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“The Old and the Clueless?” Thank you all for your support

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As a young mother, I would watch “The Young and the Restless.” It was a nice respite after lunch and a morning with Big Bird and Mr. Rogers.

Now at age 73 maybe “The Old and the Clueless” is more my speed?

Recently I was jarred out of bed by a phone alarm at 6 am.

Why did I set an alarm? I’m retired, my time is my own.

I reached for my phone in the dark to silence it, but no matter how many times I pushed the button, the music continued.

I turned on the light. Oops! I was holding the TV remote!

Now wide awake I joined Joe in the kitchen, got my coffee and checked the alarm feature.

A week ago I had an appointment for my annual physical. It was really a year late due to Covid so I was a bit apprehensive.

I had set the alarm to be sure I got there on time and must have also set “recurring weekly event” without noticing.

The checkup was fine, by the way, and even included one of those “old people mental tests”

Yes, I know the date, day of the week, season, my county, and can remember the 3 words you told me at the start of the checkup. I can also write a sentence, draw a stick figure and a few other things that they say decrease with age. I understand the importance of catching a problem early whether physical or mental.

So it seems that my alarm experience was just a fluke.

Trying to do something while unfocused - half asleep and in darkness, not a good combination.

However, my last blog did describe my escapade when I forgot to turn off the oven.

That was a lack of focus too. I was thinking about other things, all rather trivial as I remember.

Thank you to all who commented how things like that happen to younger people too

Actually, in my working days I burned a “whistling” tea kettle because I was buried in a project and blotted out everything around me until I smelled “something burning”

Last week as I sprinted for home, I considered that maybe if I had a “smart house,” I could have saved myself all that effort. I could have turned off the oven while out in the canoe.

I also wondered if some security camera had recorded me running through yards in my “Ninja outfit” plus life jacket Many people have those cameras now. In public there is no expectation of privacy. Much bad

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and even criminal behavior has been documented because of the technology. Hey, maybe I'm somewhere on the Internet! Like a modern day "funniest home video" that was a popular TV show once upon a time.

Other things have changed as well. If I google something, I can expect to get ads for whatever I was searching for. Sometimes that's actually helpful. If not, that's what the delete button is for.

I recently commented on a Sparker's blog about the uses of coconut oil. Soon I was getting ads for coconut oil. How about that!

I commented on a blog about a robotic vacuum cleaner. I wrote that we named our Roomba "Dustin." Now I am getting junk email from some guy named Dustin.

Surely a coincidence, right? Especially since Dustin is helpfully telling me where to buy pot. The only "pot" I ever googled was for cooking.

OK I understand. I must and will adapt to the modern world. Like this Mama Osprey who built her nest on a "Danger Shoal" warning pole in the river. Can you see her baby peeking out at us?



Mama was watching us from a nearby tree



Or Mama Goose who took advantage of an abandoned dock to tear up carpeting for her nest



The song in my head "Kids, Kids, Kids" from Bye, Bye Birdie circa 1957

"Kids, I don't know what's wrong with these kids today
Kids, who can understand anything they say?
Kids, they are disobedient, disrespectful oafs
Noisy, crazy, sloppy, lazy, loafers"

The moral of this story?
WE BOOMERS are the KIDS being complained about in that old song.

So, I will not complain about the younger generation.
After all, I wonder what they would have to say about me?

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I just found this blog in my emails!!!!
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A blog worth reading and most of all light hearted enough to cause one to smile..
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WHILLSW

Enjoyed your blog....I have to realize I'm an "old person" now....lol....

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AZMOMXTWO
well said this is a great blog
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SHAKERATTLEROLL

Well Said!

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FELINEBETTER

Loved your blog! You're a gem!
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Well Said! I LIKE IT!



