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“Give Thanks For All Things”

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Happy Thanksgiving! Okay, I'm two days early with my greeting but Judy and I are at this moment enjoying the company of our children and grandchildren in WV, VA and NC who have "...gathered to together to share the Lord's blessing.." for this year's Thanksgiving holiday.

As citizens of the United States of America we have so much for which we should be thankful and hopefully we will all remember to give sincere and gracious thanks to He who gives the blessings especially the blessing of being a citizen of this great country.

Judy and I are thankful for the many friends we have made here in The Villages and we were fortunate to meet two others a couple weeks ago when we were teamed up with Dick and Jeanne (we'll call her Smitty) on the Bogart course. It seems we just can't get away from our Ohio Buckeye friends... wherever we go we run into more... and that's a good thing, even if it does go against many West Virginia traditions.

Dick and Jeanne are both graduates of THE Ohio State University and purchased a home here in 2005 but sold it and purchased a home in the Village of Largo and moved here permanently from Atlanta just seven short months ago. Both have worked in some form or fashion in the radio business, be it advertising or broadcasting which I thought was neat, with my previous experience in the business. Dick had spent some time working with NPR (National Public Radio.)

Dick is also a jazz pianist and, hopefully, the Jude and I will be able to hear him tickle the ivories sometime in the near future. Jeanne is a beginner in the golfing game but she really knows how to connect with the ball considering the wee thing that she is... 3 ft. 4"... just kidding. She does hit a good ball though and says she's going to be taking lessons in the near future because loves the game. Remember Smitty, if you get too good no one will want to play with you.

Our tee time began a little late so we didn't get to play the full nine but that's okay. Judy and I have always wanted to play night golf but we didn't think we would do it without the lighted balls, tees and fairways. However, it was total darkness when we hit our tee shot toward the 8th green... we couldn't see the actual green... and only Judy and Smitty found the green with their shots. You guys, it was great fun and we hope we can do it again....soon.

Speaking of fun... I give thanks for humor and those who have a sense of it. I also give thanks to those of you out there who send me fresh stuff to put in my articles from time to time. For instance...Did you hear about the two antennas who met on a roof top? They fell in love and got

married. The ceremony wasn't much but the reception was fantastic. Or....two cannibals were busy eating a clown and one turns to the other and says, "Did that meat taste funny to you?"

Did you know... if an invisible man marries an invisible woman their kids won't be much to look at either?

Do you know what you call a fish with no eyes? A Fsh! (I'm sorry but they don't get any better.)

Then there were these actual comments by children who attended a Catholic elementary school, with actual words and spelling used by them:

- 1- "Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree. Noah's wife was Joan of Ark. Noah built and Ark and the animals came on in pears."
- 2- "Lots wife was a pillar of salt during the day but a ball of fire during the night."
- 3- "Samson slayed the Philistines with the axe of the apostles."
- 4- "Moses died before he ever reached Canada then Joshua led the Hebrews in the battle of Geritol."
- 5- "The Seventh commandment is thou shalt not admit adultery."
- 6- "The First commandment was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple."

With winter coming on you need to remember this last one... especially if you own a kayak. Two Eskimos were sitting in their kayak and got cold so they lit a fire in the craft. To no one's surprise the boat sank. Moral of this story??? "You can't have your kayak and heat it too."

With that last gem I'll bid you adieu until I see you again next week.

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