

HAPPY TALK

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.....THAT'S SO FUNNY

- Two cannibals are eating a clown. One says to the other; “does this taste funny to you?”
- Two peanuts walk into a bar, and one was a salted.
- Two antennas met on a roof, fell in love and got married. The ceremony wasn't much, but the reception was excellent.
- A group of chess enthusiasts checked into a hotel and were standing in the lobby discussing their recent tournament victories. After about an hour the manager came out of the office and asked them to disperse. “But why?” they asked, as they moved off. “Because,” he said, “I can't stand chess-nuts boasting in an open foyer.”
- Two fish swim into a concrete wall. The one turns to the other and says, “Dam!”
- It's amazing how many people see you on TV, I did my first television show a month ago and the next day five million television sets were sold. The people who couldn't sell theirs threw them away Bob Hope



SUMMER TIME AND THE LIVING IS EASY



Is it me, or did the summer go by more quickly than usual? I don't know about your guys, but I still have a lot of stuff I want to do before summer vacation is over. Even the business world slows down during the summer, so now I'm going to have to work harder.

I hope everyone had a great summer and got to do everything they planned on doing.

I know Janice Hayes has been extremely busy, being "Super Realtor."

Jewell Fuller was sick and in the hospital, but now she is home feeling better.

I was very sad to hear that Shirley Olsen's mother died. I know all of us hope that Shirley has been surrounded by family and friends.

Dan Lewis has been fishing, fishing and then more fishing; I hope Polly likes to eat fish. Does Dan clean and cook the fish?

Melissa and Greg Thompson took Jesse to Disney World. I know this for a fact, because I saw the pictures. To be honest, after looking at the pictures I'm not sure who had the most fun, Jesse or her parents. Maybe Melissa will bring pictures to the September meeting.

Boris and Ljerka are waiting for Boris's mother to come to the U.S. As soon as the Yugoslavian (Bosnian) Government gives his mother the paper work and the "go ahead," Ljerka will go to her childhood home and escort Boris's mom back here. I can't wait to meet her! I want to hear all about Boris as a youngster, hopefully we will get some "juicy gossip." Of course Ljerka will have to translate for us.

My dog, Not So Fat So, has had a great summer. He's been to the bank numerous times, where he always gets 2 treats. He's been on many walks and even had a play date with Lola, Ljerka's and Boris's dog. He also knows when I shake my head that means no. Geez my kids should have been so easy!



VOICE MASTERS NEXT MEETING SEPTEMBER 8, 2005

Our next meeting will be Thursday, 9-8-05, starting at 7:30. My favorite Atos Man, Brandon Whitesides, will be our first guest of the year. Atos has a new prosthesis, and it's BLUE. How cool is that? I'm sure Brandon will show some of the other products that Atos carries.

It's just like it was when I was in school, I couldn't wait for the summer break, but by the time September came around I was ready to go back. It will be great to see one another and catch up on all the news.

-----*There are advantages to being President. The day after I was elected, I had my high school grades classified Top Secret.*
----- *Ronald Reagan*

BOSTON HERE WE COME!

Janice Hayes, Shirley Olson, Willard Brown, Dan Lewis and I will be in Boston for the International Association of Laryngectomees. The convention will start Wednesday night August 31st with the "meet and greet." and will end on Saturday, September 3rd with a banquet and dancing. Now you may not believe this, but Dan Lewis can "cut a rug!" He's smooth; I danced with him and didn't step on his feet once. I know Janice and Jim will be dancing along with our Dutch member, Marianne Peereboom.

There is more to the convention than food and dancing. Many people enjoy the sing-along, especially Janice Hayes. On Saturday after the delegates meeting there is a play, written by and presented by our laryngectomy actors and actresses. Many of the vendors show up with goodies, to name a few, InHealth Technologies, Atos Medical. Eagle Medical and Servox.

Then there is the Voice Institute. This is a week long course for SLPs to learn more about caring for laryngectomees and to learn how to teach the different forms of speech. Laryngectomees can also sign up for this course to be certified to help teach other Laryngectomees to speak.

This year the Voice Institute has been reorganized by Dr. Carla Gress, PhD. She has worked very hard to update all of the materials used and has added an impressive staff to help her. The most beautiful PhD I know, Dr. Caryn Melvin, will be there along with Dr. Shirley Salmon, PhD. and Mark Finrock, RRT.

There is a lot to keep everyone busy. It's wonderful to be part of a group that so is diverse, and yet so similar. Every year friendships are made and renewed.

There will be a full report from our delegates at the September meeting.

SEE YOU THERE.

CORRECTION: In the last newsletter I said Jarreld Yates was 80, but he corrected me he turned 85 in March.

