



Release Your Heart Song



Diane Stanhope

Connecting you with Fragrance that will "Warm the heart, Enliven the Senses and Inspire the Soul"

For more Info.

<https://dianestanhope.scentsy.ca>



BEGIN EVERYDAY WITH A SMILE!

Volume 2, Issue 3, March, 2021

Best Divorce Letter

"Dear Wife" I'm writing you this letter to tell you that I'm leaving you forever. I've been a good man to you for seven years and I have nothing to show for it. These last two weeks have been hell. Your boss called to tell me that you quit your job today and that was the last straw. Last week, you came home and didn't even notice I had a new haircut, had cooked your favorite meal and even wore a brand new pair of silk boxers. You ate in two minutes, and went straight to sleep after watching all of your soaps. You don't tell me you love me anymore; you don't want sex or anything that connects us as husband and wife. Either you're cheating on me or you don't love me any-

more; whatever the case, I'm Gone. Your Ex-Husband

"Dear Ex-Husband" Nothing has made my day more than receiving your letter. It's true you and I have been married for seven years, although a good man is a far cry from what you've been. I watch my soaps so much because they drown out your constant whining and griping. Too bad that doesn't work. I DID notice when you got a haircut last week, but the first thing that came to mind was 'You look just like a girl!' Since my mother raised me not to say anything if you can't say something nice, I didn't comment. And when you cooked my favorite meal, you must have gotten me confused with MY SISTER, because I stopped eating pork

seven years ago. About those new silk boxers: I turned away from you because the \$49.99 price tag was still on them, and I prayed it was a coincidence that my sister had just borrowed \$50 from me that morning. After all of this, I still loved you and felt we could work it out. So when I hit the lotto for 10 million dollars, I quit my job and bought us two tickets to Jamaica. But when I got home you were gone. Everything happens for a reason I guess. I hope you have the fulfilling life you always wanted. My lawyer said that the letter you wrote ensures you won't get a dime from me. So take care. Signed, You Ex-Wife, Rich As Hell and Free!

P.S. I don't know if I ever told you this, but my sister Carla was born Carl. I hope that's not a problem!



PREPARED BY
April LaRoche

TAXSMART
30 Year's Experience
Personal to Business

NO TASK TOO LARGE!

apriltaxsmart@gmail.com
519-871-2017





Classes to Begin
March 18, 2020

Norah Deah
www.helpfromthecloud.net

4-WEEK
PATH FOR
INDIE
PUBLISHING
FOR WRITERS

130+
Books
Published

PEOPLE IN CONNECTION

Connect, Learn Grow
Website Design, Training, Support
www.peopleinconnection.com
905-387-1883

The Chatterbox

Published monthly by
Red Barn Publishing

Editor/Publisher

Liz Underhill

Advertising

Liz Underhill

Contributors

Gail Oliver

Papatoadie

Klara Kravitz

To contact

The Chatterbox News

Tel: (519) 520-2922

www.lifewithauntlizzie.com

liz@lizunderhill.com

Mailing address

St. Thomas, ON N5R 3T9

To place an ad and support
uplifting and humorous news,
please email

liz@lizunderhill.com

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR:

First of all, let me say Happy St. Patty's Day to everyone. Don't forget, the clocks go ahead March 14. Already we notice it's staying lighter longer, and my friends are telling me they are seeing crocuses and some daffodils appearing, a sure sign of spring.

No complaints here about the glorious winter we all experienced. Unbelievable.

This issue, as always, is packed with little nuggets for each of you. Klara is trying to figure out the new gadgets that have appeared in her life and Papatoadie is again giving us his version of life, with poetry. I want to take this time to thank all of our advertisers, for without them. The Chatterbox News would not be able to be published. And a big thank you goes out to our contributors of the wonderful articles we read each month. Take care...keep smiling. Liz Underhill

Freedom and Jeff

Freedom and I have been together 11 years this summer. She came in as a baby in 1998 with two broken wings. Her left wing didn't open all the way even after surgery. It was broken in four places. She's my baby.

