



Hello YT park members!! I have been so privileged to work with many of you leading the Water Aerobics class here at Yankee Traveler 😊😊, as well as working with many of you to learn how to swim or help to alleviate the fear of water.... which many of you know I have a passion for ❤️

We've been thrilled to have so many of you join the fun and laughter we have each day of class (as many as 20!). The weather has impacted us several times, but we've weathered it! I am so looking forward to finishing the season, which will be around the middle of the month.

We've even gathered as a group with our spouses, or guests to have a great lunch for our end of the season gathering!

Enjoy your summers, and I look forward to seeing everyone this fall!
Barva Herzog



SENIOR STRETCH/CHAIR EXERCISE

Deb Geiler, Lot 610

We invite you to join a relaxed, low key, and friendly senior stretch/chair exercise session every Tuesday from 9:30–10:00 AM in the Rec Hall. Come enjoy gentle movement and camaraderie in a welcoming group atmosphere!

VIDEO INTERMEDIATE CHAIR AEROBICS

Deb Geiler, Lot 610

Get ready to energize your Fridays with our Intermediate Chair Aerobics session! Whether you're looking to boost your fitness, or simply meet new friends, this class is designed for everyone—no experience needed. Bring your enthusiasm (and a bottle of water) and join us at 10:30 AM in the Rec Hall for a workout that will keep you moving, smiling, and feeling fantastic!



POTLUCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

Dave & Deb Geiler, Lot 610

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LINE DANCING

Ann Miller, Lot 338



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The schedule is as follows:

New Beginners - 9:30-10:00

Beginners - 10:00-11:00

Advanced Beginners/Intermediate - 11:00-12:00

DRESS MAKING

Shirley Murphy, Lot 230 and Faith Heffernan, Lot 429



Our dress making group concluded its season at the end of March. Each week, a wonderful team of ladies gathered for mornings of sewing and camaraderie. Together, we created over 120 dresses, which are now ready to be donated to local missionaries and delivered to countries such as Haiti, the Dominican Republic, and Africa.

We look forward to resuming in January 2027 and invite you to join us then. Whether or not you sew, there is a role for everyone, and we have extra sewing machines available for those who do. We gratefully accept donations of cotton fabric, sewing notions (thread, elastic, buttons, binding, etc.), or even gift cards.



RECIPE CORNER

STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE COOKIE BARS

Ingredients:

- 1 package (16 oz) refrigerated Sugar Cookie Dough (24 Count)
- 2 packages (8 oz each) cream cheese, softened
- 1/4 cup of sugar
- 1 envelope unflavored gelatin (1 tablespoon)
- 4 oz frozen (thawed) whipped topping (half 8-oz container)
- 1 3/4 cups chopped fresh strawberries



Instructions:

- Heat oven to 375°F. Line cookie sheet with cooking parchment paper.
- Remove cookies from package, place cookies on cookie sheet. Bake 10 minutes. Remove from cookie sheet to cooling rack; cool completely. (To speed up process, refrigerate cookies for about 1 hour.)
- Meanwhile, line 11x7-inch pan with cooking parchment paper.
- Once cookies are cool, place in food processor. Cover; pulse a few times until all cookies are crumbled. Reserve 1 cup of the cookie crumbs. Pour remaining cookie crumbs into pan, press in bottom of pan to form crust.
- In mixer bowl with paddle attachment, beat cream cheese and sugar until creamy and smooth. Add gelatin; stir to combine.
- With rubber spatula, fold whipped topping and 1 cup of the chopped strawberries into cream cheese mixture. Spread over cookie crust. Top with remaining chopped strawberries.
- Sprinkle reserved 1 cup cookie crumbs evenly over dessert; gently press with fingers. Refrigerate for at least 4 hours.
- To serve, cut into 5 rows by 3 rows to make 15 bars, or into 6 rows by 3 rows to make 18 bars.

Tips:

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TODAY'S SMILES

TOO SMART FOR FIRST GRADE

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A first-grade teacher was having trouble with one of her students. One day she asked Johnny what his problem was, he replied, "I'm too smart for the first grade, my sister is in the third grade and I'm smarter than her too." The teacher took him to the principal's office and explained the situation to the principal.

The principal told her that he would give Johnny a test, and if he failed to answer one question he would have to go back to the first grade and be quiet. The teacher and Johnny both agreed.

Principal: "What is 3 X 3"

Johnny: "9"

Principal: "6 X 6"

Johnny: "36"

And so, it went on like this, the principal asked him every question a third grader should know. Finally, after about an hour he told the teacher "I see no reason Johnny can't go to the third grade, he answered all of my questions right."

