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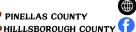
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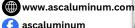




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JANUARY 2025 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Currently, the 2025 Activities Calendar is being prepared and will be published here when it is completed. Until then, please be sure to check the Bulletin Board for upcoming Activities. Thank you!

Lections Meeting at the Clubhouse. This Election is your chance to choose the HOA Leadership Team to represent your interests for the New Year, who will have an important role in our Community.

Annual DUES memberships/renewals for HOA membership are \$50 for the year, payable to "Southwind HOA", to be eligible to vote in the January Election (1 voting ballot per household). New residents are welcomed and encouraged to attend.



If you would like to volunteer to help with Activities or Events- please let Board Member and Activities Chair – Connie Brandt and/or Co-Chair, Bonnie Brown know. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

BREEZES EDITOR OPPORTUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

By Terri Campbell

fter the election of the new Board of Directors, in January 2025, I will be stepping away from my role as the Breezes Editor. For more than 6 years, I've been honored to serve as our Community newsletter writer and Editor, as a volunteer. It's been a great pleasure, but now it's time for a fresh pair of eyes and ears to write/edit the stories here and take on this role. I'm currently unable to attend and participate in all the events that go on in our Southwind Community, and be as active as I would like to be.



The requirements for appointment as Editor of the Southwind Breezes are:

- 1. Must be a Southwind homeowner and an Active HOA Member (annual dues paid)
- 2. Must be able to write, review, edit and submit via email, monthly newsletter contents to the Publisher by their established deadline.
- 3. Must follow Publisher's requirements for content, and obtain approval of content material from Southwind HOA President and/or designated reviewer(s)
- 4. Interact with HOA Committee Chairpersons and residents; request and encourage submittals of stories, photos, community related articles and Activity/event reports
- 5. The Editor role is strictly voluntary and is not a paid position

The HOA sponsored events are the focus of the Breezes. We are limited to 6 photos per issue. The Breezes should include monthly HOA updates (from the President), Announcements for activities/events, Birthdays and Anniversaries, Monthly Calendar and resident contributions of articles, photos, appropriate jokes, stories, recipes and the like.

A BIG THANK YOU to all of the residents who have contributed over the years with activity/event details, articles, recipes, photos and stories of our great community. Everyone always says it's the people here that make Southwind such a wonderful place to enjoy retirement. This newsletter is produced by the residents, for the residents and is about the residents of Southwind.

My plan is to continue to produce the Breezes through February 2025, after introducing the new HOA members and photo, unless a kind and eager volunteer wants to fulfill this role sooner.

Please let Acting HOA President, Tom O'Shea know of your interest in producing the Southwind Breezes newsletters as soon as possible.

Thank you. Terri Campbell

NEW YEARS RESOLUTIONS

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HOA PRESIDENT UPDATE

eginning in January 2025, at our annual meeting there will be a new board introduced to the HOA with three of our members from this year terms expiring, that being Rita Angle, Linda Sauter and Maggie Griscavage, our current Secretary. We thank them for their commitment and hard work on the Board.



As of December 9th, 2024 only one person has notified the nominating committee of their interest to be on the Board. Annual HOA Dues must be current so that residents can become "active" members and eligible to vote.

Please get involved on the Board, the opportunity is here. Envelopes are now available in the Clubhouse, to pay your dues for the coming year. We look forward to a brighter 2025.

Tom O'Shea

Acting President

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

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January 1	Dudley Harvey	January 22	Frank Ryan	DIN.
January 3	Jim Angle	January 24	Cindy Schwartz	
January 3	Greg Malinowski	January 25	Eddie Johnson	Happy Belated
January 6	Vivien Ward	January 27	Patricia Otto	Birthday to
January 7	Daniel Johnston	January 28	David Grandshaw	David Saari,
January 7	Jim Kolter	January 29	Allen Breen	who celebrated
January 11	Rudy Burgue	January 29	Stanley Kellis	his birthday
January 19	Pat Rilling	January 30	Jim Gualdiero	on December
January 22	Pat Mannix	January 31	Joan Hunnicutt	25th, 2024!

Happy Belated Birthday to David Saari. who celebrated his birthday on December 25th, 2024!

