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## Pandemic Change – Pardon the Pun

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Yes, that's a baggie full of quarters. \$5.00 to be exact.

What does it have to do with the pandemic? It represents just one small "change" in our daily responses. Oops, another pun. We have always tipped delivery people. Lots more deliveries this past year. Some like Fedex, UPS, USPS just put the stuff on the porch and leave. Employees of local businesses ring the bell and ask where I want the stuff to go (usually bulky and heavy items).

Stores have gone cashless as much as possible to avoid germ currency.

We don't have any paper money in the house anyway except for some \$50 bills left over from our last trip. But we do have a huge jar of change. The delivery people have been appreciative of our effort to thank them for their service.

The BIG changes of the past year have been well documented.

Have there been any SMALL changes in your life? Maybe some even a change for the better?

Many of us have been cooking and baking at home more.

An "industrial strength" mixer has replaced my little hand held one

A new cutting board & storage container for Joe's homemade bread.

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On a personal level I haven't had a haircut in over year. Joe says he like it that way  
Another benefit? Pulling my ponytail through the back of my cap secures it nicely when outdoors even in windy conditions. Wearing a mask has really cut down on nature's effect on my allergies. Needing less antihistamine is a plus.

The only down side? I needed a new hair dryer for all this hair.



It has a "diffuser" which speeds things up nicely, but needs a bigger drawer for storage.

One final change solved an annoying "mistake" done by a plumbing contractor 18 years ago  
We designed our master bathroom with the commode in the corner. We only visited the lake house on weekends back then and were shocked to find he had put it front and center. Not that big a deal, but didn't he look at the blueprint?

This current "change" not only is somewhat more pleasing but also divides the space with a dressing area



The view from the "other side?" LOL  
A memory of our last pre pandemic trip  
The annual native festival on Easter Island, Chile.



Future changes? Safe travel? I sure hope so.

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Great analysis  
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Travel will happen.  
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**KEEP SPARKING!**  
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**PICKIE98**  
I still use cash occasionally, but get points on my credit card for \$\$, so did not change that usage. NO eating out or travel at all, no visitors or visiting. Phone calls and PC for friends. I always did scratch baking and cooking, so that did not change. I just got my second vaccine, but DD is still waiting for No.1, so nothing has changed in a year. We had covid for three weeks just before the lockdown,, so it was never identified that early, but I know it was such. I hope to take a day trip after she gets her second vaccine, but not before. A small sacrifice to get everybody healthy again....  
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**THINCPL2004**  
I too have done a lot more cooking, and cleaning this past year than in years past. I also have learned to cut my own hair (not much to cut). Great blog!  
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**GREYDOLPHIN**  
Together with the problems all have had with the pandemic, this has been the year from hell for me. My son lost his job, then came the divorce and his eventual move-in with us. He is extremely depressed and it's tough for me to see that and try so hard to help. Then came my sister's emotional breakdown, contributed to by the pandemic. She's now in the hospital for treatment of her mental problems.



I'm trying to just enjoy spring coming. It's calming to look outside and see the trees leafing out and

the daffodils and jonquils. The flowers are fading, but the azaleas outside are about ready to pop soon. SP helps a lot.  
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**LIVESTRONG888**

Well it pays to look on the bright side - even of a pandemic. I would love to go to the Easter Islands - that's definitely a bucket list item for me!  
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**ELSCO55**

Great blog  
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**MTN\_KITTEN**

**GREAT JOB!**  
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**SABLENESS**

Lucky you! I've been interested in Easter Island ever since I read Aku-Aku as a teenager. Changes? Grocery shopping online, I cut husband's hair and he trims mine, we both retired for safety's sake, we got hooked on bidets during the toilet paper shortage.  
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**MARKSMOM3**

I hope to be able to safely take a tropical vacation in the future !  
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**SWILSON2347**

Biggest change here has been the addition of 2 kittens that I adopted a year ago at the end of May!

They are full grown now.....but still have been good company for me!



Now my problem is what to do with them when I do get to travel???



Planning a trip soon to

see my little grandson in CA. It has been 16 months since I last saw him!  
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**DONNA\_CPS2**

**I ♥ Well Done!**  
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**DONNA\_CPS2**

Thanks. Glad the commode worked out! No eating in restaurants, no plays, no concerts, no day trips, no long trips, I could keep on going.

Remember life in the 50s and 60s . Simpler times.



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**DONNALEE-53**

**GREAT!**

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**SUNNYBEACHGIRL**

I gave my big kitchen aid to my daughter, I wasn't using it much. I cook a lot but we are low carb and rarely eat dessert because of the DH's diabetes. The salon has been following strict guidelines with masks and social distancing so I have been getting haircuts.  
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**CD27396824**

This was such a fun read. It's been one hellava year, no doubt about it. But, as your post implies, there have also been new-found blessings and ways 'to be." I've discovered a few myself, and I love hearing what other's have learned, too. Thank you so much for sharing!  
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**PHATPAT18**

I am always looking for "change". Since the pandemic started I have found over \$8.00 in change. It was my incentive to walk when the pool was closed.

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**SUMMER33**

So many changes and so many adaptations during the past year plus...hair styles, work projects savings on not eating out, not driving to vacation spots...all slowly coming back into my life or hope it will.

