



The Whitehursts' Dry Cleaning News

The Best Dry Cleaning Ever...Or It's Free!

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Mark and Family David and Sherry

Bones, Breaks and Buckets

Sherry and I have experienced a lot of ups and downs this year. It's like we were running in an obstacle course and each time we conquered one obstacle, another was waiting for us.

First was the fire at our Greystone store in April. By itself, a disaster like this will test your character. The challenges of handling the many issues from the fire was like herding squirrels. It's hard to focus on just one target because there are so many targets needing attention.

Then I had shoulder replacement surgery in May, and I was out of commission for several weeks. This was a "voluntary" surgery that was preceded by enough pain that I often felt like staying in bed as I was weening off my arthritis medicine. The surgery was incredibly successful but only after a couple of weeks of pain as I was breaking in my new shoulder parts with physical therapy.

And then in June, Sherry took a ghastly fall on the sidewalk.

She broke her kneecap on the right leg, a bone in her left foot and the ring finger on her right hand. And if that wasn't enough (now hold your breath . . .) - she tore off the fingernail on her ring finger. As Andy Griffith would say, "Whew Miss Agnes!" On the positive side of this, maybe she'll get 10% off the cost of a manicure.

Sherry's injuries didn't require surgery. She could put weight on both legs if the pain didn't grab her. She just couldn't bend

her right knee as it was recovering. A long brace on that leg made sure she obeyed the doctor's orders. And when you can't bend your knee, it's hard to do things like getting on or off the toilet and taking a bath. Or getting uninterrupted sleep.

When my wife of 49 years went down like this, my focus immediately shifted to her. It's interesting how my priorities quickly changed.

This time has been difficult for Sherry because she is always on the go. She grew impatient wanting to go out and do things. At times I grew impatient. But as her doctor told us, you can't rush biology.

So each day I set up her office on the bed ... computer, files, extension cords and battery chargers. She was set for the day! She worked most of every day, paying bills, posting our accounting transactions and reconciling accounts. And every day, she got dressed, put on her makeup and fixed her hair - just like she was going to work.

So what did I learn from all of this?

First, when someone can't walk much, put a potty chair by their bed. That will ease a lot of stress. But more importantly, put plenty of water in the bucket. It helps!

My second lesson is directed to men. When you must shampoo your wife's hair in the shower because she can't get her bandaged finger wet and she can't bend her knee, be sure to wear a bathing suit. It won't feel quite as weird and you will avoid distractions in the shower.

When I was faced with doing a lot of the things around the house that Sherry normally handled, like the laundry, look for help. I couldn't find a spare wife to help around the house, so I turned to Champion Cleaners! The Champion Hamper program was a lifesaver for me.

I'm thankful for Mark joining Champion Cleaners almost two years ago. He kept things running smoothly.

There are plenty of people facing much worse obstacles in their lives. Carolyn, I hope you Dad is doing well.

And finally, overcoming the challenges is not always about fighting harder or being tough. It's about patience and outlasting the adversity.

We'll be just fine. Thanks to all those who helped us out with meals and prayers. They worked!



David



“Did You Know Where This Saying Came From...”

A FRIEND IN NEED IS A FRIEND INDEED



Meaning: A friend (who helps when you're) in need is a (true) friend indeed. Basically, the idea here is that when someone is going through a tough time, a true friend will be there to support them. Because they provide help in a time of need, they show themselves to be a real friend.

Origin: So, how old is this phrase? Well, the idea for it has been around for thousands of years. For example, a Roman poet named Quintus Ennius lived

in the 2nd century B.C.E., and he wrote (when translated from Latin): “A sure friend is known in unsure times.” The phrase also makes an appearance in a book by William Caxton called *The Right Pleasant and Goodly Historie of the Four Sons of Aymon*, printed around 1489: “It is sayd, that at the nede the frende is knowen.” [It is said, that at the need the friend is known.] Finally, it's worth noting that the Oxford Dictionary of Quotations says the phrase has existed since the 11th century.

CHIP ON YOUR SHOULDER

Meaning: A ‘chip on your shoulder’ is a perceived grievance or sense of inferiority.

Origin: This phrase is reported as originating with the nineteenth century U.S. practice of spoiling for a fight by carrying a chip of wood on one's shoulder, daring others to knock it off. The first such record by an English author doesn't seem to be until the 1930s in fact, in Somerset Maugham's *Gentleman in the Parlour*: “He was a man with a chip on his shoulder. Everyone seemed in a conspiracy to slight or injure him.”



CLEANING WHITE SNEAKERS

White sneakers look great when they're new. But they can get dirty quickly and don't look so new anymore.

Here are the steps to making those white sneakers look great again:

1. Add some baking soda to a bowl of water and add a few drops of dish soap. Add a dash of hydrogen peroxide.
2. Mix the ingredients together with a toothbrush
3. Scrub the upper leather and tongue with the toothbrush
4. Wipe the upper leather part with a paper towel or a clean, terry cloth towel
5. Dampen a cotton ball with nail polish remover and scrub those rubbery midsoles (the layer below the leather uppers and the sole)
6. Use a disposable razor to remove piling around the collar
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National Aviation Day ~ August 19th

It seems hard to believe that we have been flying for just over 100 years. Orville Wright flew a self-invented aircraft named Flyer for 12 seconds on December 17, 1903. Then on November 9, 1904 Wilbur flew Flyer II for 5 minutes. The aviation age had begun. In 1909 the U.S. Government bought their first airplane, a Wright Brothers biplane

for the princely sum of \$25,000. In 1939, Franklin D. Roosevelt declared that August 19 would be considered National Aviation Day because it coincides with the birth date of Orville Wright, the first man to pilot a manned aircraft. Since that time, August 19 has been set aside as the day we celebrate the history and development of aviation.





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Beside the normal stuff, we also clean:

- Wedding Gowns
- Area Rug Cleaning
- Suedes and Leathers
- Purses, luggage and backpacks
- Ugg Boots

And we do...

1. We are a Certified Wedding Gown Specialist
2. We are part of the Certified Restoration Drycleaning Network (CRDN) - We handle textile and electronics restoration due to damage from smoke, fire, water and mold.
3. Home and office dry cleaning pickup and delivery
4. Wash Dry & Fold service - including Champion Hamper service

Decorative flourish

Corny Silly Jokes!

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do prisoners use to talk to one another? Cell phones. • A cheese factory exploded in France. All that was left was de Brie. • Did you know about the kidnapping at kindergarten? She woke up. • When is the best time to see your dentist? Tooth hurt-y. • Where did you learn how to make ice cream? At sundae school. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have you heard that there's a new restaurant on the moon? It has great food, but zero atmosphere. • What do you call a horse that likes to moves around all the time? Unstable. • What do you call a husk of rabbits that are walking backwards? A receding hare line. • Why do ghosts like taking the elevator? Because it lifts their spirit.
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Decorative flourish

Time To Do This...

- Organize three small areas in your home
- Plan your fall calendar
- Run dehumidifier in basement
- Hire someone to reseed your lawn in September
- Backwash pool filter
- Trim shrubs, bushes and hedges
- Back to school shopping
- Budget
- Plan Birthdays
- Plan Labor Day Weekend
- Plan final summer vacation