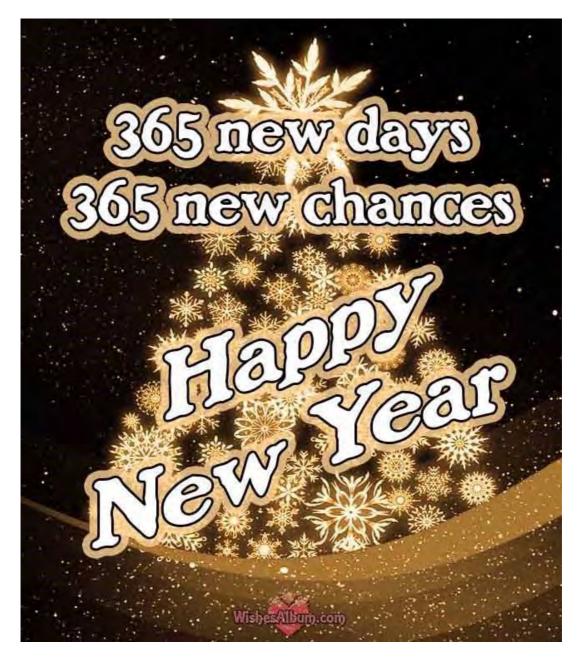
Fall is here! Now is the time to bring a friend to the High Twelve meeting, so they can see why you belong! **Think membership!**



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<u>Congratulations</u> to our members and ladies, celebrating their Birthday, Anniversary or other Special Event in **January**. Don't forget to make a contribution to the Wolcott Foundation, celebrating your happy event or occasion! Some members donate \$1.00 or more for every year they have been married. Seems like a very nice gesture on their part and a great tribute to a Happy Marriage with that Special Person!



A fresh new year is once again upon us. It's the time to be thankful for the blessings of the past year and to take stock of all your achievements. At the same time, New Year 2019 is a brand new year to start afresh, to start strong, and yet another chance to do everything we want to do this year.

The amazing thing with chances is how we get them every year. So, set positive goals and <u>resolutions</u>. Hang them where you can see them every hour of the New Year. And be excited for what you can achieve this 2019.

In the meantime, enjoy the fireworks, the loud and boisterous family dinners, and the quiet intimate meal with your loved one. And don't forget! Let everyone know you remembered them today!

Why not make this the year your club increases its membership by 10 percent! It can be accomplished by attending your Lodge, Shrine, York or Scottish Rite Meetings and talk to those in attendance that you would like them to visit your club meeting and see why they should also become members. This can only be accomplished by attending and asking them to join you. If you make this your goal, it can be accomplished!

Ask Joe, the International President if this works for him and if he says YES, then you know you can do it also.

The **2019 Mid-Year Meeting** is coming up VERY SOON, January 25-26, 2019. This year it will be held in San Antonio TX at the Crowne Plaza Hotel & Resort at the Airport. Early arrival is Thursday 1/24 for those desiring to go on the organized tour on Friday 1/25. The meeting will be held on Saturday 1/26, there will be a tour for the ladies. Departure date is Sunday 1/27 for you can stay longer and enjoy some additional time in San Antonio. Registration can be done through this **LINK** or from the HTI homepage. See you in San Antonio! A Proxy form for State Association Presidents and Officer Report forms are at the bottom of the EVENT PAGE!

International President: Joseph Santisteban, PSP (IL)



Greetings High Twelvians, Brethren, and Ladies. Welcome to the New Year! I hope you all had a safe, enjoyable, merry, and happy Christmas, Hanukah, and holidays! As you read this article, I am enjoying some 'time off' with my family in Tucson. I thought I would be here full-time by now, but it didn't turn out that way. It seems like my Pastor was correct when he said, God isn't ready for you to leave here yet referring to Illinois. My house will be getting a face lift once I return.

Before heading Southwest, I attended not one, but two Breakfasts with Santa events at my Lodges. It was very enjoyable to say the least. Some of the officers in both Lodges are also High Twelvians, which is nice. I have started to notice that High Twelvians hold key positions in many of the organizations I visit. I'd like to see this in every Masonic Appendant Body. With your help, this can happen. It will, but only if you have an Application with you.

