

WINTER is still around can Spring be far away? Now is the time to bring a friend to the High Twelve meeting, so they can see why you belong! **Think membership!**



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Congratulations to our members and ladies, celebrating their Birthday, Anniversary or other Special Event in February. Don't forget to make a contribution to the Wolcott Foundation, celebrating your happy event or occasion! Some members donate \$1.00 or more for every year they have been married. Seems like a very nice gesture on their part and a great tribute to a Happy Marriage with that Special Person!

International President: Dr. Ronald W. Woods, PSP (IN)

Brothers and Ladies, The Mid-Year-Meeting in Las Vegas is now over and for the most part it was a normal meeting. However, there was much discussion about Wolcott. Most questions were that in April 30, 2015 the Wolcott IRS Report stated they had \$5,600,000 in the Foundation and in April 30, 2016 it was down to \$4,200,000 reported to IRS. No information has been given to International for the great loss of finances to the Foundation.

I feel that the Officers of Wolcott knew of that loss when in March they gave 5 Scholarships valued at an estimated \$360,000. Or perhaps they do not review the monthly Foundation Reports or do not receive monthly Foundation Reports. Surely they should have known that they did not have \$5,300,000 as was reported at the Scholarship Selection Meeting in 2016. I feel that knowledge would have made a difference.

Have you marked your calendar for June 7-11? Plan to set aside time to attend the 96th Annual Convention of High Twelve International. Plans are underway for the Convention at the Crown Plaza Hotel - Airport in Indianapolis, IN.

Among the highlights of your visit to Indianapolis are a tour of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway which includes the Museum and a 25 minute Kiss the Bricks guided lap of the track and a stop on the yard of bricks. Also on your bus tour is a tour of the magnificent Scottish Rite Cathedral where we will enjoy lunch (on your own) in the Double Eagle Cafe. You will see other sites of interest to visitors to Indianapolis - Lucas Oil Stadium, the William Henry Harrison House, the world renown Children's Museum, the Murat Temple and much more. These are just a few of the interesting visitor sites. You may want to extend your stay to take advantage of one of the many sites.

Ladies, there are activities planned for you too. Have you ever received a handmade greeting card or wished you knew how to make them? Well, you'll get a chance to have a hands-on experience making cards that you can use to send to friends and family. This is one example of events for the ladies.

God bless you for all you do. Fraternally, Dr. Ron Woods

International 2nd Vice President Joseph Santisteban, PSP (IL):

Greetings fellow High Twelvians, Welcome to a new year! Time **does** fly when you're having fun; at least it seems to for me. I've done some traveling the past few months and it's always nice to see many familiar and some new faces and enjoy some good food and great fellowship. It's also awesome to see so many of your ladies taking part in our festivities. I also think it's great to see many of our widows attending the meetings and some of the activities as well.

I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable holiday season. I spent my time

with my family in Tucson. Prior to the holidays, I had the opportunity to attend the North Central Association Convention in Des Moines, IA, along with Dr. Ron Woods, our International President. It was my first trip to that region since my old GI days. It was an enjoyable visit, making new friends and as always, enjoying good food. The food alone would have been worth the trip.

I even got a little High Twelve stuff done while on vacation. I visited with my old buddy Dave Miller, Past Arizona State President and we attended his Lodge on Thursday night before attending the Sun City West High Twelve Club meeting the next morning. I was invited to and attended the Acacia-Santa Rita High Twelve Club meeting the following Monday. We enjoyed great food and great fellowship as Masons normally do.

From Tucson, I drove to Las Vegas to attend our Mid-Year-Meeting. We had a nice turn-out, which made for a productive meeting. The main topic of discussion was the Wolcott Foundation and we may have come up with a workable course of action to address some of the concerns of our fellow High Twelvians. More to follow on this topic.

Our conference calls continue to be worthwhile and productive. We get a lot accomplished prior to our next face-to-face meeting. They seem to accomplish two items: (1) they save a lot on travel expenses, (2) it's hard for someone to miss one. I was with our International Secretary for the January one. They work well for those who live far away or cannot attend in person.