When Freedom came in she could not stand and both wings were broken. She was emaciated and covered in lice. We made the decision to give her a chance at life, so I took her to the vet's office. From then on, I was always around her. We had her in a huge dog carrier with the top off, and it was loaded up with shredded newspaper for her to lay in. I used to sit and talk to her, urging her to live, to fight; and she would lay there looking at me with those big brown eyes. We also had to tube feed her for weeks.

This went on for 4-6 weeks, and by then she still couldn't stand. It got to the point where the decision was made to euthanize her if she couldn't stand in a week. You know you don't want to cross that line between torture and rehab, and it looked like death was winning. She was going to be put down that Friday, and I was supposed to come in on that Thursday afternoon. I didn't want to go to the center that Thursday, because I couldn't bear the thought of her being euthanized but I went anyway, and when I walked in everyone was grinning from ear to ear. I went immediately back to her cage; and there she was, standing on her own, a big beautiful eagle. She was ready to live. I was just about in tears by then. That was a very good day.

We knew she could never fly, so the director asked me to glove train her. I got her used to the glove, and then to jesses, and we started doing education programs for schools in western Washington. We wound up in the newspaper, radio (believe it or not) and some TV. Miracle Pets even did a show about us.

In the spring of 2000, I was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. I had stage three, which is not good (one major organ plus everywhere), so I wound up doing eight months of chemo. Lost the hair - the whole bit. I missed a lot of work. When I felt good enough, I would go to Sarvey and take Freedom out for walks. Freedom would also come to me in my dreams and help me fight the cancer. This happened time and time again.

Fast forward to November 2000, the day after Thanksgiving. I went in for my last check-up. I was told that if the cancer was not all gone after eight rounds of chemo, then my last option was a stem cell transplant. Anyway, they did the tests; and I had to



(Continued on Page 4)

Carbon Monoxide

The Silent Killer

Regular maintenance of fuel-burning appliances along with the

installation of a

Carbon Monoxide Detector

can save your life.

Diets and Dying

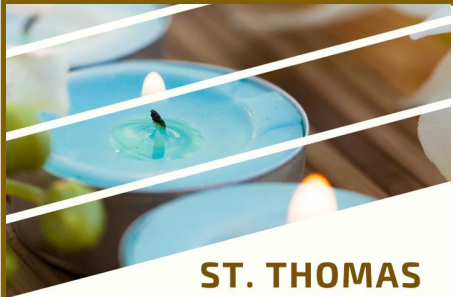
The Japanese eat very little fat and suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans.

The French eat a lot of fat and also suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans.

The Japanese drink very little red wine and suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans.

The Italians drink excessive amounts of red wine and also suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans.

CONCLUSION: Eat and drink what you like. Speaking English is apparently what kills you.



**ST. THOMAS
HYPNOTHERAPY
& MORE**

Helping Busy Women Achieve
A Less Stressed Life Through
Sacred Bliss Massage
Hypnosis

Phone: 226-289-5015

Women Who Know Their Place!

Barbara Walters of 20/20, did a story on gender roles in Kabul, Afghanistan several years before the Afghan conflict.

She noted that women customarily walked five paces behind their husbands.

She recently returned to Kabul and observed that women still walk behind their husbands. Despite the overthrow of the oppressive Taliban regime, the women now seem happy to maintain the old custom.

Ms. Walters approached one of the Afghani women and asked, "Why do

Although The Chatterbox News makes every effort to insure the accuracy of its contents, we assume no responsibility for damages due to errors or omissions. The Chatterbox News reserves the right to refuse any advertising.

Medical Bloopers

Patient was alert and unresponsive.

Rectal examination revealed a normal-size thyroid.

She stated that she had been constipated for most of her life until she got a divorce.

Happy St. Patty's Day

you now seem happy with an old custom that you once tried so desperately to change?"

The woman looked Ms. Walters straight in the eyes, and without hesitation said, "Land Mines."



A pastor goes to the dentist for a set of false teeth. The first Sunday after he gets his new teeth, he talks for only eight

minutes. The second Sunday, he talks for only ten minutes. The following Sunday, he talks for two hours and forty-eight minutes.