RSWIFE
Great blog!
36 days ago



THINCP2004

We all must adapt sometimes i think that the world 🌐 is just changing to darn quick. I am glad doctors appt went well I am dreading mine in a couple of weeks. I too often wonder what the younger crowd 🤔 thinks of us wiser people (I try not use the old word too often)!
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PATRICIAAK
Beautiful sharing of being your best by creatively using resources that are there and now.
36 days ago



WALKINTOFIT

I can't see until i put my glasses on... the alarm is a blur of red. with out them... i have burned a few pots in my time! lol... i changed our email for the internet , guess what ads I get? the manly kind, viagra etc... now I really am laughing
36 days ago



SAMMILESSACH

Great blog as always!

Trust me, I have burned micro wave popcorn b.c. Instead of 3 min I pushed 30, a Cornish hens dinner must to name a few. The popcorn I wasnt even 30. The hen 2 Christmas 's ago.

Their was an accident at the end of my driveway in March, as I desperately tried to help this but and run. The next day I got a text from a friend 30 miles away....unknown to me my neighbor filmed it all and posted on the net!

I can't even go outside without being filmed?

I can't stand it!!!

The ads but the crap out of me!! If my husband looks at a tool.I get the pop up ad, I look up Cat

Food he gets the ad!



Trying to get a job all internet stuff is frustrating!!!!
I am not gonna get into that 😊.

So glad your physical went well 😊.

Beautiful photos thank you for sharing!

All of us are in this together no matter what age, generation!

You are the best!!!!!!
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MORTICIARAVYNN

Well Said!

36 days ago





RHOOK20047



I forgot to take an old sweater I wear around the house. It is probably 20 years old, is gray, and has patches on the elbows but it is comfortable. I was running to WalMart for something I needed for a recipe and these kids outside the store yelled, "Hey look at Mr. Rogers." At first I was a bit offended, but then I realized Mr. Rogers helped educate a lot of kids, so when I came out of Walmart they were still hanging out, and I said thanks for the compliment! I don't think they knew what I meant, but it made me realize not to judge people by their looks or clothes. But it is so true how easy it is to get distracted at our age. More and more I will start something and see something else that needs to be done, then forget what I was doing to start with.
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JUNETTA2002



Well Said!

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SUSANYOUNGER



Well Said!

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4EVERDIETER



Funny blog! I wonder if your 'get away driver or should I say rower ' was caught on camera as well!
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KITTYHAWK1949



GREAT! THANK YOU! KEEP IT UP!

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QUEENFROG



Ospreys are amazing.
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DONNALEE-53



Well Said!

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NANCY-



The world has changed. Me ... not so much. When I order middle son's underwear, Men's underwear ads pop up. Not useful.



However hubby and I have used Alexa to settle disputes, do math, convert measurements, control the volume on Middle son's tv, and turn on and off my fan. GPS is helpful when going to new locations.

As for kids. My grands (all still under10) have asked what is that thing on the wall. (telephone)I'm not really into social media, no tiktok or #s. But You-tube how-to videos have been helpful. Kids to day are just like us, some good, some bad, just in a different era.

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MARTHA324



Your blogs are just fantastic! You draw us in and I feel like I "know" you!

Speaking of a "smart" house....I bought two smart electrical outlets that are supposedly easy to program so lights turn on and off (we'll be heading back to NY on Thursday).....so far I'm not so smart! Haven't gotten them to work yet!

Happy to hear your doctor gives you top marks on health.

KEEP SPARKING!

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MSLZZY



Oh, to be a kid, LOL!
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PLCHAPPELL



I think too far ahead.
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LIS193

Great blog! DH set his alarm a couple of months ago and now every Thursday it plays a tune on his phone at 7am.. that's one way to be reminded it's Thursday! Now I need to remind him to turn it off.



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RKOTTEK



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MARYJEANSL

I am the queen of distraction. I can so relate.

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ETHELMERZ

Yep, this is the time of life my mother warned me about!

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CHERIRIDDELL

I was born distracted so your blog was really spot on for me !

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ALIHIKES

Love the blog, so true. It is so easy to get distracted, it happens to all of us. The photos are great.

