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Our greatest STRUGGLES form our greatest STRENGTHS!

Struggles, challenges, and hard times offer you much more value than any other time in your life. You can not grow without struggle.

You can not get stronger without resistance.

Think about a time in your life that may have been hard but forced you to become better.

Get grateful for the struggles and work on yourself to ensure your future has much more pleasure than pain.

I imagine if you got what you want, every time.

No struggle. No hard work. No challenges. No hard work required.

Some of will be saying... that would be great... you would be weak!

And then, when something hard comes up in your life, you would not know how to handle it, because you have never gone through anything that strengthens you.

You cannot grow without struggle.

You can not develop strength without resistance, without challenging yourself, without struggle.

Pain is your friend.

Maybe not in the moment.

But for the evolution of your soul, for the long-term benefit of you as a stronger human being, pain is your friend.

If you did not have failures... if you did not have struggles... if you did not have disappointment, you could have no strength, no courage, no compassion.

How could you?

Those qualities are made from your pain and struggle.

You were given pain because you are strong enough to handle it.

You were given this life because you are strong enough to live it.

Because you are strong enough to drive through it.

To thrive through it.

To inspire others through it.

They will look to you and say:

He did it,

She did it,

I have the strength to do it too.

You are stronger than you think.

You have survived all your challenges to this point... and you will survive whatever is coming.

But next time a struggle comes I do not want you to curse the skies.

Know that it was sent for a reason and a lesson.

It might be to make you stronger; it might be to teach you patience, it might be for you to show others your spirit, there is a reason.

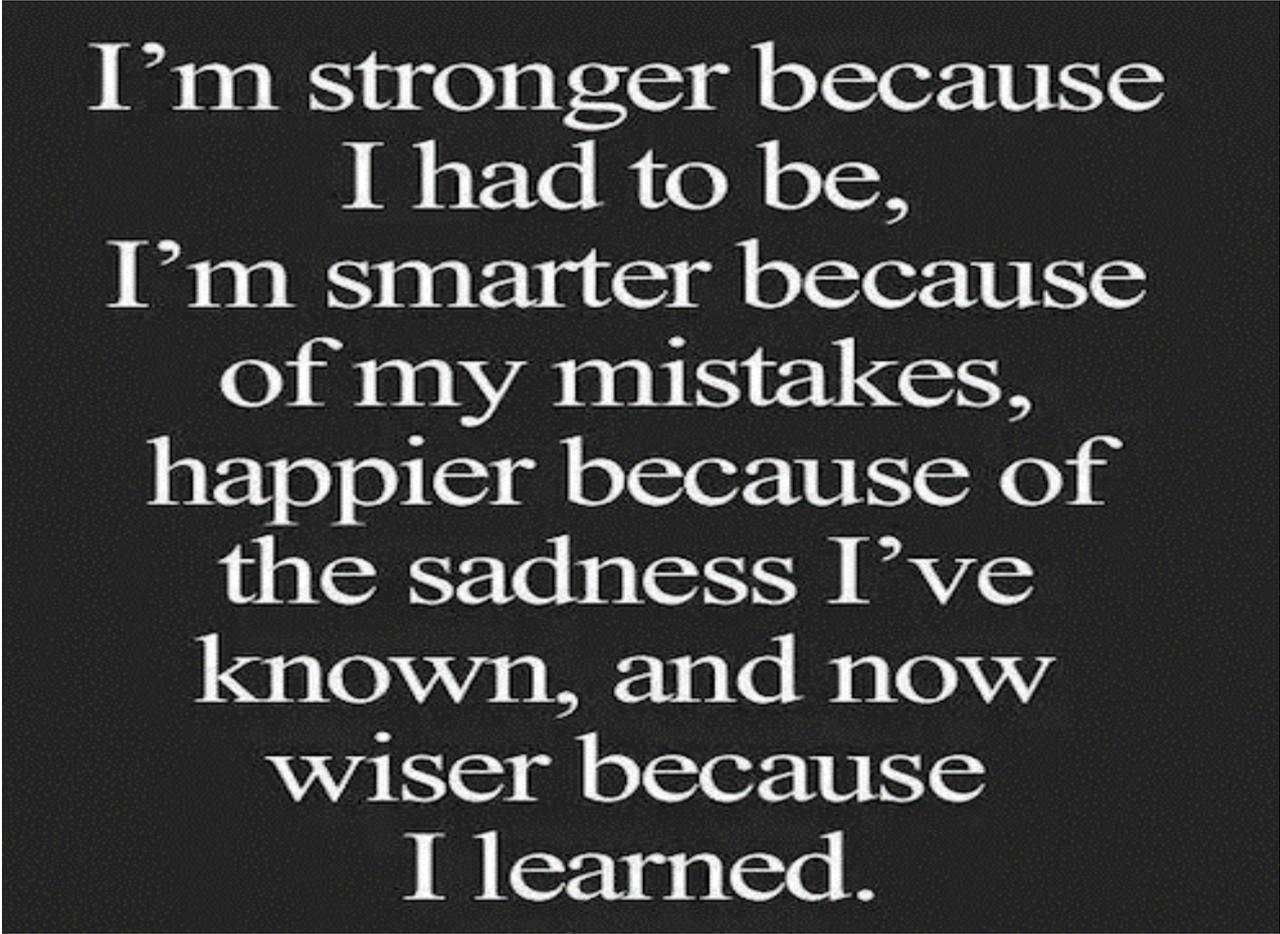
So, do not you give up.