I've been relaxing and catching up on family matters while on my sojourn in Arizona, but I've not forgotten about High Twelve. I plan on visiting the clubs in my general area, before heading to our Mid-Year-Meeting in San Antonio. By the way, I'd like to see the President, VPs, Secretary, or designated representatives of every Association/Club attend this meeting. The Texas High Twelvians have done an awesome job of setting it up for us and our attendance besides a 'Thank You' in person would be nice. And yes, the attire will be Casual.

I've seen our new Endowment Fund pin and it looks great. This is a good time to remind y'all to join our HTI 100K Endowment Fund. This fund helps ensure financial stability for High Twelve International into the future, benefits our clubs and membership, and one way to keep our per capita from increasing. Check out the info on our website under

Everyone –100K Endowment Fund and then fill out the Donation Form.

Before heading to our meeting, I will also be attending the National Sojourners Mid-Winter Convention, here in Tucson. Turns out to be convenient for me – it also cancels any excuse for me not to attend. I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at our Mid-Year. This is a good time to catch up on what's been happening, enjoy some fraternal fun, and make new friends. I think this one will be as enjoyable as in previous years. As always -- stay safe, have fun, and watch out for each other!





(Above left) Now you can see why I keep going to Arizona...my two granddaughters, Ali & Eve. If I don't get there soon, they will be young ladies and away to school.

(Above right) Maggie, our vicious bodyguard is working out on the exercise machine. She is in fighting condition at the present time.

International 1st Vice President: Jonathan Dilley, PSP (CA)



This month's update comes just before our Mid-Year in San Antonio, Texas and I am looking forward to sharing the published version of my collective report. It has been a very busy and productive time for all of our International Officers and we are working diligently to establish strong traditions of activity and support for each of the Brethren who serve as Officers in the State Associations and in the local Clubs. In the assistances of several State Association Installations I have observed men who through selfless devotion have risen to the task of leadership and also those emergent leaders who have pledged to carry High Twelve into the next Century as we fast

approach our Centennial.

As we enter the new year, it is clear that we are being faced with multiple opportunities to grow and build upon the traditions of the past as well as to establish new traditions through positive change and new programs. In fact, the entire Nation and World have begun the process of questioning and of self discovery which leads me to identify this as a period or time of proving. Proving who we are and what we represent as Masons and as unique individuals working to build a better world for future generations to enjoy. As

we take on this new year, let us keep in the back of our minds an important question: In all that you do and in all that you represent, where will you stand in this the time of proving?

Happy New Year & God's blessings on each of our Brethren and upon their families! Fraternally, Jonathan Dilley

International 3rd Vice President: Mike Haxton, PSP (KS)



Hello, High Twelvians! It's me again; I hope that 2018 was as much fun for you as it has been for me. January started me out with a trip to Las Vegas for our Mid-Term. Lady Becky and Best Friend Linda came along, so while I was in meetings, they went out and played. We got to see Blue Man Group, which is an experience not to be missed. The meeting was very productive, and we laid the basis for the International Convention in Philly.

March was Grand Lodge in Kansas, I was still State President, and so I got to talk up High Twelve. The DGM was especially

interested, and joined our Wichita Keystone Club when he became Grand Master. April was out State Meeting. We were honored by the attendance of PIP Bill Haynes. I got kicked out as SPA, and we elected George Arnold as my successor.

May was special for me, as I received my 50 year pin from our Grand Master. I still remember the first time I knelt at the Altar of Freemasonry as if it was last week. In June you all gave me the honor of electing me as International Third Vice President of High Twelve. I am humbled by that, and resolved to do my best. So far that means that I have been in fifteen States as I travel to our State Association Conventions. So far I have been to lowa, Kansas, Colorado, Texas, Ohio, Illinois and Florida's conventions. Meeting so many of you has been a joy. Fortunately for me (and my travel expense account) I have cousins all over the place, and can usually stay with one of them while I go to the Association meetings. That was certainly the case recently in Florida, where I stayed with my cousin Fred for a week!

