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Mark and Family David and Sherry

Getting to PERFECT

It was a year ago that I had an idea of throwing a big celebration for our 50th anniversary on June 27, 2020. I wanted to make our anniversary celebration **PERFECT**.

We didn't have a big wedding back in 1970. And the reception following the wedding was even smaller. No music. No fancy food or drink. Everyone just walked next door to the church fellowship hall, mixed and mingled a little and we were done. The menu consisted of mixed nuts, mints, wedding cake, and punch on that day in 1970.

I talked to Sherry about having a big party inviting friends and family. The venue would be a wonderful place, we would have an exciting menu and the crowning selection would be a band playing songs from our early years together. Sherry was a little surprised at the scope of my ideas, but she went along with the notion. We will hire an event planner to handle many of the details. The planner would guide us. I wanted everything to be **PERFECT**.

But guess what? The coronavirus hit in March, venues shut down, and uncertainly made almost everything impossible to plan. Would life move beyond the lockdown by June 27? Would people feel safe gathering together? How could we socially distance at this event?

So, like most graduations, weddings and funerals, our celebration was no longer possible.

Life began to reopen a bit in May, but we were still facing the likelihood that we could spread the virus and our guests would not feel comfortable in this gathering. Sherry and I understood the concerns and gave up on the big party idea.

But as I look back on the weeks leading up to June 27, 2020, someone was looking out for us.

Our first granddaughter, Anna Beth, had her birthday on June 26 (we had known that date for 18 years). But her high school graduation had been rescheduled for June 27 just a few weeks before. If we had kept

that date for any type of anniversary celebration, Scott, Jeni, and their kids would not have been able to attend our event. And Sherry and I wouldn't have been able to celebrate Anna Beth's birthday and graduation with her.

That would have been major disappointments for us.

As it turned out, we all met at Scott's home in Fairhope Friday through Sunday. Mark and Jana and their kids joined the celebrations. A birthday dinner on Friday night and graduation on Saturday night. Our kids hosted us for a brunch at the Fairhope Inn on Sunday to celebrate our anniversary.

Sometimes things are just meant to be different from your plan. Things like this make me realize that you can't control everything in life.

As it turned out, everything - all the celebrations that weekend - were **PERFECT!** And that was my goal all along.

David



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

BREAK THE ICE



Meaning: To commence a project or initiate a friendship.

Origin: Before the days of trains or cars, port cities that thrived on trade suffered during the winter because frozen rivers prevented commercial ships from

entering the city. Small ships known as “icebreakers” would rescue the icebound ships by breaking the ice and creating a path for them to follow. Before any type of business arrangement today, it is now customary “break the ice” before beginning a project.

DON'T THROW THE BABY OUT WITH THE BATHWATER



Meaning: Hang on to valuable things when getting rid of unnecessary things.

Origin: During the 1500's, most people bathed once a year. Even when they did bathe, the entire family used the same tubful of water. The man of the house

bathed first, followed by other males, then females, and finally the babies. You can imagine how thick and cloudy the water became by that time, so the infants' mothers had to take care not to throw them out with the bathwater when they emptied the tub.

CLEANING YOUR GRILL

The “experts” on grilling say you should clean your grill after each use by doing the following:

- Heat the grill in high for at least 15 minutes. Fragments of food will carbonize.
- Scrape the grates while your grill is still hot using an effective scraper.
- Mop the grates with a paper towel coated with canola oil using tongs to keep from burning yourself. This helps season the grates and reduces sticking for the next time out.

Depending on the type of grill you use, that are other tasks to address, like emptying the drip pan on gas grills and brushing out the bricks and ash after it cools to prevent the buildup from blocking the grill vents or causing flare ups.

If you are using a grill brush with metal bristles, I suggest you get rid of it immediately. These bristles will break off over time. If they get in your food, you can experience major internal problems that aren't always easy to resolve.



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Are You Using Too Much Soap?

The biggest problem new appliance manufacturers have is that people don't understand that using more soap causes problems. This is true for both your dishwasher and your washing machine. The machines we use today are much more efficient and conserve water than the machines our parents used. As a result, we are guilty of throwing money down the drain by using too much soap. Here's a test. For a front loader, take 4 regular sized

bath towels that are clean. Run them without soap. As they are agitating, check to see if you see any soap suds. If you do, that means you are rinsing the soap from previous washings. Some people find they have to run the towels six to eight times to finally have no suds forming. Remember, soaps are much more concentrated than they used to be. Back off, save money, and the environment. Go Green!!



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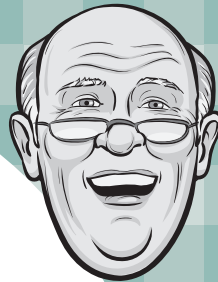
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- Purses, luggage and backpacks
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- Wash Dry & Fold

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Senior Jokes



A woman on the phone to her friend; I feel like my body has gotten totally out of shape, so I got my doctor's permission to join a fitness club and start exercising.... I decided to take an aerobics class for seniors. **I bent, twisted, gyrated, jumped up and down, and perspired for an hour. But, by the time I got my leotards on, the class was over.**

Hospital regulations require a wheelchair for patients being discharged. However, while working as a student nurse, I found one elderly gentleman--already dressed and sitting on the bed with a suitcase at his feet--who insisted he didn't need my help to leave the hospital. After a chat about rules being rules, he reluctantly let me wheel him to the elevator. On the way down I asked him if his wife was meeting him. **"I don't know,"** he said. **"She's still upstairs in the bathroom changing out of her hospital gown."**

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