I think when i got married every one had a kitchen aid on the "gift list"...they were pricey back then .I.but true work horses

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**WATERMELLEN**

Loved your focus on changes -- positive ones!! And, I think, there have been some positive (we hope permanent) social changes too!!

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**GRAMPIAN**

Also looking forward to being able to travel again.

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**WHILLSW**

Always enjoy your blog & comments...sometimes get me thinking what I need to do....lol.....

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**THINCPL2004**

this is a awesome way to show some changes.

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**AZMOMXTWO**

this is a great way to show an example of some changes

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**PATSGIRLY**

Great blog! Some changes for me are that I am walking more on the trails. I've also found that since wearing a mask I haven't a cold in over a year.

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**WEDDWT**

Small change - I used to see my clients in my home, now I have all my appts on Zoom. It's still face to face, just a different energy. Not complaining.

I had one haircut last year, letting it grow; ponytail or pinning it up is easy altho not especially flattering. That's ok. I don't bother to wear lipstick anymore since wearing a mask. So I guess I'm going au natural.



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**MARTHA324**

Biggest change for us is living life smaller...we had been settling in to our FL home and Covid hit not long after. We love this place and it a lot smaller than our NY home....for many reasons we are living smaller and loving it!

Just got my first pedicure in over a year!

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**PATRICIAAK**

A positive change, our family (located in multiple states) get together nightly on ZOOM

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**KITTYHAWK1949**

I am waiting to get some plumbing issues fixed. And a needed hair cut.



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**JUNETTA2002**

Thanks for sharing.

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**CHERIRIDELL**

So many changes. Humans are nothing if not adaptable. Your efforts to thank the delivery people are wonderful and so kind.

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**RHOOK20047**

Yes many changes have taken place in the last year. Yes I cook more at home. Now that we are both vaccinated, hoping our social life will improve somewhat. Most of our friends have been vaccinated and I hope we will return to the old normal somewhat. Many changes I will keep up. We were eating out too much. We have been fortunate that our hair dresser has been open for about the last six months. I just stopped by for a cut Thursday and she was telling me how much business she has lost. She can't win for losing about masks, Some stopped coming because she demanded masks, others left when she relaxed her rules. Hopefully in the coming months we will see things return to normal.

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**RACHNACH**

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**SHAKERATTLEROLL**

oh some changes are good indeed and yet some changes are sad to see. Thank you ofr reminding me about tipping for deliveries, grocery baggers, and so many other.

May your day be a Blessed day

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**HOLLYM48**

It is so interesting how our lives have changed due to the pandemic. I think there are many silver linings and I keep on trying to focus on these instead of the negative! Enjoy your weekend!

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**ETHELMERZ**

Not eating out is a big change, was one way to get together with family. Now it's still masks, because we have not been vaccinated, so I cook or they cook, and we deliver. Grocery deliveries are wonderful, no buying stuff we just happen to see. The long hair business is boring though, in Texas, will have to wait another year before trusting any hair person. They are not bright here in the south!

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**PLCHAPPELL**

We adapt to what comes.

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**LIS193**

Great blog!

We moved 2 weeks before lockdown and weren't nearly as "prepared" as we would have liked, dealing with an antiquated solar power system and a generator on its last legs.. we managed and survived!

No haircut in over a tear and I went from a very short pixie to past shoulder length but I like it.

All in all it's been a good year!

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**ALIHIKES**

Love your blog about the changes during this period of time. I think my allergies are worse (not better) this year, but that's because I usually try to travel when the juniper tree pollen is in season; I live surrounded by juniper trees. But I did notice no colds or flu this season, which I am sure is due to wearing masks + social distancing.

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**NANANANA**

I can't blame Covid for my hair getting caught in my waistband. It has taken 3.75 years to get there. I also have fewer breathing problems with the mask.





My husband also bakes bread, though in the last year or so, it has been banana nut not a yeast bread.  
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**TERMITEMOM**



It is so nice to focus on POSITIVE changes! 😊  
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**HAYBURNER1969**



Lots of changes, for sure!

Funny, my allergies are worse this year. Interesting.  
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**SUSIEMT**



Changes! Isn't there a song about that? I agree I think I need a trip.  
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**JAMER123**



We are not people that go out to eat. I have been cooking for yrs. and my hubby enjoys cooking as well. We seem to find some new recipes but love sticking with the tried and true. I have done a lot more ordering rather than going to stores. Amazon has been a good go to site.  
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**OVERWORKEDJANET**

Good fix for the bathroom!



I've longer hair, better bread and a heck of a garden. Extra pounds to prove I'm a good cook. I still can't wait to hit the road.  
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**DARLENEK04**



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**BJAAGER307**



Great way to correct the contractor's mistake. I'm with you, didn't he read the blueprints. I've been doing a lot of cooking since Covid hit. I think I've cooked more now than in all my 49 years of being married. We were always on opposite shifts, he worked nights and I worked days. Until I had my son I didn't cook on a regular basis. Basically I only cooked on our day off together and a lot of the time we went out to eat.

Now I'm trying new recipes and having fun doing it. I really haven't added any new kitchen appliances, but making use of the ones I do have. Going to try my hand at making a potato and ham soup. Have too much left over ham from Easter so I have to do something with it before it spoils.

Well take care and hope you enjoy your new Kitchen Aid. My sister has a red one and she just loves it.

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