The next event on the Calendar is the Mid-Term International Convention in San Antonio Texas. I urge all who possibly can to attend this. You do not have to be an International, State, or even Club officer to attend. This is supposed to be a fun time where we renew old friendships and make new ones. It brings us together as a family. San Antonio is really beautiful this time of year, especially if you live in the North.

In New Braunfels, a suburb of San Antonio stands the biggest outlet mall I have ever seen, so your Ladies will have something to look forward to beyond the usual Texas hospitality. Visitation is one thing that keeps us strong. In DeMolay, there is even a Merit Bar for visiting other Chapters. So Visitation is going to be a part of the Centennial incentives. When we visit each other, we keep the bonds of Brotherhood strong. And as a valuable bonus, you get to eat a good meal! See you all in San Antonio! Fraternally, Mike.

It is amazing how much can be accomplished when nobody cares who gets the credit.

International Secretary: Kevin Hokerk-Robinson, PSP (AZ)



Club Secretary's do you have new dues cards to exchange for the 'green stuff' when your members want to do the annual exchange? If not, they can be ordered from the website (forms), send an email or pick up the phone and call...BUT I need the period they are good for! (2019 or mm/dd/yy to mm/dd/yy). This would be a good time to order a Club Past President Certificate LINK. As usual there is no cost to the club for these items.

Club Secretary's after your club's annual election of officers be sure to file the **Online F-200b Club Information Report**, here is the <u>LINK</u> and I will update the website and databases.

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International Treasurer: Mark N. Nokes, PSP (IL)



We hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday Season. I had the opportunity to travel to Arizona and work with our Secretary Kevin Hokerk-Robinson. (He is truly the hardest working Secretary in all of Masonry.) While visiting Phoenix, I had the occasion to visit with my Aunt Gayle (60 years OES) for a few hours.

Thank you to all the officers for submitting their Expense Reports to us in a timely fashion. Also, for submitting the appropriate documentation with their reimbursements. If there is anything, we can do to help you; your club or State Association, don't hesitate

to ask. We are here to help! Look forward to seeing everyone in San Antonio in late January. Fraternally, Mark.

The Villages High Twelve Club #674:

Our club met at a new location for their meetings starting in January after meeting in the same location for over 23 years. We really did not want to change locations but we have not been able to meet the minimum attendees at the meetings for the past few months. The caterer required us to pay for a minimum of 30 meals and with vacations, sickness and other reasons; we could not make the count. We changed to the original restaurant in The Villages and find that it meets our needs and everyone can order off the menu and have just lunch or dinner, which ever the members want to order. It ended up being a

win, win situation and everyone seems to be happy. We had the best attendance in over a year and to top it off, our entertainment was excellent.

Pictured below is the Entertainer Donna, The Lady in Black, who did a great job, especially for those who like Patsy Kline and Elvis Presley music. With her is our newly installed President, James Jim Hawkins, who just a short time ago walked into our meeting and said, I would like to join your club! Not only that, when we asked if anyone would like to fill the position of Vice President last year, he said, I will take the position. Additionally, he is going through the line at our local Masonic Lodge. He was installed as Junior Warden on January 5th and is active in the Scottish Rite also. Don't you wish your club could have this type of luck?

Our club is planning its next Prime Rib Dinner and we hope to beat the 127attendance at the last dinner. It helps to have a good report with the Lodges, Shrine Club, our members and winter residents and to have good entertainment after the meal.

The Shrine Club in the Villages does not have a building and they have to rent a room for their meetings and functions but the Lake County Shrine Club in the neighboring town supports us 100% and hosts our dinners for us. Isn't that what Masonry is all about? They also support the dinners by having a representatives talk up the dinners and take orders and they have a good attendance of their own.



THE WOLCOTT FOUNDATION INC.

