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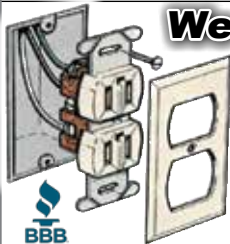
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## **SOCIAL CLUB**

*submitted by Pat Jones*

Oh what a month November was! Happy Hour was so much fun. Who knew we had the kind of karaoke talent in park that we do. Several people sang, people danced, shared appetizers and renewed friendships,

Fast on the heels of that was Thanksgiving. Everyone there enjoyed turkey, both roasted and fried (thanks Glasco's), spiral ham, mashed potatoes, stuffing, rolls, gravy and sweet potatoes (thanks Butch), and loads of desserts. Thanks for the help getting everything on the tables and thanks for all those who helped with cleanup. December looks to be just as active.

We would like to thank everyone who donated non-perishable the items for the food bank, Our last donation brought our total to just under 200 pounds of food. Great job everyone.

January 2024, never thought I would see it, but there you arc. Saturday the 6th will be coffee and social club meeting with hall decorating. Potlucks will be held on Thursday the 11th and 25th. On Sunday the 14th we will have HOG HEAVEN (formerly known as pig roast). At this writing we will have pulled pork, ribs, coleslaw, baked beans, and mac and cheese. Happy I-lour will be on Saturday the 27th. Finally game nights arc on Wednesday and Bar Poker on Friday nights, Regular poker is also held on Wednesday nights.

## **POTLUCK DINNERS**

*submitted by Pat J.*



Potlucks are typically held on the second and fourth Thursday of the month. Dinner begins promptly at 6pm. There is a sign up sheet for potlucks, and you should sign up by the Tuesday before the dinner so we can ensure enough entree for all attending. When coming to potluck you must bring your place setting, including utensils, and a side dish to share. You do not need to cook enough for all us most people take a sampling of each offering. Please bring your side dish ready to share, do not plan on using the microwave or the stove as the host/hostess may be using those appliances. As always, we are looking for volunteers willing to host a potluck. As host/hostess you choose the entree, cook, serve if necessary. You would be given cash to buy supplies. The first potluck of each month we also celebrate birthdays of that month with a birthday dessert.





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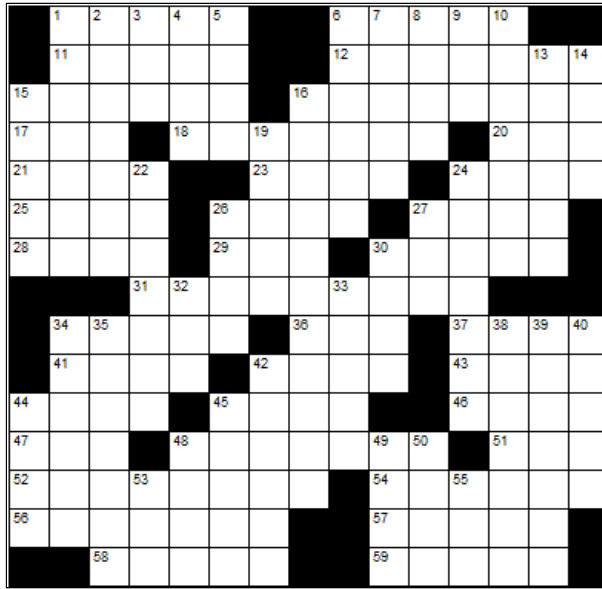
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**Financial Wellness Month.** For people to establish financial balance after credit card bills pour in from the holidays. This is a time to set new goals for financial freedom and moderation in spending. For more information, browse [www.wordsofwellness.com](http://www.wordsofwellness.com).

**International Creativity Month.** To remind individuals and organizations around the globe to capitalize on the power of creativity. Unleashing creativity and innovation is vital for personal and business success in this age of accelerating change. For more information browse, [www.CreativelySpeaking.com](http://www.CreativelySpeaking.com).

**National Get Organized Month.** An opportunity to streamline your life, create more time, lower your stress and increase your profit. For more information, browse, [www.napo.net](http://www.napo.net).

**Slow Cooking Month.** Jan. 1–31. A month to allow slow-cooking enthusiasts to celebrate this useful cooking method and the appliances to make it happen. For more information, browse [www.bettycrocker.com/products /prod\\_slowcooker.aspx](http://www.bettycrocker.com/products /prod_slowcooker.aspx).

## Weekly

**New Year's Resolution Week.** Jan. 1–7. To show people how, why and what resolutions/goals should be set and the necessary steps to make this year the best ever. For more information, browse [www.goalsguy.com](http://www.goalsguy.com).

## Home Office Safety and Security Week.

Jan. 14–20. Dedicated to ensuring that the more than 30 million American home offices are safeguarded and protected against break-ins, theft, workplace injury, computer virus and hacking, natural disaster and any other malady that can impact the home worker. For more information, browse [www.chiefhomeofficer.com](http://www.chiefhomeofficer.com).