ANNIVERSARIES

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January 7	Jack & Bobbi Manning
January 12	Wayne & Clarissa Wagner
January 15	Jim & Betsy Cannon
January 18	Bill & Mardy Adams



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES LIST UPDATING

NEEDED NOW – A VOLUNTEER TO UPDATE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES MONTHLY LISTS. If you would like to help maintain/update this list, please contact Terri Campbell. Please include your name and phone number so you can be contacted to receive the existing lists that need to be kept updated. (text) 727-244-0702 or (email) breezes.editor@gmail.com

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JANUARY HAPPENINGS

The January birthstone is the Garnet which is primarily in the color red, but can also be in stunning shades of orange, pink, green, and even black or brown.

The carnation and snowdrop are the birth flowers. Colors include: white, for purity and luck; light red, for admiration; dark red for love and affection; and pink for gratitude

Capricorns and Aquarius are born in January, the month of new beginnings and endings.

Personality traits most associated with Capricorns include: Hard working, practical, honest, natural leaders, sensitive, time-conscious and selective.

Personality traits associated with Aquarius include: Humanitarian, independent, progressive, creative, non-conformist, problem solvers and unpredictable.





Some start the New Year with healthy habits and physical fitness and sometimes we challenge ourselves to new adventures or lifestyles, as our resolutions.

Wednesday, January 1st is NEW YEARS DAY -Celebrations will begin in the Pacific Ocean with Samoa celebrating the New Year before the rest of the world. The latest stroke of midnight will occur in the middle of the Pacific Ocean near Baker Island, which is halfway between Hawaii and Australia.

Sunday, January 5th is NATIONAL BIRD DAY

Nature lovers, bird lovers, and bird watchers across the country annually recognize this day. It's also one of several designated holidays celebrating birds. How many varieties can you spot in Southwind? See any blue jays, cardinals, humming birds, egrets, ducks, geese, or flamingos?? You can venture south to St. Pete's Sunken Gardens to enjoy a stress free bird watching afternoon, where you can see beautiful pink flamingos enjoying this peaceful environment!

Monday, January 6th is NATIONAL CUDDLE UP DAY - encourages us to snuggle up with someone for the health benefits and more!

Whether it's a three-dog night (a night so cold it takes three dogs to cuddle up with to stay warm) or only slightly chilly, there are multiple benefits to cuddling with a human or canine, or other pet. Cuddling releases oxytocin. This hormone alone has tremendous health benefits. Besides giving us warm and fuzzy feelings, oxytocin reduces pain. So when the cold has made those muscles and joints ache, cuddling can help reduce those aches and pains. Oxytocin also helps reduce heart disease, lowers blood pressure, stress, and anxiety. Studies show massage provides similar benefits.

Wednesday, January 8th is NATIONAL BUBBLE BATH DAY On a cold winter's day, relaxing in a nice warm/hot bubble bath sounds like the perfect day!

• Relieve congestion - During the dry winter months, we are more susceptible to colds and

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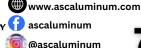
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chest infections. Let the steam from a bubble bath help loosen congestion and sooth a cough.

- Ease sore muscles Are muscles aching from New Year's workouts? Ease the ache with a warm bubble bath. Add some Epsom salts, too.
- Sleep better Add some lavender oil to your bubble bath at night and relax your body and mind before bed. Relaxed muscles combined with the lavender will nudge your body toward a better sleep routine.
- Reduce tension Let the worries of the day wash away.

<u>Friday, January 10th NATIONAL CUT YOUR ENERGY COSTS DAY</u> Encourages consumers to explore their options and keep up with scheduled maintenance. Tips to reduce energy costs and improve efficiency:

Tuning up your heating system can save you up to three to ten percent, if you

- 1. Turn down thermostats
- 2. Turning off lights when leaving a room
- 3. Use energy-efficient compact fluorescent light bulbs
- 4. Run dishwasher and washing machine only when fully loaded
- 5. Lower water heater temperature
- 6. Take shorter showers
- 7. Unplug unused appliances

<u>Friday, January 24th NATIONAL COMPLIMENT DAY</u> is a wonderful way to brighten someone's day or to give credit for a job well done! Give an extra compliment, it has a powerful effect. A compliment not only improves the receiver's mood, but it also says something about the giver. It tells them you noticed, and can instill confidence in a child, or validate someone's hard work. Generously give them on this day and any time one is deserved.