If you read the last High Twelvian, think about the four kinds of people. I want to refer to one: *Those who wonder what's happening*. These are the people who seem to be confused most of the time. They are always waiting for something, although they may not know what it is. They believe that they have no authority to do something. They expect things to be given to them.

My advice to them is simply: (1) if you don't understand something, ask for clarification, (2) if you don't like how something is done or you don't agree with how something is done, submit a change, (3) if you're just going to moan and groan and nothing else, submit your demit. This is the same advice I used to give as a WM, a DDGM, a MEGHP or an old GI. I always refer to the sign that hangs over my desk: **Lead, follow, or get the hell out of the way.**

Well, I guess that's enough for now. I encourage everyone to submit articles for our newsletters and magazine, and include a photo if possible. I hope to see many of you during my travels. Until next time, stay safe, have fun, and watch out for each other!



Brethren, a brief, but I think significant quote from Bro. Delmer D. Darrah's *The A.B.C. of Freemasonry*: It is simple, yet elegant - *The whole purpose of Freemasonry is to awaken in you the better elements of your nature and only as this is accomplished do you become valuable as a Mason and citizen.*

Fraternally and Respectfully, Joe Santisteban.

International Secretary Kevin Hokerk-Robinson, PSP (AZ):

The 2017 Mid-Year-Meeting was held on January 23, 2017 at the Orleans

Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas, NV. There were 19 members and 10 ladies registered. In the Attendee Report Packet was the usual International Officer, Financial and Business Office Reports. The reports were projected as they were reviewed. Questions were asked and answered. Under new business there were 3 proposed Bylaw Amendments; only one of which was approved to move forward to the convention dealing with pro-ration of the per-capita for the remaining months of the per capita year remaining after the 1st anniversary of the Charter presentation. The full text will be printed in the Spring High Twelvier. The meeting was adjourned for lunch as the morning coffee and donuts had worn off! After reconvening after lunch the Agenda continued on with new business and presentation of new Bylaws for the Wolcott Foundation, Inc. by the Arizona Association. A long and descriptive discussion was held on need for the changes and a bit of recent history of what has led up this action. The Governing Board approved by motion for the proposed Bylaws to move forward to the convention for a vote at the Wolcott Foundation General Membership Meeting for a vote along with, a motion to repeal the current known version(s) which was approved to move forward, a motion for all donations to be sent directly to the Wolcott Foundation Treasurer with an Email Report to the Zone Trustee was approved to move forward, a motion for the International Executive Board to insure these motions are acted upon and lastly the International Secretary to send to each Wolcott Trustee and the General Counsel a copy of the proposed Bylaws and motions by Certified Mail/Return Receipt. The Governing Board members then gave their usual Verbal Reports and the meeting was concluded. It was a busy full day for everyone, who attended.



DEADLINE for submitting input for the Spring

edition of *The High Twelvian* is **March 1st** by email or US Mail again **the dead line is 3/1/17!** **Anyone** can submit articles of interest, along with *quality pictures (as there is just so much magic I can do with PhotoShop!)* as appropriate, but please send as an attachment(s) with people identified!

Time for Club Secretaries to get your membership numbers up to date as March 31st is the basis month for the next per-capita billing cycle.

Lastly, welcome to West Hawaii High Twelve Club #781 located in Kailua Kona, HI. Thanks to PIP Jerry Saville for making hard decision to constitute the club instead of attending the 2017 Mid-Year Conference. I am guessing it probably wasn't that hard of a decision! Photo below was the attendees at the Las Vegas Mid-Year-Meeting. That's all for now! Kevin

Past International President Jerry Saville PSP (CA):

I met Most Worshipful Mike Baker, Grand Master of Hawaii, at the Grand Master's Conference of North American last February in Madison, Wisconsin. He visited our High Twelve table several times during the conference breaks and was very interested in our Masonic organization and our mission. He was looking for a way to support his Blue Lodge, the members, and his community. Several months ago he contacted International to open a Club in Kona, Hawaii with 28 charter members and a charter date of January 25.