**Hunt for Happiness Week.** Jan. 21–27. To encourage teens and kids to find more happy moments. For more information, browse [www.sohp.com](http://www.sohp.com).

## Daily

**New Year's Day. Jan. 1.** The first day of the first month of the Gregorian calendar year. I'm not going to take it anymore Day. Jan. 7. A day to fight back and take control of all events that happen in one's life. For more information, browse [www.wtbq.com](http://www.wtbq.com).

**Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Jan. 15.** To celebrate the birth of civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr.

**Better Business Communication Day. Jan. 22.** To encourage workers to acknowledge the importance of effective communication in the workplace. For more information, browse [www.corspan.org](http://www.corspan.org).

**National Compliment Day. Jan. 24.** A day set aside to compliment at least five people. For more information, browse [www.complimentday.com](http://www.complimentday.com).

**Fun at Work Day. Jan. 26.** Inject some fun into your workday by planning a fun and relaxing activity. For more information, browse [www.qualitytransitions.com](http://www.qualitytransitions.com).

## Did your mother really say that?

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Here are a few things we bet your mother would never really say:

- How on earth can you see the TV sitting so far back?"
  - "Yeah, I used to skip school a lot, too."
  - "Just leave all the lights on ... it makes the house look more cheery."
  - "Let me smell that shirt — Yeah, it's good for another week."
  - "Go ahead and keep that stray dog, honey. I'll be glad to feed and walk him every day."
  - "Well, if Timmy's mom says it's OK, that's good enough for me."
  - "The curfew is just a general time to shoot for. It's not like I'm running a prison around here."
  - "I don't have a tissue with me ... just use your sleeve."
  - "Don't bother wearing a jacket—the wind-chill is bound to improve."
- From AhaJokes.com

## New Year's resolutions for the digital world

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If you're spending a lot of time on the Internet, here are some New Year's resolutions just for you:

- I will try to figure out why I "really" need nine e-mail addresses.
  - I will stop sending e-mail to my wife (husband).
  - I resolve to work with neglected children — my own.
  - I will answer my snail mail with the same enthusiasm with which I answer my e-mail.
  - I will stop sending e-mail, ICQ, Instant Messages and be on the phone at the same time with the same person.
  - I resolve to back up my 1TB hard drive daily ... well, once a week ... okay, monthly then ... or maybe ...
  - I will spend less than one hour a day on the Internet. This, of course, will be hard to estimate since I'm not a clock-watcher.
  - When I hear "Where do you want to go today?" I will not reply "MS Tech Support."
  - When I hear a funny joke I will not reply, "LOL ... LOL!"
  - I will read the manual ... just as soon as I can find it.
  - I will think of a password other than "password."
  - I will stop checking my e-mail at 3:00 in the morning ... 4:30 is much more practical.
  - I resolve ... I resolve to ... I resolve to, uh ... I resolve to, uh, get my, er ...
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## A business owner's secret



**K**eeping a secret about yourself can be a painful prospect, and for Joe Thiessens eventually the pain became too much to bear. For decades, the business owner hid the truth about himself while he built his small business into a \$5 million success.

According to an article by Sandra Chereb in the *The Atlanta Journal Constitution*, Thiessens, the man who took a fledgling business and made it a lucrative enterprise, could not read.

His wife helped him with the paperwork at home at night. And he often appealed to managers at the office, telling them they were better at understanding all the jargon than he was. One manager, who said he had worked with Thiessens for seven years, said he had no clue that the company owner could not read.

Thiessens was ashamed that he could not read—and more than anything in the world, he wanted to read a bedtime story to his grandchildren.

Eventually, Thiessens says the secret grew too painful to keep any longer. He says he felt a great relief when he decided to let the secret out.

Thiessens was eventually awarded the National Blue Chip Enterprise Initiative Award, which honors small businesses that overcome adversity.

And Joe Thiessens, at the age of 56, hired a tutor for an hour a day five days a week to learn how to read.

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Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3 Game Night 7pm	4	5 Bar Poker 7pm	6 Coffee 9am Social Club mtg. follows  Epiphany
9	10 Game Night 7pm	11 Pot Luck 6pm	12 Bar Poker 7pm	13
16	17 Game Night 7pm	18	19 Bar Poker 7pm	20
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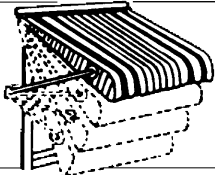
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### ***On merit pay***

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— **Phyllis Diller**

### ***On neat desks***

*Those proud of keeping an orderly desk never know the thrill of finding something that they thought irretrievably lost.*

— **Helen Exley**

### ***On the mystery of life***

*One of the mysteries of human conduct is why adult men and women are ready to sign documents they do not read, at the behest of salesmen they do not know, binding them to pay for articles they do not want, with money which they do not have.*

— **Gerald Hurst**

### ***On customer service***

*They usually have two tellers in my local bank, except when it's very busy, when they have one.*

— **Rita Rudner**

### ***On funerals***

*They say such nice things about people at their funerals that it makes me sad to realize that I'm going to miss mine by just a few days.*

— **Garrison Keillor**

### ***On language***

*Man invented language to satisfy his deep need to complain.*

— **Lilly Tomlin**

### ***On intelligence***

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— **Ambrose Bierce**

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A better idea might be to scrap what you know and start over again. Try to erase what you know and get rid of any assumptions that could be blocking your success. For an example, watch some detective shows on television. Inevitably you will come across one where the detective sits down to go over the facts. He usually does not discover a new fact, but discovers instead that his “knowledge” was the problem all along.