<u>Friday, January 31st, INSPIRE YOUR HEART WITH ART DAY</u> encourages us to ponder how art affects our hearts. Art is valued and appreciated for all sorts of reasons. You can:

- ✓ Visit an art gallery
- ✓ Attend a live theatre performance
- ✓ Read a good book
- ✓ Listen to music.
- ✓ Explore a new technique in a ceramics class or glass blowing
- ✓ See an inspirational film
- ✓ Share your art with others



Friday, January 31st, NATIONAL HOT CHOCOLATE DAY Who doesn't love hot chocolate? Celebrate cooler weather with a friend today. Hot chocolate can be enjoyed in a variety of combinations, topped with whipped cream or marshmallows. Sometimes a sprinkle of cinnamon or a dash of peppermint makes the chocolate extra special. There are health benefits to drinking hot chocolate. Cocoa contains significant amounts of antioxidants that may help prevent cancer. Studies have shown the flavonoids in chocolate may have a positive effect on arterial health and memory.



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Terri C.

Tow, what a wonderful day and event it was! And there was so much food!!!

Approximately 40 people attended and contributed sides and desserts for this Event. Tables were arranged in a "u" shape, so that everyone could sit "family style" but there were no "kiddie" tables (lol). Decorations were festive and very large dinner plates were provided, along with take home containers for residents who were unable to attend. Neighbors made deliveries to other homebound neighbors, they were truly thankful acts of kindness!



Turkey, Ham and beverages were provided. Appetizers included meats and cheeses, deviled eggs and crackers. Residents brought their favorite versions of different stuffings, veggies, mashed potatoes, green bean casseroles, cranberry sauces and even jello. There were cakes, brownies, pumpkin cheesecake and pies galore! It was self-serve buffet style dining.

Tom O'Shea and Bonnie Brown hosted the dinner and many volunteers helped with setup, food prep, clean up and deliveries. Everyone enjoyed themselves and we filled our bellies as full as possible! It was in the true spirit of a Community Thanksgiving and we are grateful for this opportunity to bring the people of our Southwind and their guests together to celebrate the Holiday! What could be better?

Thank you to everyone who cooked, helped, contributed, and attended this special dinner!

WEDDING IN SOUTHWIND

From Ellie Malloy



n November 16th, at 1:15 pm, Kim Bell and Chuck Shiar were united in marriage in Southwind's beautiful gardens of Doug Dusch by the pond! This was the first wedding here! Kim is the niece of Carole Boardman, a resident in the park.

Kim and Chuck live in Clearwater, and have been together for 11 years, when they decided to "tie the knot". The Southwind garden space was beautifully decorated by her cousin, Debbie and the ceremony lasted about 10 minutes. It was a beautiful day and everything came together perfectly – like it was meant to be!

A reception followed in the clubhouse. Approximately 25 people attended. Cousin, Debbie also baked and decorated the wedding cake and everyone enjoyed the occasion!

Kim and Chuck – we wish you both the very best that love and your wedded life together can bring you from this day forward.

your wedded life together can bring you from this day forward. Congratulations newlyweds! (Thank you Ellie and Carole, for the picture and sharing this story)



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CRAFT FAIR, BAKE SALE, RAFFLE - VERY SUCCESSFUL

By Terri Campbell

his Southwind ANNUAL Event was once again a great success! December 7th was a beautiful day when our great Community welcomed vendors and buyers to choose from a great variety of crafts, gifts, and fresh baked items that this event had to offer.

We look forward to hearing from Karen Ragsdale, HOA Treasurer at the January HOA Meeting on how much money was raised on this day! It went very well.

Organizers: Evelyn Finken, Sandy McDonald and Joanne Zeffiro were all there to run everything smoothly! Chef Patrick Plagge cooked the hot diggety dogs for the lunch bunch!

Evelyn said we had 26 vendors, and 31 tables! There were some really unique, one of a kind items at very affordable prices to make great gifts for friends, family and even for yourself!

Joanne Zeffiro organized and worked the Raffle. There were lots of happy winners of the many drawings of prizes!

Sandy McDonald is very pleased with the generous donations of baked goods and wants to thank ALL of the resident bakers for their contributions!

An Event of this size requires many, many volunteers to be successful and this year everyone came together to help with our Crafts Fair/ Bake Sale/ and Raffle go very smoothly. This Annual





Part of the Bake Sale tables

Southwind Community fundraiser was well attended and enjoyable for all! Check out the pictures! A BIG THANK YOU to the Vendors, the Buyers and the VOLUNTEERS who made this great success possible!



Pictured is Sandy M, Joanne Z, Evelyn F and Patrick P



The Bake Sale
Volunteers – Sharon
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Resident Vendors

The Florida Room

By Bill Roberts



The Florida room: A term that I was unaware of until I started visiting my sister years ago in Tarpon Springs. It is also called a sunroom and literally lets a lot of sunlight into the room. It always intrigued me and now I can say that I'm the proud owner of one of these bright sunlit rooms which is a part of my house that I bought over five years ago.