The congregation had to mob him to get him down from the pulpit and they asked him what happened. The Pastor

explains the first Sunday his gums hurt so bad he couldn't talk for more than 8 minutes. The second Sunday his gums hurt too much to talk for more than ten minutes. But, the third Sunday, he put his wife's teeth in by mistake and he couldn't shut up...

Gentleman's Cough Syrup. The pharmacist walks into his store to find a guy leaning heavily against a wall. He asks the clerk, "What's with that guy over there by the wall?" The clerk responds: "Well, he came in here this morning to get something for his cough. I couldn't find the cough syrup, so I have him an entire bottle

of laxative."

The pharmacist yells: "You idiot, you can't treat a cough with a laxative!"

The clerk responds, "Of course you can! Look at him he's afraid to cough."

Senior's Personal Ads

MINT CONDITION: Male, 1932, high mileage, good condition, some hair, many new parts including hip, knee, cornea, valves. Isn't in running condition, but walks well.



Soup ta Nuts Gadgetry

I am here to write about the new fangled world of gadgetry! My kids bought one of those GPS things for me for Christmas cause they figure I can't find my way to their house, and folks, I've been from then to now trying to figure the dang thing out.

First of all, I think they ought to teach that crabby gal some manners. If I don't do what she says, she keeps telling me to do it her way and if I don't she yells "When available make a legal U-turn" I've been travelling these roads all my life and I sure didn't have a nag like her to tell me where to go. Why if I want that, I have hubby Clem. I can count on him.

I don't know where they got the name GPS, probably some pretty thing. I think it should have a different name like GPSP.... "Grumpy Puss Speaks Out".

Have you ever tried to program that darn thing? The city (I don't visit there much) is fine but try to get something in the country. First you have to ask a person, what line or road they live on, what postal code, what township they live on hoping that Grumpy Puss can figure it all out and give me the information. By the time I ask people all those questions, they could have given me the directions and I could have saved myself the headache.

The problem, as I see it, is like everything else, you get used to the contraption and then the thing breaks down and you're out in some forsaken countryside and can't find your way home.; I think it is a hoax on old folks. I just know there's a purpose for all of this. Hey seniors, don't buy in to it cause when you get lost the kids will have you in a home insisting you are losing your memory cause you can't even find your way home!

If that isn't enough, the same wretched kids insisted that they buy me an iPhone. I told them it wasn't an iPhone, it was a Uphone and told them what I thought

they could do with that idea. Well, as usual, they conned me into letting them do that. Hey, I just got used to the remote on the TV and of course the 4 cordless phones and now I have this gizmo that I just touch the screen and all these little colourful creatures appear. I think they call them "apps". I think it means "Always Purposely Plaguening Seniors". There's music, weather, email, internet, and all that stuff to confuse us old folks even more. If that wasn't enough those same kids want me to join Facebook. They said I could keep in touch with them and the grandkids all the time. My oh my, well the only book I wanna face is the one by Stephen King and my old rotary dial phone cuddling in my lap after having taken an aspirin for the raging headache I have developed.



Freedom and Jeff

(Continued from page 2)

come back Monday for the results. I went in Monday, and I was told that all the cancer was gone.

So the first thing I did was get up to Sarvey and take the big girl out for a walk. It was misty and cold. I went to her flight and jessed her up, and we went out front to the top of the hill. I hadn't said a word to Freedom, but somehow she knew. She looked at me and wrapped both her wings around me to where I could feel them pressing in on my back (I was engulfed in Eagle wings), and she touched my nose with her beak and stared into my eyes, and we just stood there like that for I don't know how long. That was a magic moment. We have been soulmates ever since she came in. This is a very special bird.

On a side note, I have had people who were sick come up to us when we are out, and Freedom has some kind of hold on them. I once had a guy who was terminal come up to us and I let him hold her. His knees just about buckled and he swore he could feel her power course through his body. I have so many stories. Like that. I never forget the honour I have of being so close to such a magnificent spirit as Freedom.