The International President asked me to Charter, and install, the new Club named West Hawaii #781, since this initiative started on my watch. I was honored to present the #781 Charter, perform the new member induction and serve as the Installing Officer. The Masons and guests made us feel very welcome on the Island and it was indeed a special evening.

This achievement validates the value of International attending the GMC of North America every year. Where better to spread the word about this great organization than in a building full of Grand Masters!!!!!! Fraternally, Jerry Saville.



Left: Jerry Saville, PIP ~ Right: Michael P. Baker, Sr., Junior PGM HI

Note the Master's Hats on bottom left corner!

California High Twelve Association, Fresno High Twelve Club #10:

High Twelve International's founder, former minister, E. C. Wallie Wolcott, who was the YMCA's General Secretary at the time and eight of his business associates who were also Master Masons, met in Sioux City, IA, for fellowship and camaraderie and chartered the first High Twelve International club. It was Founders #1, chartered May 17, 1921. High Twelve is an organization of

Master Masons who support Masonic causes with special emphasis on youth support and patriotic events. There are over 4,000 members in over 160 clubs nationwide and in foreign countries. Although only Master Masons can join High Twelve, anyone is welcome at the meetings. A typical meeting is brief in its business, full of fellowship, and includes a program usually a speaker, on a limitless range of subjects. Some clubs have ladies at all of the meetings, while others have ladies on special occasions.

High Twelve is an association dedicated to the unification of Master Masons, independent of the formal ritual of Lodge, but dedicated to service to the fraternity. Just a few of our accomplishments have been to develop long lasting friendships, encourage and support our public school systems and participate in constructive community activities and to preserve the principles of good government based on the rights of the individual

High Twelve, which is a social extension of the Masonic experience, is so named because long ago, noon was known as High Twelve and the time to call off from labor for refreshment. Accordingly, many High Twelve clubs – but not all – meet at noon. There is no ritual; but it strongly encourages its members to be active in their lodges and their communities. High Twelve International affords valuable assistance to the Blue Lodges in whatever manner it is most needed. High Twelve International is Masonry in Action in the community where each Club holds its meetings and in the State where the several clubs are banded together in common purpose. High Twelvians adhere strictly to Masonic Law of that jurisdiction. High Twelve International's clubs combine fellowship with helping others in their quality of life pursuits, particularly young adults and youth. The club's two philanthropic objectives are youth and education, strongly supporting the Order of DeMolay, Rainbow Girls, Job's Daughters and the Wolcott Foundation that was established to provide scholarships for students at George Washington University who seek public service careers in government. Fraternaly, Jack Farson.

California High Twelve Association, Montebello High Twelve Club #422:

Charles F. Meese, Charter Member, Montebello High Twelve Club #422, Passed away Jan. 5, 2017, at the age of 95 - submitted by Donald E. Travis, Past President (1974,) Current Secretary/Treasurer. When the Club was formed in 1968, Charlie was highly involved. He served as President in 1972 and 2008. For many years he was Club Secretary and worked in many capacities, as does any member, interested in giving the Club its opportunity to do well.

He was a leader in the Junior Citizen of the Month Program where ten times a year (none during summer) a student was honored, had lunch with us, shared their bio., their hopes and expectations, took home a plaque, and their name appears on a permanent plaque at Montebello, Schurr, and Vail High Schools.

Of the five remaining charter members, Charlie, Sam Arakelian, King McPherson, Max H. Rush, Jr., and Roy Vizzini. Charlie, Sam, and Roy have been regular dues paying member.

Charlie was Secretary of Montebello Masonic Lodge #451, seven years, and after consolidation with Whittier as #323, five more years. He was keen on all the rules and was well known in making sure members followed them of the Lodge and High Twelve.

Charlie was a key member of the original Investment Committee that took the funds, sales of the Montebello and El Rancho Masonic Temples, invested them, and provided the financial success Montebello-Whittier #323 enjoys still.

As Mayor of the City of Montebello, something he liked to share with new friends, and stated it was on his watch in the early sixties that the current City Hall-Police Complex became reality.