You have a purpose in this world.

And you will only find it if you keep going and keep growing.

Have a great week,

Nuno



I'm stronger because
I had to be,
I'm smarter because
of my mistakes,
happier because of
the sadness I've
known, and now
wiser because
I learned.

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The Week that Was!



PP Joe handing out clothes and President Colin doing the same!

The Klerksdorp waste dump situated on the road to Stilfontein, has around 500 people living there in shacks. They make a living by collecting recyclable items from the wastes brought into the dump area. They are truly poorer than poor! To their joy under the leadership of PP Joe Visser we delivered this last week a large amount of clothing. With winter fast approaching this was gratefully received.



This coming week, we hope to deliver that modified Bicycles (They are now Tricycles) to Manu Dei.

There is so much to do, that we have no time to stop!

We are immensely proud that for over a year now since the state of emergency was announced with its relevant lockdown, we have managed to complete a project each and every week.

Some were bigger than others, but they all benefited our community.

Well done all!

If you cannot help 100 people, help at least one!

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Meeting Report (Leon for Lisa.)

Meeting 23 April 2021.

Attendance: 11/26 = 42,3% + 2 guests

President Colin opened the meeting and Mike Stocken **unfurled the flag and said grace.**

1. **Guests welcomed:** Michelle Strauss – host Casey.
Plankie – welcome as always
2. **Birthdays:** 28th April, Madelyn Venter (happens to be my spouse)
3. **Inspiration for the day:** "If you aren't going all the way, why go at all" – Joe Namath.
4. **Announcements from our President:**
 - 4.1 April is **Maternal and Child Health** month on the rotary calendar.
 - 4.2 **Project of the year:** Education and Literacy book project.
 - 4.3 **Feedback ongoing projects:**
 - 4.3.1 Tuesday 20th April 2021, attendance of the JPO String quartet performance at NWU – most enjoyable evening.
 - 4.3.2 Wednesday 21st April 2021, delivered clothes at Klerksdorp landfill dump site.
 - 4.3.3 Chelmsford Mildway club in the UK has agreed to an 18-month partnership with our internet container project.
 - 4.3.4 District grant: Bikes have been converted by George to trike configuration; will arrange for date of delivery at Manu-Dei.
 - 4.4 **Club information:**
 - 4.4.1 Monday 19th April 2021, Cheryl, Chris, and Theo visited the Ikageng police station to pursue the possibility of establishing a family crisis centre.
 - 4.4.2 Feedback from Cheryl: They were very welcomed and there are definitely prospects to continue with this project.
 - 4.4.3 Cheryl reported that they welcomed "care kits" but do not prefer blankets at this stage.
 - 4.4.4 "It is not about what we perceive others need, but what they really need".
 - 4.5 **Rotary billboards erected** at entrance roads from Leemhuis Street to our clubhouse – go and have a look, very visible and spectacular!
 - 4.6 Request to send through ongoing projects to Nuno for inclusion in the weekly newsletter, including photos.
 - 4.7 Need to **finalise "Friends of Rotary"**.
 - 4.8 We need to tell our story, be visible – exposure for the club.
 - 4.9 **Dress code** for club meetings on Friday: Dark blue Rotary shirt (visit Liefie Day to obtain shirt) – take note, severe penalty for those not adhering to this protocol!
 - 4.10 **Sergeant: Casey**

- 4.10.1 Fining members for various mishaps and mischiefs, e.g. not doing their duties, contributions, cell phone rings during the meeting, etc.
- 4.10.2 Len for having warm beers in the fridge – that is serious!
- 5. Wine draw: Won by Joe Visser
- 6. Closure: Mike Stocken recited the **four-way test** and Pres. Colin closed the meeting.
 - 6.1 Fellowship ensued!