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## A quip to remember...

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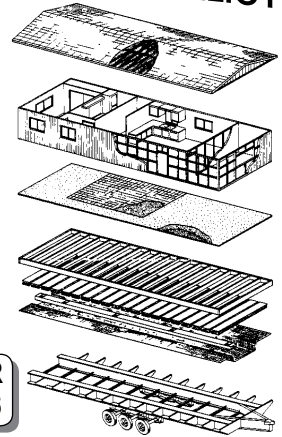
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## Tips for couples who want to stay married

Here is a list of communication dos and don't from the Academy of Matrimonial Attorneys Web site:



- Stop trying to win arguments and work on solving the problem.
- Really listen to your spouse, and don't immediately jump into an argument before you hear him or her out.
- If you feel like your spouse is misunderstanding you, then take the time and energy necessary to explain yourself.
- If you can't solve your problem, respect the other person's opinion anyway.
- Talk about issues that are important to you both.
- Forget things and move on. Be fast to forgive.
- Always be sincere. If you say something, but your body language or tone of voice conveys another message, then trust will be hard to build.
- Say what you mean, and say it clearly.
- Never go to bed mad. Stay with the issue and solve it before you go to bed.
- Don't speak in rude or disparaging ways to your spouse. Don't criticize your spouse in front of others.
- Don't let your emotions guide your behavior.
- Don't get into arguments about things that happened in the distant past.
- If your spouse disagrees with you, don't assume that he/she is attacking you.

### *Listen*

*Listen to the whispers of your soul, and know how beautiful you truly are.*

— *Josiane Antonette*

### *On beauty*

*You suppose you are the trouble But you are the cure You suppose that you are the lock on the door But you are the key that opens it It's too bad that you want to be someone else You don't see your own face, your own beauty Yet, no face is more beautiful than yours.*

— *Rumi*

### *Silencing negativity*

*If you hear a voice within you say 'you cannot paint,' then by all means paint, and that voice will be silenced.*

— *Vincent Van Gogh*

*You must do the thing you think you cannot do.*

— *Eleanor Roosevelt*

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## A gymnast on the angles of success



When Kerri Strug was a young girl, she had a big dream. She wanted to go to the Olympics and become an all-around champion—like Mary Lou Retton. And at the age of 13, she made the huge decision to move away from home, from Arizona to Texas, to work with the famous gymnastics coach Bela Karolyi. She worked hard and the move put her dreams within reaching distance.

Eventually at the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta, Strug seemed to be approaching the possibility of living her dream of becoming an all-around champion. Before she could qualify for that part of the competition, however, Strug participated in the team competition as a vaulter. On her first attempt, however, the 18-year-old athlete fell, injuring her ankle. Despite her painful injury the competition was not yet over for Strug. On her second attempt, she vaulted beautifully and managed to stick the landing before collapsing in pain.

As a consequence of her performance, Strug qualified for the all-around competition, but due to her injury she was unable to compete.

Now Strug says that while she was disappointed that she could not compete in the all-around, she realizes that by helping her team win she had achieved something that she had not been aware was even possible when she arrived at the competition. Life, she says, has taught her that it's important to look at situations from many angles. And it's important to be open to possibilities you might not know are there.

And, says Strug, it's critical to have some fun and enjoy your success along the way.

## An important moment in Jay Leno's life



Comedian and host of the Tonight Show, Jay Leno, says that when he was 8 years old and living in a New York City suburb, he had a moment of clarity that changed his life forever.

According to his piece “Why I walked away,” in *O: The Oprah Magazine*, he was hanging out with an older, rougher gang of kids one day when one of the kids pulled out what was purported to be some pornography. One of the kids in the group, Leno noticed, was spinning a small pocketknife around in his hand.

While Leno admits he was no angel at that point in his life, he says suddenly he stepped back from the group, which was collectively lurching forward to look at the pictures. He says in that moment he knew that he might possibly be starting down a path that would lead him nowhere in life. And so he turned and walked away.

Leno says that every decision he has made in life since, in part, was based on that early decision to walk away from the crowd. It was a small moment, he says, one in which he learned how to make a conscious, moral decision for himself.

### *On genius*

*It takes a lot of time being a genius, you have to sit around so much doing nothing.*

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