

Subject: MMMeeting May 4

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Happy Belated May Day and Early Mother's Day to All:

I'm sure all of you, no matter your location, can hear the grumblings (that's putting it nicely) of the farmers from our corn/soybean area. It is still raining here in the mid west and little or no farming has begun. It's little consolation to tell them there has never been a year that they hadn't produced a crop. Needless to say, the only things growing are the grass and weeds, which makes the rest of us gripe also. But like I've learned, thank the good Lord for letting us get up in the morning and enjoy each and every day. It still would be nice with sunshine!

I want to share several of the e-mails I received this week. It is SOOOOO good to hear from you and everyone likes to keep in contact. I guess we have our own TWITTER group. (Can you tell I have no idea what Twittering is about.) Anyway my good friends the Scotts wrote:

Good morning Pam

I am up early and reading with interest the MMM's and especially noticing the comments from friends returning to their homes for the summer. Kenny and I obviously missed the orientation meeting on How to Continue the Life Style of the Tip When Returning Home; We made the trip in two days--non-stop except for essentials. Since we have been back in Illinois I can count on one hand the times I've seen the sun shine. The golf courses are closed most of the time because of wet conditions. No tennis, of course, since we are the only two players in three counties. Soooo- for entertainment we decided to put together a shed for storing all our "stuff". By the way, as I speak, the rain continues to pour. Our shed arrived in two rather heavy boxes which the ABF guy helped haul to the side yard where the shed was to reside. My job was to find the directions which in bold print stated "this job requires at least two people and one direction reader". Guess who got to do double duty? As you might expect, Kenny's selective hearing and the ever present Male Don't Need No Directions Gene competed with my Female Is Always Right Gene. Anyway, the rain did stop long enough for two days for us to put the puzzle pieces together. We are still married, didn't physically hurt each other but may have a recovery period from the mental anguish and abuse. I'm sure the retirement community residents able to observe all the activity in our yard enjoyed the show. So this morning when I read Don and Joan's return for the summer account, I thought I should share the other side of the coin. Seeing the kids and grandchildren and friends has been great, but there the similarities end.

Well, time to duck outside and see if the shed is still standing and not leaking the ever present rain .

Missing Texas

Donna

I have talked to them several times and both are still alive and kicking and I think talking to each other. Charlie and Millie Craig wrote:

We are HOME. Stopped in Paris to see Millies brothers and sister Madonna. Arived here Tuesday afternoon. It has rained from southern IL to home and it is raining today.

Had a note from Carolyn Glass she sent an E-mail from Eileen Waltz. Charlie Waltz had open heart surgery Tuesday. I will send you her letter.

Looks like we will have to wear a coat while mowing the yard. Brrr.

TTYL Charlie

This was Eileen's letter:

Hi All,

Just wanted to let everyone know...our plans for the summer have changed a little.

Guess we will be staying a while in the valley and getting acquainted with assorted doctors in McAllen.

I took Charlie to the McAllen Heart Hospital 4 am on the 28th (yesterday). They did heart cath Tuesday afternoon. He did not have a heart attack. We got him there before he had one but according to the Dr. who did the heart cath,one was imminent They did Bypass surgery on him this morning. The surgeon said everything went fine. They did 3 bypasses. They did not have to put him on the heart lung machine. Praise The Lord. I saw him (through a window) an hour out of surgery and the nurse said he was doing well. I am home for a few hours because they will not let me see him again till 5 this evening.

We appreciate all your prayers. Prayer Works!!

More news later,

Eileen

This was last week and I read that they were hoping Charlie would get out of ICU sometime this week. Our prayers are with them.

I also had a nice note from Ted Hoggatt:

I have enjoyed reading about our TOT friends stories about their trips home. You may not know that I have not been out of the valley in nearly three years. I was Dorothy's caregiver until she died in January. I am visiting friends and family (5 kids-16 grandkids, 9 greatgrandkids-(three of which I have not seen). One of my grandkids is manager of a 5000 acre ranch with lots of lakes and horses-One of my nephews is greenskeeper at a country club in Bryan-College Station(taking my golf clubs) Some live on lakes etc so I expect to be quite busy. I am looking forward to playing tennis the rest of the summer here at the Tip.