The teacher asked if she could ask him some questions. The principal and Johnny agreed.

Teacher: "What do you have in your pants that I don't have?" the principal gasps but before he can stop him from answering Johnny says, "Pockets."

Teacher: "What does a dog do that a man steps into?"

Johnny: "Pants"

Teacher: "What starts with F and ends with K and means a lot of excitement?"

Johnny: "Firetruck."

The principal breaths a big sigh of relief and says "Put Johnny in the fifth grade. I got the last four questions wrong myself."

A MAN AND HIS PARROT

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Shorties

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- I knew my wife was a ghost the minute she walked through the door.
- Despite the high cost of living, it remains popular.
- My boss wants me to sign up for a 401K. No way I’m running that far.
- A minute varies depending on what side of the bathroom door you’re on.
- I’ll take the high road you take the psycho path.
- Took a class on castration, it was all neuter me.
- Why did the stadium get so hot after the game? All the fans left!
- I didn’t mean to push all your buttons, I was just trying to hit mute.

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Turn on your headlights when driving in the park after sunset to help keep walkers safe. The park speed limit is **15 mph** for safety. Report speeding vendors to their companies; notify the office about speeding residents.

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Read enough self-help books, and you'll run across a lot of the same repetitive career advice: Work hard, be helpful, go the extra mile. If you're already doing this, and want to add oomph into your career, consider this advice from the Fast Track Promotion website:

- **Develop your emotional maturity.** Focus on staying calm no matter what happens at work. Treat everyone with respect. Learn to choose your words carefully—and more important, recognize when it's best not to speak at all.
- **Negotiate in good faith.** Find out what the other person wants, and work toward a mutually satisfying agreement instead of one with winners and losers. In other words, seek solutions, not victories. Negotiate as if you're both on the same side.
- **Shift your point of view.** Support your organization's goals, not your own. When you make a decision, ask yourself whether it's one your manager or CEO would make. If not, reconsider your priorities.
- **Provide real value.** Instead of just doing your job, find out how your work supports your organization's objectives, and then give a little extra to help your it thrive. Talk to your manager about what you've done and what you can do to add to the organization's success.
- **Listen to feedback.** Praise is fun to receive, but often we learn most from criticism. Make a point of listening to and considering other people's points of view, and incorporating their feedback into your performance. You'll show that you're a team player committed to improvement.



Don't be afraid to ask for help

Many people avoid asking for advice from fear of being seen as ignorant or incompetent. But soliciting guidance from others can show that you're open to new ideas and focused on success. Here's how to ask for help and look good doing it:

- **Be sure you really need help it.** Don't interrupt a colleague for something you can figure out on your own with a little more time and effort. Save requests for problems that are truly difficult to solve.
- **Ask the right person.** Identify the person who can really help you. You'll irritate your co-workers by asking for help on something that's outside their area of expertise.
- **Be direct.** Don't beat around the bush when you need assistance. If you don't know the person, introduce yourself and explain why you think he or she is best person to help you out. Most people are happy to lend a hand, and they'll feel flattered that you think highly of their skills.