**Classes to Begin
March 18, 2020**

Norah Deah
www.helpfromthecloud.net

**4-WEEK
PATH FOR
INDIE
PUBLISHING
FOR WRITERS**

**130 +
Books
Published**

**The
Computer
Tutor**

**Taking you from the
recycle bin to around
the world**

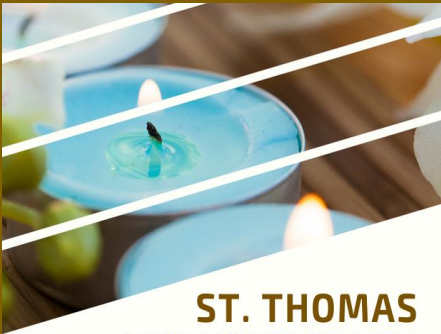
One Step At A Time

519-520-2922

Diane Stanhope

*Connecting you
with Fragrance
that will "Warm
the heart, Enliven
the Senses and
Inspire the Soul"*

For more Info.
<https://dianestanhope.scentsy.ca>



**ST. THOMAS
HYPNOTHERAPY
& MORE**

Helping Busy Women Achieve
A Less Stressed Life Through
Sacred Bliss Massage
Hypnosis

Phone: 226-289-5015



PREPARED BY
April LaRoche

TAXSMART
30 Year's Experience

Personal to Business

NO TASK TOO LARGE!


apriltaxsmart@gmail.com
519-871-2017

**IS YOUR
WOODSTOVE
SAFE?**

Inspect and clean your chimney regularly to prevent chimney fires.

Burn dry wood to reduce excessive creosote build-up.

Remove ashes safely only when cooled.



Papatoadie's Musings

Life

I live to love, and love to live,
and take one day at a time,
one foot before the other,
does help me walk the line.

A line which like the saber's edge,
is sharp and narrow along the way.
A way that's rough and hard to tread,
yet to tarry for awhile we pay,
and we must plod on and on instead.

To take whatever's offered up,
along life's narrow way.
Searching, hoping, and looking up
towards a happier day,
When each of us will smile again.
When? Not one of us can say.

For though life's road is very rough,
which not every man would choose,
for in all aspects of life,
each man must pay his dues.

But for most men it's easier
when with a loving wife,
to have and love, and hold him,
and love him all her life,
would make paying dues easier
And help him o'er his strife.

Love DM

**PODCAST COVER
ART**

TO REFLECT THE
DESIGNER IN YOU



For Your Quote:
519-520-2922

Could This Be True?

In the 1400's a law was set forth in England that a man was allowed to beat his wife with a stick no thicker than his thumb. Hence we have "the rule of thumb".

Many years ago in Scotland, a new game was invented. It was ruled "Gentlemen Only...Ladies Forbidden"...and thus, the word GOLF entered into the English language.

The first couple to be shown in bed together on primetime TV was Fred and Wilma Flintstone.

Coca-Cola was originally green.

It is impossible to lick your elbow.

The first novel ever written on a typewriter was Tom Sawyer.

Each king in a deck of playing cards represents a great king from history: Spades - King David, Hearts - Charlemagne, Clubs - Alexander The Great, Diamonds - Julius Caesar.

It was the accepted practice in Babylon 4,000 years ago that for a month after the wedding, the bride's father would supply his son-in-law with the mead he could drink. Mead is a honey beer and because their calendar was lunar based, this period was called the honey month, which we know today as the honeymoon.

Question: If you were to spell out numbers, how far would you have to go until you would find the letter 'A'?

Answer: One thousand

Question: What do bullet-proof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers and laser printer have in common?

Answer: All were invented by women.

Question: What is the only food that doesn't spoil?

Answer: Honey



Hey. I got so many emails for my predictions last month that I thought I'd put my hand (crystal ball and all) to it again.

March

If your birthday is this month, your creativity is a source of wonder to your friends. 1. I wonder how you come up with these hair-brained ideas. 2. I wonder if you live on this planet. 3. I wonder what your next scheme will be and who you'll con. 4. I wonder when you'll find new friends.

ARIES - Mar. 21—Apr. 19

Take some time away from your responsibilities to do whatever you like. Even though you're irresponsible most of the time anyway, you will deserve a break today?

TAURUS - Apr. 20—May 20

Your intuition is on target where a newcomer is concerned. They are definitely not interested in your coming on to them dressed only in knickers and a welcome newcomer wagon.