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MSMOSTIMPROVED

It's funny your blog coincides with all my FB memories popping up with the veterans I've escorted visiting the Memorials in DC over the years around this time. The WWII vets that were in the best shape mentally and physically for a rigorous trip to DC, stayed sharp by reading, keeping

up with technology, eating healthy diets and daily exercise. We will be just fine!



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MTN_KITTEN



Our son shared with us today a phrase we "oldies" had no idea what he was talking about.

It's h@ll gettin' old huh ma???

When you walk into a room and can't remember WHY you're there ... well, ya just make up a reason on the fly.

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TERMITEMOM

I loved your blog. You have a great sense of humor!

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NASFKAB

Loved it all. So pertinent for me now. Then Tech savvy? me needs extra caution

37 days ago



DOVESEYES

Love this thank you so much for it all especially the photos :)

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JAMER123

Goodness, we sure do have some things to think about. Multitasking is in my blood but it seems to be in need of a change, like an oil change. How the times have changed but I am so proud of our kids and our granddaughters for their manner of treating the older generation.





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HAYBURNER1969

"The children now love luxury; they have bad manners, contempt for authority; they show disrespect for elders and love chatter in place of exercise. Children are now tyrants, not the servants of their households. They no longer rise when elders enter the room. They contradict their parents, chatter before company, gobble up dainties at the table, cross their legs, and tyrannize their teachers."

-- Socrates, ca. 400-ish B.C.

Some things never change.
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BKNOCK

Yes AI is interesting and it will get even more interesting. My Mom keeps telling me that people will be flying around in drones soon!

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LINDA!

Great blog. I do remember when we were the kids every parent warned us about. LOL

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SUSIEMT

I loved the comment by Aquagirl08! The difference in the generations! (((HUGS)))



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PHEBESS

I'm laughing at your junk email for Dustin!!!

Though I melted a teakettle at a rental last summer - put up water to boil, forgot about it, went to bed. DH found it melted on the stove in the morning. Yikes!!!!

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HARRIETT14

I haven't been a kid in such a long time that it's hard for me to remember. I just learned to accept whatever was handed to me and go on. Really, what else can we do? Life goes on no matter what comes our way. Acceptance is much better than resentments.

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AQUAGIRL08



This reminds me of a very funny conversation that I had with my daughter. One day she came home from the library in a huff. When I asked her about it, she informed me that she had been in the research section doing research for a paper she was writing. Suddenly her nice quiet atmosphere was intruded upon by some giggling young teenagers. She pointed to a sign that said please no talking in the research room. The girls didn't seem to care so they continued. My daughter then went and asked the librarian to take care of the situation- which the librarian gladly did. It was the way my daughter told the story I found so amusing. She described the two girls as giggling "tweens". Then the punch line...."I don't know about you, Mom, but I wasn't brought up that way!" The only thing I managed to squeeze out was, "You do realize who you're talking to don't you?" Then I snorted with laughter!

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DARLENEK04

Hilarious.....everyone gets distracted now and then. I sometimes freak out because

I forget things but it is probably because I am a caregiver and taxi driver, cook, laundry lady, accountant, app't maker, and several other things.

Have a great weekend.....
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PHOENIX1949

Fun blog. I've taken to setting phone on airplane mode and checking ever so often for texts and/or missed 'real' calls.

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MORTICIAADDAMS

LOL. When I was little I would stay with my grandma and she watched a lot of soap operas. There were a bunch of them back then. My first husband and his brother would come to our home on their lunch hour and watch All My Children. LOL. They were really into it. Back when I had T.V. I was surprised to see there were few left. Kind of sad really.

Modern appliances all seem to make some kind of sound. When my dishwasher goes off I am always trying to figure out what it is. LOL. I'm not good with SmartPhones at all.

I practice for my old people mental test. LOL.

I don't like the Google targeted ads. They don't seem to get me. Maybe I'm too weird.
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