Ted Hoggatt

Now I have a request. Mary Grussing asked about Delbert. It was reported in last week's meeting that Del had a serious tractor accident that injured him and killed his son-in-law. Maybe someone who knows the Wetzels could e-mail Mary with the information she has requested.

Hello, Can someone tell us if this is Delbert Wetzels from Olivia, MN. ? We live in Montevideo, MN. approximately 45 miles from Olivia. Please send reply to magrussing@charter.net thank youMarilyn & Louis Grussing

From the Simpsons,it sounds like Delores finally made Cliff pack-up and head north:

Cliff and I arrived home safe on May 1. We were thrilled when we stopped to see Cliff's cousin Nancy in Waxahatchie to find out another cousin Cliff hadn't seen in over fifty years was also stopping for the night. What a wonderful visit with everyone and getting reacquainted. We stopped in Hot Springs Arkansas to enjoy the luxury treatment at The Buckstff Bathhouse, Branson, Des Moines and Lake Mills Iowa before getting home tired out from 1800 miles of driving.

Got to go to our grandson's first communion and spent one day working on the yard leaving us too pooped to move today. Will have the family all over for dinner on Mother's Day and to celebrate Cliff's birthday. Will be good to see the rest of the family before putting our nose to the grindstone to try and get everything caught up this summer. Just keeps piling up but not ready to become a full time Texan yet as Cliff would like. DeLores

I cannot close before I forward some pictures that our wonderful photographer, John O'Brien has taken of the new Tip Resident:

Pam, attached are some photos of what happened to the Magnolia tree outside the office at the Tip. The carvers are from Texas Trails. Thought you might like to attach some or all of them to your next MMM distribution.

Best regards,

John P. O'Brien

These men amaze me what they can create with a chain saw. I can't wait to see the "Chief" up close.

Thanks for the news. Keep all of those with health problems in your prayers. Have a good week and remember your Mothers on Sunday. Till the sun starts shinning in Central Illinois..Pam

Monday May 4th

Sara led the pledge to the flag.

Hospital Report:

--Charlie Waltz was taken to the Heart Hospital. It is hoped he will be out of ICU today.

--Len Phillips has been moved to rehab at Renaissance.

Evie Phipps led a prayer.

Thirsty Thursday Out will be at Cheddars -3020 E. Expressway 83. Kristi Collier will make future arrangements for places to dine out.

Sara asked how many would be interested in breakfast or dinner at the Park. Many showed interest, so Sara will get things going. Kathie Hall asked if residents would also be interested in an occasional Ice Cream Social on Sunday. Plans are being made to keep us busy this summer.

There was a discussion about the gate near the Woodshop. According to Jim Merton, it was put in to make it possible to cut the bushes there.

Another topic for discussion was the front gate. Some residents have found it unattended. A suggestion was made that whenever you see this, you note the time and notify the Office.

There are many complaints about speeders. It was suggested that the guard on duty tell each visitor and service person to obey the stop signs and speed limit. Residents are guilty of ignoring these also. If you observe a speeder, get the license number and turn it in to the Office. Sooner or later they'll get caught.

THIS WEEK:

Mon -Chinese Mah Jong 1-3 ABFH

-Social Security 6:30 ABFH

Tues-Karaoke practice with Yvonne 1-4 ABFH

-Contract Rummy-6:30 ABFH

Wed.-Bottom Line Band MH 7-10

-Joker Rummy 6:30 AC

-Social Security 6:30 ABFH

Thurs-Thirsty Thursday Out—Cheddars

Friday-Joker Rummy 1-3 ABFH

-Karaoke with Larry 7-10 ABFH

Sat. -Social Security 6:30 ABFH

Poker, Ups, Samba, Dominos, Pinochle are played nearly every night. All these games welcome new players. (Old ones too.)

50/50 won by Leila Bishop. This is the last one until Fall.

Joe told some jokes.

We sang God Bless America.

Thought for Today: In any project the important factor is your belief.

Without belief there can be no successful outcome.

Wm. James

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