GEMINI - May 21—June 20

Your ability to achieve what you envision is one of the wonders of the Universe. But get to an optometrist quickly. The results are suggesting you are operating with severely cracked vision.

CANCER - June 21—July 22

Launch a project that will take a month or more to complete because at the snail's pace you go, anything sooner would cause your shell to explode.

LEO - July 23—Aug. 22

A clever idea could come to you this month. Good things come to those who wait, so they say. And since you've been waiting for the past 20 years. I guess you're due.

VIRGO - Aug. 23—Sept. 22

Do not rely on financial tips from friends. After all the horrible things you have pulled on them, this is their way of following the golden rule.

LIBRA - Sept. 23—Oct. 22

Resolve to make money the old fashioned way - work for it! It doesn't pay to beg, borrow or steal, and besides, if you do that, you're such a klutz you'd leave the loot and fingerprints behind.

SCORPIO—Oct. 23—Nov. 21

Postpone signing documents until you get legal advice. On second thought, nothing you sign could cost you as much as those rip-off fees lawyers charge, could it?

SAGITTARIUS - Nov. 22—Dec. 21

Good time for handling insurance and tax matters. When you find out how much the government is gouging you this year, your life insurance might be the only legacy you have left for your family.

CAPRICORN - Dec. 22—Jan. 19

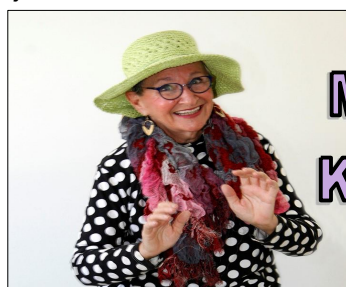
Take the high road when trying to settle a dispute. After all, you're always running from trouble and you might as well be high when you're doing it.

AQUARIUS - Jan. 20—Feb. 18

Develop your language skills. Since you got your dentures, it's difficult to understand you on the phone.

PICES - FEB. 19—Mar. 20

A friendly attitude will promote better understanding between neighbours. Flinging insults, rocks and dog doo, just doesn't cut it in 2021.



Miss
Klara



Healing a
Heart's loss

live. laugh. love again.

Offering
Grief Counselling,
Resources and Courses
for
Individuals, Families,
and Counsellors

www.healingaheartloss.com
bsaunders@healingaheartloss.com
519-637-8458



Diane Stanhope

*Connecting you
with Fragrance
that will "Warm
the heart, Enliven
the Senses and
Inspire the Soul"*

For more Info.
<https://dianestanhope.scenttsy.ca>



**WACKY World
Of Laughter**



Music
Comedy
Weddings
Anniversaries

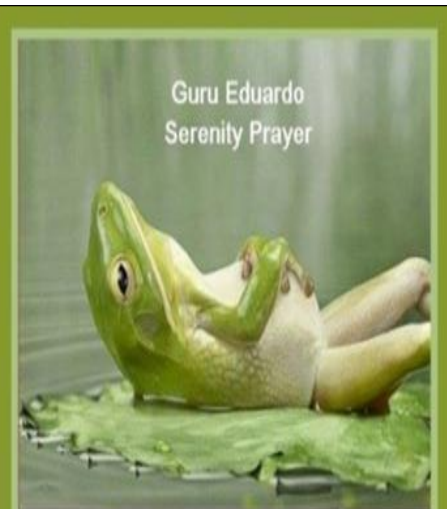


Bookings

519-520-2922

Oxymorons

1. Is it good if a vacuum really sucks?
2. Why is the third hand on the watch called the second hand?
3. If a word is misspelled in the dictionary, how would we ever know?
4. If Webster wrote the first dictionary, where did he find the words?
5. Why do we say something is out of whack? What is a "whack"?
6. Why do "slow down" and "slow up" mean the same thing?
7. Why do "fat chance" and "slim chance" mean the same thing?
8. Why do "tug" boats push their barges?
9. Why do we sing "Take Me Out To The Ball Game" when we are already there?



God grant me the wine
to make bearable what
I can't change. The
beer to make it funny
and the wisdom to
never get my knickers
in a knot because it
solves nothing and
makes me walk funny.