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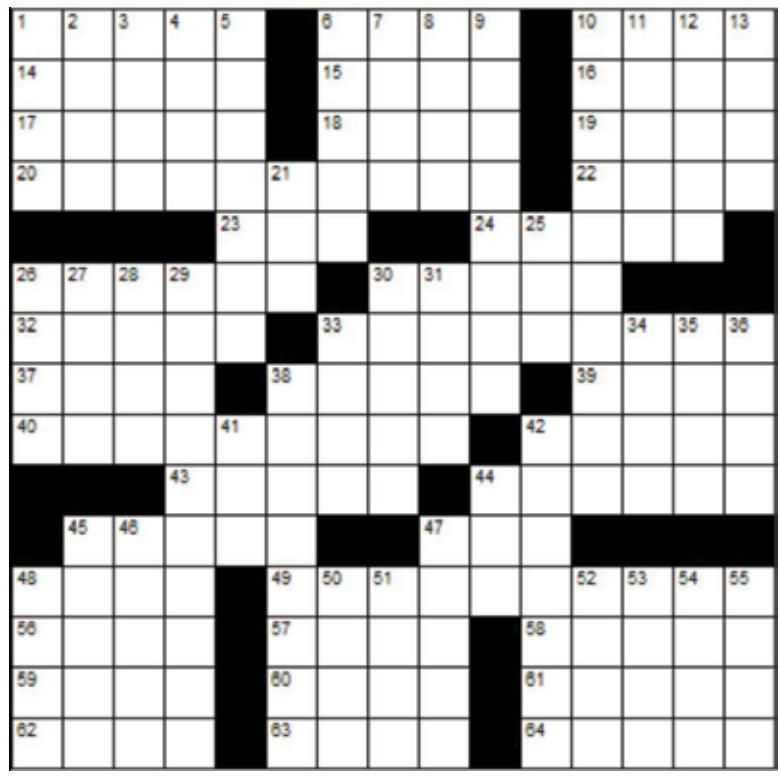
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1. Adhesive
6. Ice hockey disk
10. Bog
14. Female egg organ
15. Metal used in steel
16. Decorated, as a cake
17. Spooky
18. Being
19. Fifty-three in Roman numerals
20. One of three copies
22. Advanced
23. Night before
24. Couples
26. Fancy
30. Domain
32. Leases
33. Mustache style
37. Poi source
38. Dispatches
39. Domestic
40. Cabinetries
42. Nickel or steel
43. Diversions
44. Ribald
45. Parenthetical comment
47. Circle fragment
48. Not fatty
49. Bestride
56. Sea eagle
57. Black-and-white cookie
58. Vast
59. Assists
60. Found on rotary phones
61. Swift
62. Lock openers
63. Scream
64. File

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1. He writes in stanzas
2. Affirm
3. Indian dress
4. Voyage
5. Unseeing
6. Fragment
7. Celestial bear
8. Price
9. Sometimes used by gardeners
10. 10 to the centimeter
11. More aloof
12. Harnesses
13. Rewrite
21. Climbing vine
25. Ever last one
26. Illustrated
27. Overhaul
28. Prefix meaning "Within"
29. Stuffiness
30. Positions in a social hierarchy
31. Terminates
33. In this location
34. Matted cotton for stuffing
35. Asian nurse
36. Depend upon
38. Any unspecified person
41. Roll of bills
42. Gruesome
44. Be mistaken
45. Eagle's home
46. Like most beaches
47. Coral reef
48. Fluid escape
50. One of the Great Lakes
51. Marine mammal
52. Small amount
53. Blockhead
54. Den
55. Countercurrent





Monthly

Financial Literacy Month. With taxes due, this may be a good time to learn more about good financial practices. Are you ready to accept responsibility for changing your financial situation? Do you believe that you can and will change the way you make financial decisions? If so, it's time to start.

Month of the Military Child. More than 2 million children in grades K-12 have parents who are serving in our military. Make a difference in the life of a military child by seeking out opportunities to acknowledge their sacrifice, volunteering for organizations that support them, and recognizing their contribution to the nation.

National Autism Awareness Month. A nationwide effort to promote autism awareness, inclusion, and self-determination for all and to ensure that each person on the autism spectrum is provided the opportunity to achieve the highest possible quality of life.

National Garden Month. Gardening grows fun for the whole family. Whether you're digging in the dirt, enjoying the magic of a small seed transforming into a beautiful flower, or observing the bugs, birds, and butterflies, gardening is a delightful way to celebrate the coming of spring.



Weekly

National Robotics Week, Apr. 4-12. The purpose of National Robotics Week is to celebrate the United States as a leader in robotics technology development, educate the public about how robotics technology impacts society, and advocate for increased funding for robotics technology research and development.

Animal Control Officer Appreciation Week, Apr. 12-18. This week recognizes the hard-working men and women who risk their lives and devote huge amounts of personal time and resources while serving the public and helping animals when no one else can.

National Environmental Education Week, Apr. 19-23. The nation's largest celebration of environmental education, EE Week reaches hundreds of thousands of students and educators across the United States with non-biased, high-quality, environmental education materials grounded in accurate, timely scientific information and tied to local, state, and national learning standards.

National Pet ID Week, Apr. 17-23. Collars and tags are a reliable way to identify your pets should they become lost. Make sure your dog, cat, or other animal friend always wears a current identification tag. Pet supply catalogs, stores, veterinary offices, and animal shelters often have forms to order ID tags.