Monthly News

The Philanthropic Educational Foundation of High Twelve International

Providing Graduate Level Fellowships at George Washington University, Washington, DC



Brothers of High Twelve International,

The Wolcott Foundation is the official philanthropy of High Twelve International, and as such, dependent upon the members of High Twelve International for financial support to provide Graduate Level Fellowships to outstanding students at George Washington University entering public service.

The Wolcott Foundation currently has seven (7) Fellows in graduate studies at George Washington University. Two (2) are in their second year of studies and will graduate in June of 2019. Five (5) are in their first year of studies and will graduate in June of 2019.

The Wolcott Board of Trustees will meet from February 28 to March 3, 2019 in Washington, DC, to decide the number of Fellowships to be awarded in 2019. This number will be determined by a review of the performance of Wolcott Foundation investments and contributions made by High Twelve International Club members. It is hoped that sufficient funds will be available to award between 4-6 Fellowships for 2019.

The latest quarterly financial reports as prepared by Brother Robert Morton, Wolcott Treasurer are printed in this edition of the High Twelve International Monthly Update. Please refer to those reports if you have any questions concerning fellowship expenses, administrative budgetary expenses, or quarterly High Twelve contributions by zone, for the 2018-2019 fiscal years.

Thank you for your continuing support of the Wolcott Foundation and the outstanding students who will represent our country because of the generosity of High Twelve International members. We wish you Safe Travels. Fraternally, Mike Clark, Wolcott Chairman.

Editor: We apologize for the lack of articles this month. It is very hectic for some of the contributors in that the holidays take so much time for friends and families. Also, the

Wolcott Trustees were extremely busy reviewing the Applications submitted by the Wolcott Fellows hopefuls.

There will be news about the applicants, who applied and the number selected. Hopefully, there will be good news and your contributions will help in choosing just how many can attend George Washington University this year.

Wolcott Foundation 2nd Quarter Reports: Robert Morton, Treasurer

The Wolcott Found Projected Investment in F Fiscal Year 01-May-2018 through	Fellowship	[as of 31-Oct-2018]
		Actual Through
Actual through 2nd-QTR 2018-2019	Projected Expense	2nd QTR 2018 - 2019
Anticipated "Cost" of One Course Credit Hour:	\$1,825.00 Est'd	
Each Fellowship Student Expense:		
> Per Credit Hour Cost	\$1,825.00	
> Required Credit Hours for Graduate Degree	X 40	
 Cost of Required Student Hours Allowable "Relocation Loan" [must be re-paid] ** 	\$75,000.00	64 000 00
- Barrier -	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00
> Cost per Student to Fellowship Graduation	\$76,800.00	{ Fall Tuition Pending } {\$77,250 }
> Class of '18 [2 Fellows] - [2nd Year] equal 40 Credit HR's	\$75,000.00	[3.5 Eqiv Fellows]
Class of '19 [6 Fellows] - [1st Year] At \$30,000	\$180,000.00	[Spring Tuition]
> Projected Class of 3.5 [Eqivalent] Fellows	\$255,000.00	\$130,423.04
Total Budgetary Expense For Fellowship Investment	\$255,000.00	\$132,223.04
Income Based on 2018 - 2019 Fiscal Year:	Projected	
Althor Street, Markey and Article Ave.	ıncome	
> High Twelve Club Contributions	\$30,000.00	\$8,248.59
> High Twelve International Contributions per Member	\$300.00	
> High Twelve International 97th Conv. [Red Sch. Hse.]	\$100.00	\$976.00
	\$30,400.00	\$9,224.59
> Investment Portfolio Income [@ ~ 6%]	£250,000,00	46.3
"Fixed Income Account" "Equity Portfolio Account"	\$250,000.00 \$25,000.00	tbd tbd
Total Income [Cash Flow]	\$275,000.00	tbd
> Posey Trust Income		
"Feb-15- 2018- Annual Distribution" ***	\$23,000.00	\$26,138.00
"Aug13-2018 - Distribution Deficiency - 2018"	5,000.00	\$7,701.25
	\$28,000.00	\$33,839.25
Total Budgetary Income For the Foundation	\$333,400.00	\$175,286.88
		"Actual" Through 2nd
Sources of Income:		QTR [as of 31-Oct-2018]
	ocomol	[45 01 31-001-2016]
> Posey Trust [Wolcott Foundation receives ~1/3 of Ir Year-End Market Value [as of: 31-Jan-2018]	\$3,452,138.68	
> Raymond James Portfolio [as of: 31-Jan-2018]	\$4,435,486.02	
> High Twelve Clubs - Little Red School House [4th QTR]	\$36,114.36	
	220 1 2012 1710	through 2nd QTR