He was actively involved in Montebello Elks Club, where he was Secretary for many years. In recent years also a member of Downey-United Masonic Lodge #220. Charlie was a college graduate, a veteran, an engineer, and a father of two daughters, Lou Ann and Patricia. Charlie's wife, Dorothy, preceded him. He chose to be buried next to her in Rose Hills, Whittier, California, instead of a Veterans Cemetery. So long our good friend, farewell!

Florida High Twelve Association, Village High Twelve Club #674:

Greetings to all! This year is going by so fast that we are waiting for the groundhog Punxsutawney Phil to let us know if winter is almost over. He didn't see his shadow, so expect six more weeks of winter. In The Villages winter never seems to get started but we really enjoy the 80 degree weather.



We welcome our newest member Bill Tanner and his Lady Jackie. Brother Bill is also the President of The Villages Shrine Club and the Rotary Club, in addition to the work he does for the different theater groups.



Pictured on the left is Entertainer Larry D, who performs several different shows from Country to Elvis. On the right, Club President Frank Charlton. The members enjoyed the performance, especially when he sang Elvis songs. Oh Yeah!

It is with great sorrow our club has lost two members to the Celestial Lodge above; Brothers Frank Bochniak and Robert Clevenger. They will both be missed by their families, friends and club members and we ask for your prayers for the families.

In accordance with the Florida State High Twelve Association approval of raising the Per Capita Fees by \$2.00 this year and next year for all clubs in

the State, we have to raise the Per Capita Fees by a total of \$4.00. Club name badges have also increased by \$4.00.

The cost for joining the club for new members will go from \$25.00 to \$30.00; and it was recommended by the Executive Board to raise the Annual Dues by \$5.00 for a total of \$30.00 per year. The membership voted to accept the raise in Dues.

Happy Days are coming in April. Reserve the date for the High Twelve Picnic on April 22nd, which will be held at the Hickory Point Pavilion at Howey-in-the-Hills, near Tavares on S.R. 19. Sign up and additional information will be provided at the March meeting.

The entertainment for the March 1st meeting will be Billie Thatcher, who stars in Musicals and Charity work in and around The Villages; and has entertained us in the past and was well received. This is a perfect time to bring a friend to the meeting and maybe we will pick up a new member. Please give it a try and see if it works. The next Executive Board Meeting will be held at my home on Tuesday, February 21st, at 2:00 PM. Yours in Faith, Frank.

Florida State Association of High Twelve Clubs News:

The Florida State Officers made a Visit Monday, January 31, 2017, to Capital City High Twelve Club, Tallahassee, Florida. Attending were the State Officers and their Ladies. The accommodations at the Quality Inn were very pleasant with a sufficient and enjoyable breakfast.

The Capital City High Twelve Club is a youthful, energetic Club that has engaged in several fundraisers to help, aid and assist their community, education and youth – the most recent - Elementary schools they have contributed to aiding teachers and students with much needed supplies for their education and future – a wonderful example of our High Twelve purpose that can be seen by the community and the good work we do.

Prepared for our enjoyment were Italian Sausages, Meatballs, Greek Recipe Potatoes and Pierogis, Salad and a delicious Chocolate Cake for dessert – many Thanks to the club and members for their hospitality during our visit!

State President Dewayne presented the Raymond Turner Membership Trophy to Capital City Club for the most new members inducted during 2016. Their meetings are held in Jackson Lodge #1, a most beautiful Masonic Lodge.

Hawthorne High Twelve Club #547:

President Bob and Lady Elaine will host its annual Ladies Night Dinner on Wednesday, February 15th, at the Lake County Shrine Club. The evening

will begin at 5:00 PM in the Palm Room. The meal will consist of Salad, Chicken or Beef entrees, and Dessert. The price will be \$10.00 per person.

We will NOT sell tickets this year, but will use the same process we use when we sign up for lunch... Elaine will be taking reservations at our next luncheon, or you can call her at 352-314-1810. If you make reservations, and do NOT cancel if you can't attend, you will be responsible for the cost of your meals.

