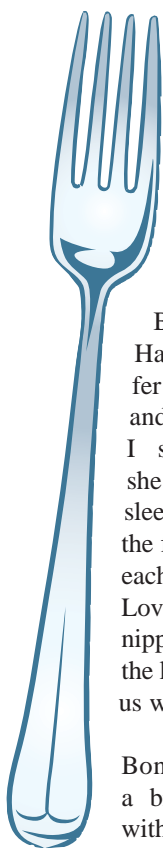


Travels with Bubba & Bonnie



I've heard February is fer lovers. February is also the month many great men were born. Well, there was George Washington, Abe Lincoln, St. Valentine, oh and Bubba too.

Bonnie took me to the Hayes Presidential Center for some exercise, around and around we walked. I should have guessed she had a surprise up her sleeve. She even accepted the fact I would steal a kiss each time we walked down Lover's Lane. It was a bit nippy but the walkin' and the kissin' managed to keep us warm.

Bonnie's surprise was a bit of nostalgia mixed with some great food. We drove into the country about

7 miles from town to a special place on State Route 590 in Lindsey-it was Ole Zims Wagon Shed.

Ole Zims is a family tradition of fine food and great service. They are open fer public dining on Sundays 11am-3pm. If you can picture a Norman Rockwell Sunday feast that is the feeling we had walkin in the door. The smell of the fresh baked Cinnamon Bread brought back a few memories.

In the past we've tried their steaks. I dunno if John & Jill raise them from calves but they are wonderful. Bonnie loves the special Sirloin Steak fer two. They have some good seafood dishes. Their chicken is sooo good- if the Colonel would have their recipe he would definitely be a General. Note if ya just want a sandwich they'll fix it fer ya too. I must mention "The Wendell". I'm not sure who it was named fer but it's a huge order of real mashed potatoes smothered in noodles served w/ a salad of your choice.

I'm sure both John and Jill train the service personnel. Our server of the day was a young woman tall enough to be a basketball player or perhaps spike the ball in a volleyball match, but she had the moves of a ballet dancer. We discovered they would serve the Family Style dinner fer two folks. We chose the 3 meat dinner. Ham, chicken, and roast beef, home made mashed potatoes (I saw Don Zimmerman peelin the potatoes) green beans, noodles that would make an Amish lady jealous, gravy, Jell-O salad, and home made pie. The only rule is "take all you want but eat all you take here". They do bring more w/o asking fer it. We took a whole pecan pie and a loaf of the special cinnamon bread home fer another meal. In fact the whole menu is available to go.

On the wall there is a sign that sez it all. "Please accept our appreciation and sincere thanks fer letting us serve you.

Sometimes in the rush of business we fail to say Thanks loud enough. You can be sure your patronage is never taken for granted. Our aim is to please & satisfy. To serve you is a real pleasure. Thanks The Zimmermans." They live it, they love it, and it shows.

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Celebrating 60 As The Start Of A New Chapter

(NAPSI)-Baby Boomers, a generation known for altering the definition of what it means to be an adult, are reaching and redefining 60.

After taking longer to grow up, have children and retire, this generation (born between 1946 and 1964) will fundamentally rethink what it means to be an older adult. Will it be more fun? More adventurous?

Celebrities turning 60 this year include Diane Keaton, Suzanne Somers, Donald Trump, Cher, Candice Bergen and Steven Spielberg and, according to Gail Sheehy, author of the best-selling book "Passages," the best may be yet to come. The future of this generation is likely to be full of some interesting surprises.

"This is a generation that has made a habit of reinventing themselves," says Sheehy, a contributing editor at Parade.

Sheehy says she enjoys the freedom of being in her 60s and feels driven to "put out the word that midlife today is a gift that keeps on giving." Earlier on in life people are bound by roles such as student, apprentice, spouse or parent. "But after 50, we can finally be truly ourselves."

What will Boomers make of life's next great challenge? For a start, most Boomers expect to continue working through their 60s and some into their 70s or beyond. This new expectation is fueled both by their desire to feel a continuing sense of purpose and social participation, and also because they must be prepared to support themselves for elongated later lives.

For some Boomers, these years are a chance to try entrepreneurship or apply their talents in the non-profit world.

Many of today's women entering the next stage of life are more feisty than fearful. Workforce participation by older women has also increased dramatically with 70 percent of all women 50 to 59 working.

How would you describe people in their 60s to 80s who are still working, still physically active, and still open to adventure? The terms "senior citizen," "old" or even "retired" hardly seem appropriate, says Sheehy, who likes to call this the "Age of Mastery."

Parade, the Harvard School of Public Health and the MetLife Foundation invite readers to name and define this period of life. The best submissions may be featured in a future issue of Parade. To learn more and send your response, visit www.parade.com.



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