Satellite Club (Chris)

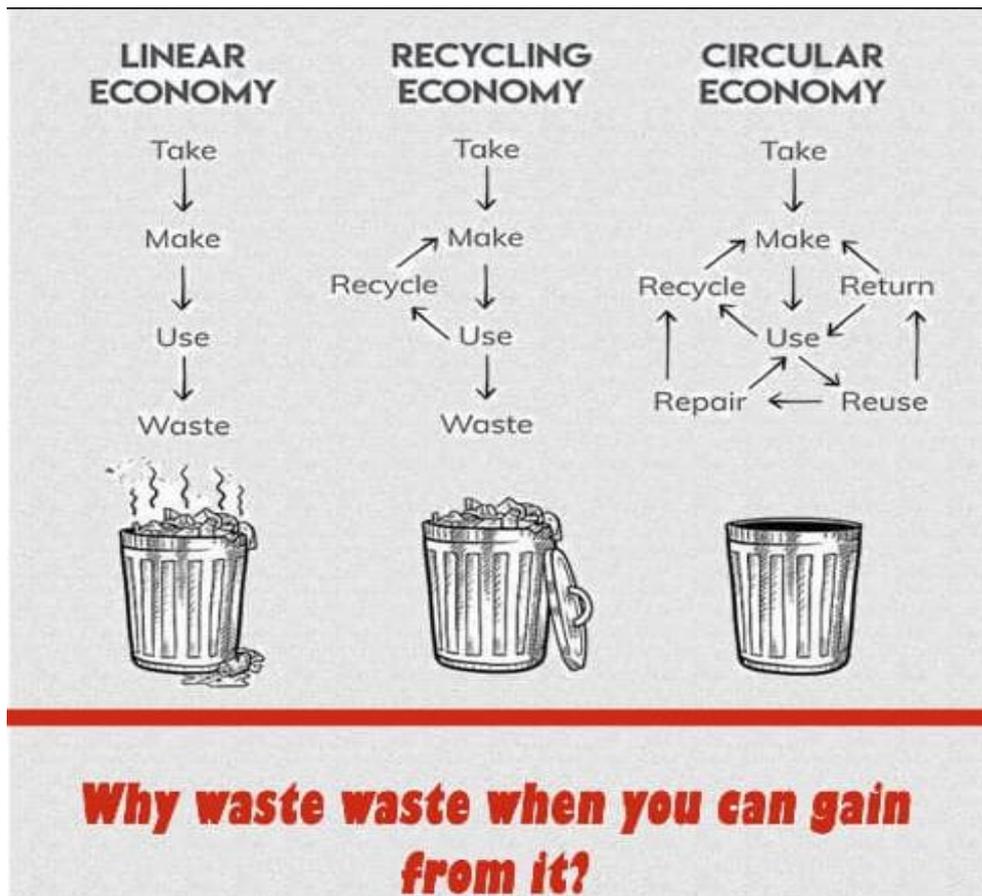
Majoie has advised that the next meeting will be 10th May at River Café (next to Potch Dam) meeting ID and password. will be supplied for Zoom joiners. Four possible new members have been identified. A Maxi is being planned at Lekwena for the 15th or 22nd May.

<p><u>RTHDAYS:</u> <u>April</u> Marchelle Moolman 8th Madelyn Venter 28th Happy, Happy!!!!</p>	<p><u>Famous Quote 109</u> “Good friends, good books, and a sleepy conscience: this is the ideal life.” Mark Twain</p>	<p><u>ANNIVERSARIES:</u> <u>April</u> Joe and Liefie 10th Hans Jurie and Marchelle 20th Madelyn Venter 28th Congratulations!</p>
<p><u>Famous Quote 110</u> “If you want to live a happy life, tie it to a goal, not to people or things.” Albert Einstein</p>		<p><u>Famous Quote 111</u> “Life isn’t about getting and having; it’s about giving and being.” Kevin Kruse</p>
<p><u>Membership Drive</u> Let 's recruit new members that share our vision and purpose</p>	<p><u>Famous Quote 112</u> “Love the life you live. Live the life you love.” Bob Marley</p>	

**“Be strong; things will get better.
It might be stormy now, but rain doesn't last forever.”**

Duty ROSTER

Date	Friday, 30 April, 2021	Friday, 07 May, 2021
Time	13h00	13h00
Front Desk	Doris Visser	Joe Visser
Flag/Grace Fines 4-Way Test	Leon Venter	Doris Visser
Meet. Report	Mike Stocken	Leon Venter
Contribution	Lisa Stander	Mike Stocken
Sergeant	Cheryl Katz	Lisa Stander
Thank Speaker	Casey Sounes	Cheryl Katz
SPEAKER	T.B.A.	T.B.A.
NOTES:		



Think about it! It is part of our 7th Avenue of Service starting July 1, 2021!