I hesitantly call it my own for my oldest grandson Sammy Samson has pretty much staked it as his own as he constantly spends all of his waking hours and also those that he sleeps while vacationing with Papa. Also ready to throw in his two cents worth is my other grandson, Surf, as he has also discovered this secretive bastion of kid activities. It is as if the two have become Tom Sawyer and Huck Finn discovering a secret cave to participate in male rituals unknown to prying adults.

Of course it thrills me to no end to watch them play, watch cartoons, and wrestle with each other as they start their first unofficial boys club. During the other times of the year it is my solace and serenity; a secret place of my own where I also dream and travel in my mind as when I read I'm allowed to go on my own adventures. The power of books takes me any place I want to go and allows me to share the thoughts and the beautiful words that the author has painstakingly put on paper. At times I also make notes on my writings where I stay closer to home in my thoughts as I write about family or things that are known to me. I was told by a friend when I moved in that this would become my favorite room in the house. How prophetic that statement was and indeed what a special room it has become.

To look at this room, it would show nothing special to the average person as it looks like it was decorated by a drunken winner of a shopping spree sponsored by Goodwill. I will never be in Better Homes & Garden even though my daughters have tirelessly tried to spruce up the room with such items as pillows and a couch cover. I am confident that they could do so much more but they realize that their father has absolutely no taste and it would be a fruitless endeavor.

It starts with a stack of beach chairs leaned up against an upright freezer whose sole purpose is to be the hanging place for all of my Florida magnets to prove that I actually do leave the room at times. Next is a long built-in cabinet to store stuff that I feel I will need at some time in my life, but rarely have any need for. Sitting on top of that is my always ready to hit the beach at any moment beach bag, cooler, book or magazines as we have to prioritize things in our life. Beside it is a more than should be collection of seashells picked off of the beach at Honeymoon Island and meticulously organized by Sammy Samson as if his Papa had done it himself. Of course this obviously thrilled me to death for those who know me.

Next is the back door to the patio where possibly the most important thing that I own resides. It is my grilling area, and hopefully the obvious place for a grill to live, that allows me to have nourishment as my stove never comes on unless said daughters are in town. I could store money in my oven and the first dollar would never burn. A large window consumes the back wall and allows me to look upon a beautiful scene of plants that are native to Florida. That is when I have everything trimmed and looking nice. Otherwise I refer to it as the jungle when it is overgrown and I'm ready to burn it to the ground. Also not a surprise for those who know me.



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Next up on the adjacent wall is an old TV stand that I think I owned back in the nineties. It is a monstrous piece of furniture that no self respecting woman with taste would ever allow to be in her house. Yet another reason why there is no woman in this house, but that is another story for another time. This grotesque piece of furniture holds basically everything known to mankind but particularly all things beach and toys for the grandkids. For some reason I have assembled a collection of bubbles that would make Lawrence Welk jealous. That is a reference that will be understood by the older readers of this piece. The only saving grace of this old relic is that a birdhouse and a painted rock crafted by Sammy Samson sit on the top shelf and I wouldn't trade them for the world.

Next, and I'm sure thankfully for the readers, last on the tour comes the aforementioned couch that I bought for ninety-nine dollars fourteen years ago that has all of the vinyl detaching from it and was saved mercifully by the introduction of the couch cover.

Well there it is in all of its splendor and glory. But you know what I have figured out in this life of mine? It is not the things in the room that make it special or even valuable. It's not striving to be on HGTV but making the room special to you or in this case also special to your grandkids. It should be a reflection of you and something that brings you joy. That old couch I know is an eyesore but I have read many a good book lying on it and look forward to losing myself in a good printed work after a long day. I have also witnessed the love of a mother when my daughter piled up on the couch to comfort her son when he was scared to spend the night out there by himself.

There is also the old patio set of a table and two chairs discarded by my Mom, after spending many years on her front porch, where I have had many laughs with various family members as we enjoyed a one-on-one meal. I also can't bring myself to wipe off the fingerprints that cover my front glass door because it reminds me of my grandkids last visit. I find it cool that this room houses my bicycle because I have seen shows on TV where this is done and now I'm able to do it. These would be considered foolish or silly sentiments for most but this is what touches me. These little things that can tug at your heart or make you feel special are the refinements of any room. A testament to who you are and who you want to be. And soon I will have the privilege to introduce my granddaughter to The Florida Room.