The Wolcott Foundation, Inc. An Internal Revenue Code 501 [c] [3] Charitable Organization 210 S. Broad Street, Lansdale 19446 P. O. Box 890 Lansdale, PA Phone: 215.368.3121

	Budget 01-May-2018 through 31-			
Budget Actual through 2nd QTR 2018-2019		Admin Budget:	ACTUAL	
		Projected	2nd QTR	
General Administration		1		
Administration - C. DiPietro Administer [Pd 4Q/1Q/2Q]	\$8,000.00		\$4,750.00	
Office / Computer Supplies [Dell 3472 Computer]	\$700.00		\$1,040.66	
Postage and Shipping [M.C. postage\$56.85+ Stamps\$50.]	\$150.00		\$106.85	
> Post Office Box rental	\$240.00		\$250.00	
Printing / Lapel Pins / Award Patches [Lapel Pins]	\$3,000.00		\$1,687.12	
Telephone	\$0.00		\$0.00	
Audit and Bookkeeping	73.55			
> Preparation of IRS Form 990 [Kimmel,Lorah & Assoc.]	\$4,000.00			
Miscellaneous [Safeguard Checks]	\$700.00		\$172.28	
Total Administration	\$16,790.00	\$16,790.00	\$8,006.91	
Zone Administration				
Trustee Office Expense	-			
> Trustees Expenses [8] @ \$250	\$2,000.00		\$0.00	
Total Zone Expenses	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	
Total Zone Expenses		\$2,000.00	\$0.00	
Travel Expenses				
> Annual Board Meeting - Washington, DC [Feb-28-2019	\$20,000.00			
> Chr'mn, Add'l Trvl Exp's []	\$700.00			
> GWU Provost Mt'g []	\$1,000.00		\$0.00	
> High Twelve International 97th Convention [Jun-14-16	\$17,000.00		\$9,900.45	
> High Twelve International Mid-Year Convention				
> Travel expense for closest Trustee to attend	\$2,000.00			
Total Travel Expenses		\$40,700.00	\$9,900.45	
Other Expenses				
Investment Fees [~1% of Security portion of Portfolio]	\$10,000.00			
Website Maintenance	# Justem Aven			
> Webmaster Salary	\$1,600.00			
> Webmaster - Fees and Licenses	\$100.00		\$0.00	
Promotion and Awards [Plaque \$101.62]	\$750.00		\$101.62	
Other licenses and fees [State of Missouri]	\$50.00		35.55.75	
Insurance Indemnity Bonding	******			
> Security Bonding [Evans Houseman]	\$2,400.00			
> Miscellaneous [Selective Insurance]	\$350.00		\$261.00	
Total Other Expense	\$15,250,00	\$15,200.00	\$362,62	