Remember Items for The Haven House - Items of cleaning supplies, feminine hygiene products, shampoo, razors, deodorant, paper towels, toilet paper, tissues, conditioner, body wash, laundry soap/fabric softener, baby supplies, diapers, wipes, clothing, children's blankets, clothing etc.

1st Vice President Gerry Usher presented an interesting history of the different flags and their Histories. At our next meeting VP Usher has an interesting speaker from the financial industries that should be informative and helpful to all.

A Request if You Please. We do try to be diligent keeping all informed on Good of The Order for members, Ladies and friends - by E-mail and meeting announcements. Please email me or call Sunshine Lady, Jan Trudeau, so that it can be communicated to all for awareness, best wishes, thoughts, prayers, events etc.

An important Message from your Club Secretary! This is just a friendly note to remind you that your 2017 dues need to be paid by our next meeting. If you want to send me a check, made out to Hawthorne High 12, Club #547, I will send you your card. Please remember to do so. Thank You

Illinois High Twelve Association, Mattoon High Twelve Club #89:

Greetings Fellow High Twelve Members from Mattoon High Twelve Club #89. The Mattoon High Twelve Club meets every Tuesday at Noon, at Pagliacci's Restaurant, 319 Logan St., Mattoon, IL 61938. Members and guests (usually spouses) average 12 to 15 per Tuesday. Our membership stands at 25 regular members and 1 honorary member. Since our last report we continue to have speakers tell us about the goings on in our community. Even when we don't have speakers we enjoy each others company and there is never a dull Tuesday. We want to congratulate our member Don Mathieu who just got married. We wish Joette and Don all the best and still expect them to show up on Tuesdays. You may have noticed that our number of member increased by two, we are happy to welcome Brothers Steve Effner and Randy Adkins to our High Twelve family. We will be having our election of officers soon followed by an installation. We keep plugging along and hope that the New Year will bring about even better High Twelve opportunities. As always, if you are in Mattoon on Tuesday please stop by and join us for food, fun and fellowship.

High Twelve Club No. 769, Palatine, IL:

Several members are active in the Captain James A. Lovell Veteran Hospital. The Masonic volunteers distribute fresh fruit and conversation to veterans assigned to the hospitals. As the Naval Hospital is next door to the VA Hospital and it is only logical that the volunteers visit our Navy personal in their hospital wing and in the Veteran's wings. Money and manpower is available but more brothers are always needed to bring the sunlight to our veterans. You need to meet the Banana Men. There are eight to twelve men from local Lodges, who meet each Thursday morning to distribute bananas and oranges to patients on four floors at the hospitals and extended care Green Houses.

Brothers Jay Reed or Gene Pratt procure the case of bananas and oranges from a Jewel store at the most favorable cost. Brother Jay Reed is the present MSA leader of the Banana Men but in the twenty-nine year history included brothers Richard Vanderhoef and Alive Green. Our motto is **Caring for Heroes**.

Northwest High Twelve Club No. 769:

Attendance was twelve including five special guests; namely Mrs. Sandra Chapman, Mrs. Joan Rogers, Mrs. Cheryl Aronson, Mrs. Cathy Curielli, and our speaker, Brother Rich Gallles. Today's donation to the Wolcott fund was \$16 and \$12 for our other fund. Our total contribution to the Wolcott foundation Fund has reached \$196 (\$120 already submitted) with \$73 available for our other charity fund. After today's deposit, our checking balance will be \$516.05.

President John Peter Curielli introduced Brother Rich Galles, Fire Chief, Richmond Fire Department, Richmond, Illinois. Brother Galles is Chief of the Medinah Fire Department. Brother Galles talk was entitled Good Samaritan CPR and he proceeds to explain legal regulations of giving CPR and the new preferred name of CPB. CPB is now referred as Compression, Air wave, and Breath. Calling 911 is prime importance followed by Compression of 120 compressions per minute followed by insuring air waves is clear. Breath assistance is followed if possible. Time for compression application was emphasized as brain activity has the best chance for recovery if within four minutes, some brain damage if between four to six minutes, and diminished returned after six minutes. Compression performance of 120 per minute is difficult to maintain and two minute interval is recommended.