10. Why are they called "stands" when they are made for sitting?
11. Why is it called "after dark" when it really is "after light"?
12. Doesn't "expecting the unexpected" make the unexpected expected?
13. Why are a "wise man" and a "wise guy" opposites?
14. Why do "overlook" and "oversee" mean opposite things?
15. Why is "phonics" not spelled the way it sounds?
16. If work is so terrific, why do they have to pay you to do it?
17. If all the world is a stage, where is the audience sitting?
18. If love is blind, why is lingerie so popular?
19. If you are cross-eyed and have dyslexia, can you read all right?
20. Why is bra singular and panties plural?
21. Why do you press harder on the buttons of a remote control when you know the batteries are dead?
22. Why do we put suits in garment bags and garments in a suitcase?
23. How come abbreviated is such a long word?
24. Why do we wash bath towels? Aren't we clean when we use them?
25. Why doesn't glue stick to the inside of the bottle?
26. Why do they call it a TV set when you only have one?



Healing a
Heart's loss
live. laugh. love again.

Offering
Grief Counselling,
Resources and Courses
for
Individuals, Families,
and Counsellors

www.healingaheartloss.com
bsaunders@healingaheartloss.com
519-637-8458

Yeah For The Seniors

Senior citizens are constantly being criticized for every conceivable deficiency of the modern world, real or imaginary. We know - and we take responsibility for all we have done and do not blame others.

HOWEVER, upon reflection, we would like to point out that it was NOT the senior citizens who took:

The melody out of music,

The pride out of appearance,

The courtesy out of driving,

The romance out of love,

The commitment out of marriage,

The responsibility out of parenthood,

The togetherness out of the family,

The learning out of education,

The service out of patriotism,

The Golden Rule from rulers,

The nativity scene out of cities,

The civility out of behaviour,

The refinement out of language,

The dedication out of employment,

The prudence out of spending,

The ambition out of achievement or

The spirit of God out of government and school.

And we certainly are NOT the ones who eliminated patience and tolerance from personal relationships and interactions with others!





Paddy says to Mick, "Christmas is on a Friday this year." Mick says, "Let's hope it's not the 13th."

Paddy's in the bathroom and Murphy shouts to him. "Did you find the shampoo OK?" Paddy says, "Yes but it's for dry hair and I've just wet mine."

Paddy and Mick find three grenades, so they take them to a police station. Mick says, "What if one explodes before we get there?" Paddy: "We'll lie about it and say we found two."

The Irish have solved their fuel problems. They've imported 50 million tonnes of sand from the Arabs and are going to drill for their own oil.

Joe says to Paddy, "Close your curtains the next time you're making out

with your wife. The whole street was watching and laughing at you yesterday." Paddy says: "Well the joke's on them because I wasn't even at home yesterday."

DID YOU KNOW?

1. Smarties (not sold in the USA)
2. Crispy Crunch, Coffee Crisp (not sold in the USA)
3. The size of our football fields, one less down, and bigger balls.
4. Baseball is Canadian – 1st game June 4, 1838 – Ingersoll, ON
5. Lacrosse is Canadian.
6. Hockey is Canadian.
7. Basketball is Canadian.
8. Canada has the largest French population that never surrendered to Germany.
9. Our civil war was fought in a bar and lasted a little over an hour.
10. A Canadian invented Standard Time.
11. The Hudson's Bay Company once

owned over 10% of the earth's surface and is still around as the world's oldest company.

12. We invented ski-doo's, jet-skis, Velcro, zippers, insulin, penicillin and the telephone. Also short wave radios which save countless lives each year.

13. We have coloured money.

There comes a time when a woman just has to trust her husband, for example:

A wife comes home late at night and quietly opens the door to her bedroom.

From under the blanket she sees four legs instead of two. She reaches for a baseball bat and starts hitting the blanket as hard as she can. Once she's done, she goes to the kitchen to have a drink.

As she enters, she sees her husband there, reading a magazine.

"Hi Darling", he says, "Your parents have come to visit us, so I let them stay in our bedroom. Did you say 'hello'?"

Connect, Learn, Grow



Website Design, Training, Support
Business Networks

www.peopleinconnection.com
905-387-1883