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Lead your team on the path to innovation

When you're leading a team focused on innovation, you want to spark creative thinking in every member. Try these strategies used by successful leaders in every industry:

- **Build a community.** Look inside and outside your organization for enthusiastic, imaginative thinkers. Use your network to recruit people to your team, brainstorm ideas, test prototypes, and critique results.
- **Experiment.** Don't put all your eggs into one basket. When you come up with an interesting idea, test it on a small scale first. Encourage lots of experiments to find one or two that produce excellent results.
- **Tell stories.** Charts and data aren't very inspiring. To get creative juices flowing, share stories about people and problems. Find out what your customers want and what solutions would make them smile. Recount flashes of genius from the past. You'll get people thinking about the possibilities instead of the obstacles.



Get out of the paralyzing 'I'm not creative' rut

Some people seem to be naturally creative. If you're not one of them, don't fall into the trap of thinking you'll never have an original idea or find an ingenious solution. Try these tips for overcoming a negative mindset:

- **Question your attitude.** The first step in getting unstuck is believing you can do it. Start by asking yourself, "Why do I feel uncreative?" You may discover that your belief is based on mistaken assumptions about your capabilities.
- **Ask "What if?"** Let go of the need to craft a perfect solution right away. Examine the problem from different angles and look for new possibilities without regard to what's easy or practical. Asking, "What if I did this?" can unlock a stream of fresh ideas.
- **Hold onto your momentum.** Don't stop generating ideas too quickly. Once you're on a roll, keep going until you have plenty of options to choose from. First ideas don't always work, and you may be able to combine aspects of different solutions to come up with something new that will dazzle everyone.



Quotes:



Creative confidence is about believing in your ability to create change in the world around you.
—Tom and David Kelley



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Google answers your health questions

People turn to Google for all kinds of information. Health is always a concern, so naturally the search engine fields a lot of questions about diseases and symptoms of illness. Take a look at some of the top health-related inquiries people typed into the Google search bar in 2015 (as reported on the CNN website):



- **“Is bronchitis contagious?”** Answer: Maybe, if it’s the result of a bacterial infection.
- **“Is pneumonia contagious?”** Answer: It can be, because most cases of pneumonia are caused by bacteria.
- **“How much water should I drink per day?”** Answer: About half as many fluid ounces as your weight in pounds. For example, if you weigh 140 pounds, you should be drinking about 70 fluid ounces per day (nine cups), although factors like heat, exercise, pregnancy, and other considerations should be taken into account.
- **“How many calories should I consume?”** Answer: Check with a dietician to get advice tailored to your physical needs.
- **“What is Lupus?”** Answer: Lupus is a chronic autoimmune disease. Symptoms include headaches, fatigue, joint pain, fever, and rashes.

Watch for signs of mold allergy

Mold can grow anywhere, and if you’re allergic, it can lead to major health issues. Stay alert to these signs of a potential mold allergy:

- Runny or stuffy nose
- Excessive sneezing
- Frequent coughing or wheezing
- Itchy throat, ears, or eyes
- Trouble breathing



Quotes:

Healing is a biological process, not an art. It is as much a function of the living organism as respiration, digestion, circulation, excretion, cell proliferation, or nerve activity.
—Herbert M. Shelton



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Get in the habit of good health

Maintaining your health is a lifetime project. Stay in good shape and maintain a proper weight by cultivating these healthy habits:

- **Keep a food diary.** Record what you eat, how much, what time you ate, and why you ate it. This can help you detect trends affecting your weight, health, and mood.
- **Keep an activity diary.** Keep track of your exercise routine, as well as how much and how often you walk or engage in other physical activities. Try to add a little more exercise every week.
- **Prepare to exercise.** Get out your workout clothes at night before going to bed. This will remind you to exercise and eliminate one excuse for skipping it.
- **Set concrete goals.** Decide what you want to achieve healthwise: Work out three times a week, limit sodas to one per weekend, or whatever seems realistic but worthwhile.
- **Shop smart.** Don't go to the grocery store when you're hungry or tired. Make a list of nutritious choices and stick to it, resisting the urge to grab high-calorie snacks as you wander through the aisles.



Slow down to eat less

Eating too fast can lead to eating too much. But when you're busy, the temptation to cram a meal down your throat may be overwhelming. Here's how to slow down and savor every bite:

- **Stop multitasking.** Don't try to eat while you're working, texting, or doing anything else. Turn off your devices and focus on your meal. You'll have a better sense of how much you're eating and how full you feel.
- **Sit down.** Eating over the sink or grazing while you search the refrigerator may result in consuming more unneeded calories. Set the table and put your portions on a plate to keep control of how much food you're really eating.
- **Chew slowly.** Count each bite as you chew your food, and aim for about 20 seconds of chewing for each mouthful. You'll force yourself to slow down, and your food will be digested more easily.





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