Brother Mike Rothman missed the meeting again and a get well card was signed with our pray request. Brothers John Chapman, Lou Aronson and George Rogers reviewed youth activities pending such as DeMolay. Frank Land Chapter, will have installation in Crystal Lake on February 11th at 3:30 pm. Sunshine Assembly joint official meetings will be held at Glenview Masonic Temple on March 25th at 10:00 am. Membership is encouraged to support our youth organizations with attendance. Don Van Cleave, Secretary-

Treasurer.

PA High Twelve Association, First Capital High Twelve Club #668:

Our Meeting will be held on February 27, 2017 at 12:00 Noon at the Masonic Center of York. Our speaker will be Commissioner Doug Hoke. Commissioner Hoke is a York County native graduate from West York Area High School in 1968. He received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History and Political Science from Culver Stockton College in 1972. His professional experiences include Finance, Public Relations, Personnel, Marketing, Senior Management, and a Small Business owner. Doug has served as York County Commissioner 2008-2012, 2012-2015, and is currently serving a four-year term 2016 -2019 Our Program Topic Size and Scope of York County Government Commissioner Hoke is planning to talk about the size and scope of County Government, including the prison system. He will provide statistics about the County and answer any questions about current operations and policies. FIRST CAPITAL HIGH TWELVE NEWS LET'S GET THE WORD OUT High Twelve members in 2016 our membership declines by eight members. This is a large number of member fora Club of our size. I appeal to everyone let's work to increase membership this year. Ask a Brother Mason that you know if he would like to attend a future meeting as our guest. His meal would be free. He would only loose a few hours of his time and it would give us a chance to promote our club. I have prepared a packet of information regarding our club along with an application. Be assured that your President Roger Stabley and I would follow-up with any visitor. The final count is in and we had ten members support the Wolcott Foundation with the \$100.00 contribution. William Gleaves, John Krout, John Schmitt, Sr., Earl Schaffer, Jr, Roger Stabley, Charles Jim Wilson, James Woof, Vernon Tyson, James Young. THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

UPCOMING EVENTS: St. Valentine's Day February 14, 2017, Pennsylvania Association of High Twelve Clubs 3rd Quarterly Meeting will be held on February 22, 2017. Fraternaly, Carl Belcher Secretary.

Downtown Louisville High Twelve Club #105:

On Friday January 13, 2017 the new officers were installed for the coming year. The installing officer was Tom Bevington, PIP, who travelled from Cincinnati for this special occasion.

We are hopeful of club growth in our new location at the new Kosair Shrine Temple, which is a real show place. We meet on the second Friday of each month and all guests are welcome to joins us at 11:00 A.M. for lunch and Masonic fellowship with the meeting at Noon. We invite one and all to join us and get 2017 off to a rousing start.



Our new officers are: L-R, Dr. Barry Denton, Wolcott Representative; Maurice Meador, Chaplain; Bruce Pelham, Past President; Secretary, Archie Smallwood, Past President; President, Michael McConnell; Past President; Vice-President, Tom Bevington, Past International President; Installing Officer, John A. Cauley, Past President; Treasurer, John Pickard, Past President, Masonic Representative.

Life Saving Report: Doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions: (1) **S** *Ask the individual to SMILE. (2) **T** *Ask the person to TALK and SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE (Coherently) (i.e. **Chicken Soup**) (3) **R** *Ask him or her to RAISE BOTH ARMS. If he or she has trouble with ANY ONE of these tasks, call emergency number immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher. (4) New Sign of a Stroke -----

Another 'sign' of a stroke is this: Ask the person to 'stick' out his tongue. If the tongue is 'crooked' or if it goes to one side or the other, that is also an indication of a stroke. Do your part to save a life by acting quickly!

East Valley Masonic #765: Frank Alger, PP, Club Newsletter Editor

On Saturday, January 21st AZ Association President Robert Kline installed Daniel Hinkson as Club President and the other officers. Our club meets on the 3rd Saturday of the month at Mimi's Cafe 1250 S Alma School Rd., Mesa AZ at 8:00 AM. All visiting High Twelvians are welcome!