Wolcott Foundation Fiscal 2018-2019 Admin. Budget 2nd Otr YTD

" ACTUAL" through 2nd QTR

	The Wolcott Foundation, Inc. Contributions By Zone / By Trustee By Qtr / Year-To-date							
Trustee:	01-May-2018 through 30-April-2019						[as of: 31-Oct]	
	Ercil Eschbach [Malcom White]	Stanley Gardner	Michael Clark Zone 5	Randy Spaulding Zone 6	Robert Morton Zone 7	Un-classified + ++++ Annual Convention	2018 - 2019 Cum 2nd QTR Y-T-D	2017 - 2018 Cum 1st QTR Y-T-D
	Zone 2	Zone 3						TOTAL S's
1st Qtr - Contributions CUM 1st Qtr Y-T-D	\$1,250,00	\$377.00	\$2,151.00	\$0.00	\$286.00	\$1,176.00	\$5,240.00	
as of: 30-Jul-2018	\$1,250.00	\$377.00	\$2,151.00	\$0.00	\$286.00	\$1,176.00	\$5,240.00	\$6,558.51
nd Qtr - Contributions	\$1,640.59	\$636.00	\$877.00	\$180,00	\$651.00	\$0.00	\$3,984.59	
CUM 2nd Qtr Y-T-D as of: 31-Oct-2018	\$2,890.59	\$1,013.00	\$3,028.00	\$180.00	\$937.00	\$1,176.00	\$9,224.59	\$13,570.51
3rd Qtr - Contributions								
CUM 3rd Qtr Y-T-D								
as of: 31-Jan-2019						1		
4th Otr - Contributions								
CUM 4thQtr Y-T-D								
as of: 30-Apr-2019								
From "Quick Books": 0 - Contributions								
01 - Endow't Fund	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$2,093.00	\$180,00	\$0.00	\$1,176.00	\$3,649.00	
03- Fellowp Fund	\$2,690.59	\$1,013.00	\$935.00	\$0.00	\$937.00	\$0.00	\$5,575.59	
Net Income	\$2,890.59	\$1,013.00	\$3,028,00	\$180,00	\$937.00	\$1,176.00	\$9,224.59	\$13,570.51
R. Morton Wolcott Foundation Trustee and Treasurer							CUM 2nd Qtr Y-T-D	Contributions Off ~ -32 %

Humor:

We do have a few contributors, who keep me supplied with articles, photos and jokes. I will try to use some of their jokes and you can determine the one with the best source for humor.

Starting off will be those furnished by Paul Weathers from Arizona: *Christmas Morning Golf...* Four old-timers were playing their weekly game of golf, and one remarked how nice it would be to wake up on Christmas morning, roll out of bed and without an argument, go directly to the golf course, meet his buddies, and play a round. His buddies all chimed in and said, Let's do it! We'll make it a priority, figure out a way and meet here early Christmas morning. Months later, Christmas morning arrived, and they were all on the golf course.

Number 1 guy says, Boy, this game cost me a fortune! I bought my wife such a big diamond ring that she can't take her eyes off it.

Number 2 guy says, My wife is at home planning the cruise I gave her. She was up to her eyeballs in brochures.

Number 3 guy says, Well, my wife is at home admiring her new car, reading the manual.

They all turned to the *last* guy in the group who is staring at them like they all had lost their minds. I can't believe you all went to such an expense for this golf game. I woke up, slapped my wife on the bottom and said: Well Babe, Merry Christmas! It's a great morning to make love or golf, and she said, Take a sweater.



Questions that still haunt me...

- How important does a person have to be before they are considered assassinated instead of just murdered?
- Why do you have to put your two cents in... but it's only a penny for your thoughts? Where's that extra penny going to?
- Once you're in heaven, do you get stuck wearing the clothes you were buried in for eternity?
- What disease did a cured ham actually have?
- How is it that we put man on the moon before we figured out it would be a good idea to put wheels on luggage?
- If a deaf person must go to court, is it still called a hearing?
- Why do people pay to go up tall buildings and then put money in binoculars to look at things on the ground?
- Why do doctors leave the room while you change? They're going to see you naked anyway.

- Why is bra singular and panties plural?
- Can a hearse be carrying a corpse drive in the carpool lane?

And now a few from a member of our club...Dennis Dugan in Lady Lake, Florida:

The Redhead...A man is dining in a fancy restaurant and there's a gorgeous redhead sitting at the next table. He's been checking her out since he sat down, but lacks the nerve to talk with her. Suddenly she sneezes and her glass eye comes flying out of its socket toward the man. He reflexively reaches out, grabs it out of the air, and hands it back. Oh my, I am so sorry, the woman says as she pops her eye back in place. Let me buy your dinner to make it up to you, she says.