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TO YOUR HEALTH WOMEN'S HEALTH - HEART ATTACK

Research by Terri Campbell

The purpose of this article is to inform all residents of some very important and often unknown facts about heart attacks. Information has been pulled from a variety of sources that are listed in the text.

<u>Heart attack symptoms can differ between men and women!</u> Women are more likely to experience atypical symptoms of a heart attack than men. Please take note of the following information:

Chest pain

Men are more likely to experience chest pain when they're active or exercising, while women are more likely to notice chest pain while they're at rest. Discomfort or pain in the center or left side of the chest that feels like squeezing, fullness, or pressure

Shortness of breath: Can occur before or with chest discomfort

Other symptoms

Women are more likely to experience other symptoms, such as nausea, vomiting, pain in the neck, jaw, throat, abdomen, or back, unusual fatigue, lightheadedness, cold sweat, and /or anxiety.

Women are also more likely to have "silent" heart disease, meaning they don't experience any symptoms. Because of this, health care providers may not recognize heart disease in women.

Pain tolerance

Differences in pain tolerance between men and women may play a role in differing symptom recognition.

Ignoring symptoms

Women are also more likely to ignore their symptoms. Early diagnosis of a heart attack is essential for treatment and survival. Both men and women receive a cardiac troponin (cTn) test to measure circulating levels of troponin, a protein released in the blood when a heart attack has damaged heart muscle. If you experience any of these symptoms, you should contact a doctor immediately!

If someone you are with has these symptoms:

- Dial 911 or the number of the nearest emergency department.
- Stay with them until the emergency services arrive.
- If a person stops breathing before emergency services arrive, perform manual chest compressions:

Lock fingers together and place the base of hands in the center of the chest.

Position shoulders over hands and lock elbows.

Press hard and fast, at a rate of 100 to 120 compressions per minute, to a depth of 2 inches.

Continue these movements until the person starts to breathe or move.

If needed, swap over with someone else without pausing compressions.

Sources:

www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/321528#contacting-emergency-services www.hopkinsmedicine.org/health/conditions-and-diseases/heart-disease-differences-in-men-and-women

Prevention:

- ✓ Going for regular health check-ups.
- ✓ Taking steps to manage other health conditions, including high blood pressure, high cholesterol, and diabetes.
- ✓ Quitting smoking, if necessary, and avoiding tobacco in any form. Heart disease risk reduces by 50% just 12 months after someone quits smoking.
- ✓ Losing weight for those who have excess weight.
- ✓ Engaging in at least 30 minutes of aerobic activity every day, such as walking.
- ✓ Eating a balanced diet and visiting a dietitian if necessary for dietary advice.
- ✓ Reducing stress levels.
- ✓ Getting enough sleep.
- ✓ Limiting alcohol intake, and especially stimulants, such as cocaine and amphetamines.

Here are commonly asked questions about the signs of heart attack in women:

What are 3 warning signs of a heart attack in females?

Women can start experiencing symptoms several weeks before a heart attack, including chest pain, fatigue, weakness, shortness of breath, sweating, upper body pain, sleep disturbances, and stomach problems.

What are the 4 silent signs of a heart attack?

A silent heart attack is a heart attack that has either no symptoms, minimal symptoms, or unrecognized symptoms. People are more likely to have nonspecific and subtle symptoms, such as indigestion, flu, thinking they have strained a muscle in the chest or back, and jaw or upper back discomfort.

What does a mini heart attack feel like in a woman?

A person having a "mini" heart attack, also known as a non-ST elevation myocardial infarction, may experience the pressure-like chest pain, shortness of breath, nausea or vomiting, fainting, fatigue, and sweating.

What is a pre-heart attack?

A pre-heart attack generally refers to the early signs of an impending heart attack. **These signs may occur hours or weeks before.** This is especially the case for women, who tend to experience unusual fatigue, sleep disturbance, and shortness of breath in the weeks leading up to a heart attack.

Heart attacks occur when there is a lack of blood supply to the heart. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) states that heart disease is the leading cause of death in females. Doctors also have a higher chance of missing a diagnosis of a heart attack in females.

How long can a female have symptoms before a heart attack?

A study from 2003 involving more than 500 female participants suggests that 95% had at least one symptom in the 4 weeks leading up to their heart attack.

If you have experienced any of these symptoms, please DO NOT ignore them. See your Doctor and ask for recommendations, prevention measures, diagnostic testing, treatment and information specific to your condition because it may just save your life.

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"I AM in shape - ROUND is a shape, Thank You Very Much!"