Humor

Two friends were going on a road trip to Florida. A neighbor told them that they'd

be fine as long as they paid close attention to the road signs along the way. They'd driven 30 miles when they saw one that read, Clean Restrooms Ahead. Two months later they arrived in Florida exhausted, having used up 86 bottles of Windex, 267 rolls of paper towels, and three cases of toilet-bowl cleaner. Total restrooms cleaned: 450.

My wife and I both work, so our family eats out a lot. Recently, when we were having a rare home-cooked meal, I handed a glass to my three-year-old and told her to drink her milk. She looked at me bewildered and replied, But I didn't order milk.

A very thirsty man goes into a bar. As he's sitting down, he hears the man next to him tell the bartender, I'll have another waterloo. The bartender gives the fellow a tall, well-iced drink, then asks the newcomer what he would like to drink. Thinking the other man's drink may be a specialty of the house, he says, I'll have a waterloo, too. The bartender gives him the tall, well-iced drink and the customer takes a big drink. Hey, he says. This isn't any good. It tastes just like water! The man next to him looks at the bartender and says, Well, it is water. Right, Lou?

Late one Saturday evening, I was awakened by the ringing of my phone. In a sleepy grumpy voice I said hello. The party on the other end of the line paused for a moment before rushing breathlessly into a lengthy speech. Mom, this is Susan and I'm sorry I woke you up, but I had to call because I'm going to be a little late getting home. See, Dad's car has a flat but it's not my fault. Honest! I don't know what happened. The tire just went flat while we were inside the theater. Please don't be mad, okay? Since I don't have any daughters, I knew the person had dialed my number by mistake. I'm sorry dear, I replied, but you've reached the wrong number. I don't have a daughter named Susan. Wow, Mom, the young woman's voice replied. I didn't think you'd be this mad.

A man went to New York on a business trip. When the trip was over, he took a cab to get to the airport. The cab driver decided to have a little fun at the man's expense, so he asked, My mother had three kids, one was my brother, one was my sister, who was the third? The passenger had no idea. The driver replied, The third one was ME! The man went home to his wife and said to her, Hey honey, here's a riddle for you. My mother had three kids, one was my brother, one was my sister, who was the third one? His wife was stumped and said, I don't know, who? The man responded, Believe it or not, some cab driver in New York.

I found this timely, because today I was in a store that sells sunglasses, and only sunglasses. A young lady walks over to me and asks, What brings you

in today?

I looked at her, and said, I'm interested in buying a refrigerator. She didn't quite know how to respond.

I was thinking about how a status symbol of today is those cell phones that everyone has clipped onto their belt or purse. I can't afford one. So I'm wearing my garage door opener.

I was thinking about old age and decided that old age is when you still have something on the ball, but you are just too tired to bounce it.

I thought about making a fitness movie for folks my age and calling it 'Pumping Rust.'

When people see a cat's litter box they always say, Oh, have you got a cat? Just once I want to say, No, it's for company!

Employment application blanks always ask who is to be called in case of an emergency. I think they should write 'An ambulance.'

The older you get the tougher it is to lose weight because by then your body and your fat have gotten to be really good friends.

The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.

Did you ever notice: The Roman Numerals for forty (40) are XL.

The sole purpose of a child's middle name is so he can tell when he's really in trouble...

Did you ever notice: When you put the 2 words 'The' and 'IRS' together it spells 'Theirs...'

Aging: Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.

Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me. I want people to know 'why' I look this way. I've traveled a long way and some of the roads weren't paved.

You know you are getting old when everything either dries up or leaks.

Ah! Being young is beautiful but being old is comfortable.

Lord, keep your arm around my shoulder and your hand over my mouth.

May you always have Love to Share, Cash to Spare, And Friends who Care.

HAVE A GREAT VALENTINES DAY!



**HOW SANTA CLAUSE DELIVERS
CHRISTMAS PRESENTS IN
FLORIDA**

(Believe me, I know better than anyone else)

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