They enjoy a wonderful dinner together, and afterwards they go to the theater followed by drinks. They talk, they laugh, she shares her deepest dreams and he shares his. She listens. After paying for everything, she asks him if he would like to come to her place for a nightcap and stay for breakfast. They had a wonderful time.

The next morning, she cooks a gourmet meal with all the trimmings. The guy is amazed. Everything had been SO incredible! You know, he said, you are the perfect woman, are you this nice to every guy you meet? No, she replies...You just happened to catch my eye.

The couple was 85 years old, and had been married for sixty years. Though not young, they were both in very good health, largely due to the wife's insistence on healthy foods and exercise for the last decade. One day, their good health didn't help when they went on a rare vacation and their plane crashed, sending them off to Heaven.

They reached the pearly gates, and St. Peter escorted them inside. He took them to a beautiful mansion, furnished in gold and fine silks, with a fully stocked kitchen and a waterfall in the master bath. They gasped in astonishment when he said, 'Welcome to Heaven this will be your home now.'

The old man asked Peter how much all this was going to cost. 'Why, nothing,' Peter replied, 'remember, this is your reward in Heaven.' The old man looked out the window and right there he saw a championship golf course, finer and more beautiful than any ever built on Earth. 'What are the greens fees?' grumbled the old man. 'This is heaven,' St. Peter replied. 'You can play for free, every day.'

Next they went to the clubhouse and saw the lavish buffet lunch, with every imaginable cuisine laid out before them, from seafood to steaks to exotic deserts, free flowing beverages. 'Don't even ask,' said St. Peter to the man, 'this is Heaven, it is all free for you to enjoy.' The old man looked around and glanced nervously at his wife. 'Well, where are the low fat and low cholesterol foods, and the decaffeinated tea?,' he asked...

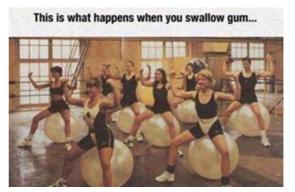
'That's the best part,' St. Peter replied, 'you can eat and drink as much as you like of whatever you like, and you will never get fat or sick. This is Heaven!' The old man pushed, 'No gym to work out at?' 'Not unless you want to,' was the answer. 'No testing my sugar or blood pressure or...'Never again All you do here is enjoy yourself.'

The old man glared at his wife and said, 'You and your damn bran muffins. We could have been here ten years ago!' KIND OF BRINGS A TEAR TO YOUR EYE DOESN'T IT?.

And finally, a few gems from our International President. I promised him I wouldn't use them in the newsletter but you can't trust all friends.

As a kid I used to watch The Wizard of Oz and wonder how someone could talk if they didn't have a brain. Then I got a Facebook.







Something to think about...I received an email from one of our readers and I haven't verified it but have heard things over the past couple of years about imported foods. Please use your own discretions about what the email provided.

With all the food and pet products now coming from other countries, it is best to make sure you read label at the grocery store and especially some of the box stores when buying food products. Many products no longer show where they were made, only give where the distributor is located. It is important to read the bar code to track its origin.

How to read Bar Codes: Interesting! This may be useful to know when grocery shopping, if it's a concern to you.

GREAT WAY TO BUY USA & CANADA PRODUCTS AND NOT FROM OTHER COUNTRIES!

The whole world is concerned about foreign-made black hearted goods. Can you differentiate which one is made in foreign countries?

If the first 3 digits of the barcode are 690 691 or 692, the product is MADE IN CHINA.471 is Made in Taiwan. This is our right to know, but the government and related departments never educate the public, therefore we have to RESCUE ourselves.

Nowadays, businessmen know that consumers do not prefer products made in foreign countries, so they don't show from which country it is made. However, you may now refer to the barcode - remember if the first 3 digits are:

690-692 ... then it is MADE IN CHINA 00 - 09 ... USA & CANADA 30 - 37...FRANCE 40 - 44...GERMANY 471...Taiwan 49...JAPAN 50...UK

BUY USA & CANADIAN MADE by watching for - 0 - at the beginning of the number. We need every boost we can get! Pass this on to everybody on your E-Mail Contact List!! If the government won't help us, we MUST help ourselves.



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