Hooray, I've just learned that the human body is about 70% water. That means I'm not fat, I'm just FLOODED!

Every time I cough, sputter, or sneeze, my radiant leaks and my exhaust backfires.

There are four stages of old age: You forget names. Then you forget faces. Next, you forget to zip up. And finally, you forget to zip down.

When you're 20 and you drop something, you pick it up.

When you're 80 and you drop something, you decide you don't need it anymore.

They say with age comes with wisdom. Therefore I don't have wrinkles, I have wise cracks! (Boomer Humor) I'M NOT OLD! I woke up, I lifted my arms, I moved my knees, I turned my neck... Everything made the same noise...CCCRRRAAACKK! I came to the conclusion that I'm not old, I'm just crispy!

From Aunty Acid: "Hey Gym-Bunnies! Unless you fell off the treadmill and smacked your face, no one wants to hear about your workout!"...and "I don't exercise - if God had wanted me to bend over, he would have put cupcakes on the floor!"

A sweet grandmother telephoned St. Joseph's Hospital. She timidly asked, "Is it possible to speak to someone who can tell me how a patient is doing?" The operator said, "I'll be glad to help, dear. What's the name and room number of the patient?"

The grandmother in her weak, tremulous voice said, Norma Findlay, Room 302." The operator replied, "Let me put you on hold while I check with the nurse's station for that room."

After a few minutes, the operator returned to the phone and said,

"I have good news. Her nurse just told me that Norma is doing well. Her blood pressure is fine; her blood work just came back normal and her Physician, Dr. Cohen, has scheduled her to be discharged tomorrow."

The grandmother said, "Thank you. That's wonderful. I was so worried. God bless you for the good News." The operator replied, "You're more than welcome. Is Norma your daughter?"

The grandmother said, "No, I'm Norma Findlay in Room 302. No one tells me shit."

https://www.elderoptionsoftexas.com/jokes.htm

Married Four Times

The local news station was interviewing an 80-year-old lady because she had just gotten married for the fourth time.

The interviewer asked her questions about her life, about what it felt like to be marrying again at 80, and then about her new husband's occupation. "He's a funeral director," she answered. "Interesting," the newsman thought... He then asked her if she wouldn't mind telling him a little about her first three husbands and what they did for a living.

She paused for a few moments, needing time to reflect on all those years. After a short time, a smile came to her face and she answered proudly, explaining that she had first married a banker when she was in her 20's, then a circus ringmaster when in her 40's, and a preacher when in her 60's, and now - in her 80's - a funeral director.

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The interviewer looked at her, quite astonished, and asked why she had married four men with such diverse careers. (Wait for it...)

She smiled and explained, "I married one for the money, two for the show, three to get ready, and four to go."

A little old man shuffled slowly into an ice cream parlor and pulled himself slowly, painfully, up onto a stool... After catching his breath, he ordered a banana split. The waitress asked kindly, 'Crushed nuts?' 'No,' he replied, 'Arthritis.'

https://returntothe50s.weebly.com/senior-jokes-iii.html

AS I AGE, I REALIZE THAT:

- 1. I talk to myself, because sometimes I need expert advice.
- 2. Sometimes I roll my eyes out loud.
- 3. I don't need anger management. I need people to stop pissing me off.
- 4. My people skills are just fine. It's my tolerance of idiots that needs work.
- 5. The biggest lie I tell myself is "I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it."
- 6. When I was a child I thought nap time was punishment. Now it's like a mini-vacation.
- 7. The day the world runs out of wine is just too terrible to think about.
- 8. Even duct tape can't fix stupid, but it can muffle the sound!
- 9. Wouldn't it be great if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes; come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller.
- 10. If God wanted me to touch my toes, he would've put them on my knees.
- 11. When the kids text me "plz" which is shorter than please. I text back "no" which is shorter than "yes."
- 12. At my age "getting lucky" means walking into a room and remembering what I came in there for.

THIS IS NOT A SENIOR JOKE BUT I HAD TO SHARE THIS RARE ONE ABOUT THE SMART BLONDE...

Last year, I replaced all the windows in my house with those expensive double-pane, energy efficient kind. But this week, I got a call from the contractor complaining that his work had been completed a whole year ago and I had yet to pay for them.

Boy, oh boy, did we go around and around! Just because I'm blonde doesn't mean that I am automatically stupid. So, I proceeded to tell him just what his fast-talking sales guy had told me last year. He said that in one year, the windows would pay for themselves! There was silence on the other end of the line, so I just hung up, and he hasn't called back. Guess he was embarrassed.





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