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Contribution (Nuno for Cheryl)

Obituary for Common Sense

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved friend: Common Sense.

He lived a long life but died from a broken heart (technically: cardiac arrest).

No one knows for sure how old he was since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape.

He selflessly devoted his life to service in homes, schools, businesses and yes, even in the government helping people have rewarding lives, and getting jobs done while minimizing fanfare and foolishness.

He will be remembered as having cultivated such valued lessons as to know when to come in from the rain, why the early bird gets the worm, that life isn't always fair, and maybe it was my fault.

Common Sense lived by simple and sound financial policies: Don't spend more than you earn, Waste not want not, A penny saved is a penny earned, and so forth.

Mr. Sense was a tireless advocate for what used to be (in the old days) sage advice, like: Those who don't learn from history are doomed to repeat it, Two wrongs don't make a right, and Actions speak louder than words.

He was also big on promoting effective parenting strategies like the adults are in charge (not the kids), and the three R's (Responsibility, Respect, and Resourcefulness) are the most important lessons to be taught children.

In his day Team Selection actually had try-outs, and not everyone made the team.

Those who did not had to learn to deal with disappointment.

I imagine that!

Some students were not as smart as others, so they received poor grades.

Horrors!

And the idea of a parent bailing him out if he broke the law was unheard of.

They actually sided with the law!

Common Sense survived such cultural and educational trends as body piercing, new math, and instant messaging.

For decades, petty rules, silly laws and frivolous lawsuits held little impact on him.

But his health started to decline when he became infected with the widespread Do anything, just for the sake of doing something virus.

And in later years his subsequently compromised immune system proved no match for the ravages of rampant irrational regulations.

For instance, his health rapidly deteriorated when schools implemented and then mindlessly administered numerous zero tolerance policies: a six year old boy was charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate, a teenager was suspended for taking a swig of mouthwash after lunch, and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student.

It declined even further when schools had to get parental consent to administer aspirin to a female student but could not inform a parent when the same student was pregnant or wanted an abortion.

And to make sure that they were part of the problem, parents attacked teachers for doing the job they themselves failed to do in disciplining their unruly children.

Common Sense started losing the will to live as the Ten Commandments became contraband, churches became businesses, criminals received better treatment than their victims, and judges stuck their noses in everything from Boy Scouts to professional sports.

Common Sense took a beating when he could not defend himself from a burglar in his own home, as the burglar could have sued him for assault.

Then there was a woman who could not grasp the concept that a steaming cup of coffee was hot and was awarded a huge settlement for her own careless small spill on her lap.

And smokers who indulged in three packs a day for 40 years, surprisingly got lung cancer, and then sued the tobacco company.

Hearing these and similar other sad stories caused Common Sense severe distress.

As the end neared, Common Sense drifted in and out of consciousness, but was inadvisably kept informed of new irrational energy related regulations, like Renewable Portfolio Standards.

When he was subsequently informed that "environmental" organizations like the Sierra Club were behind this profound pillaging of the environment Common Sense died of sudden cardiac arrest.

Mr. Sense was preceded in death by his parents: Truth and Trust, his wife: Discretion, his daughter: Responsibility; and his two sons: Diligence and Reason.

He is survived by three stepbrothers: Whatsinit Forme, I know Myrights, and I ma Victim.

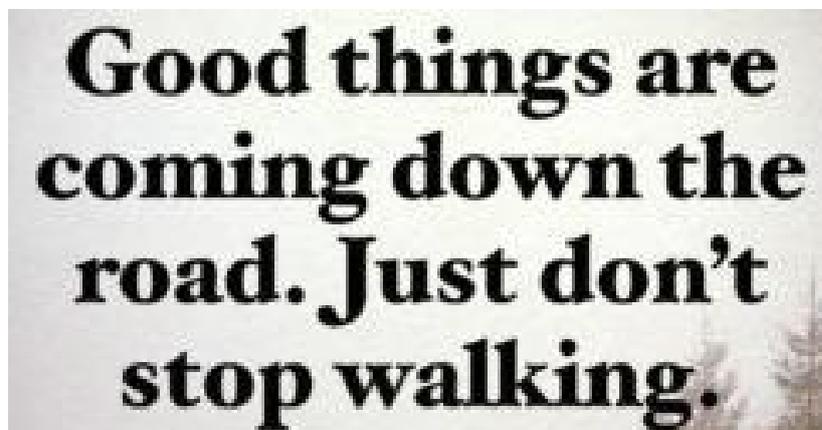
Not many attended his funeral because, so few realized he had departed.

It was not covered by the media, no doubt due to their guilt about their complacency in bringing about his demise.

If you still remember Common Sense, please pass this on.

If not, join the majority and do nothing.

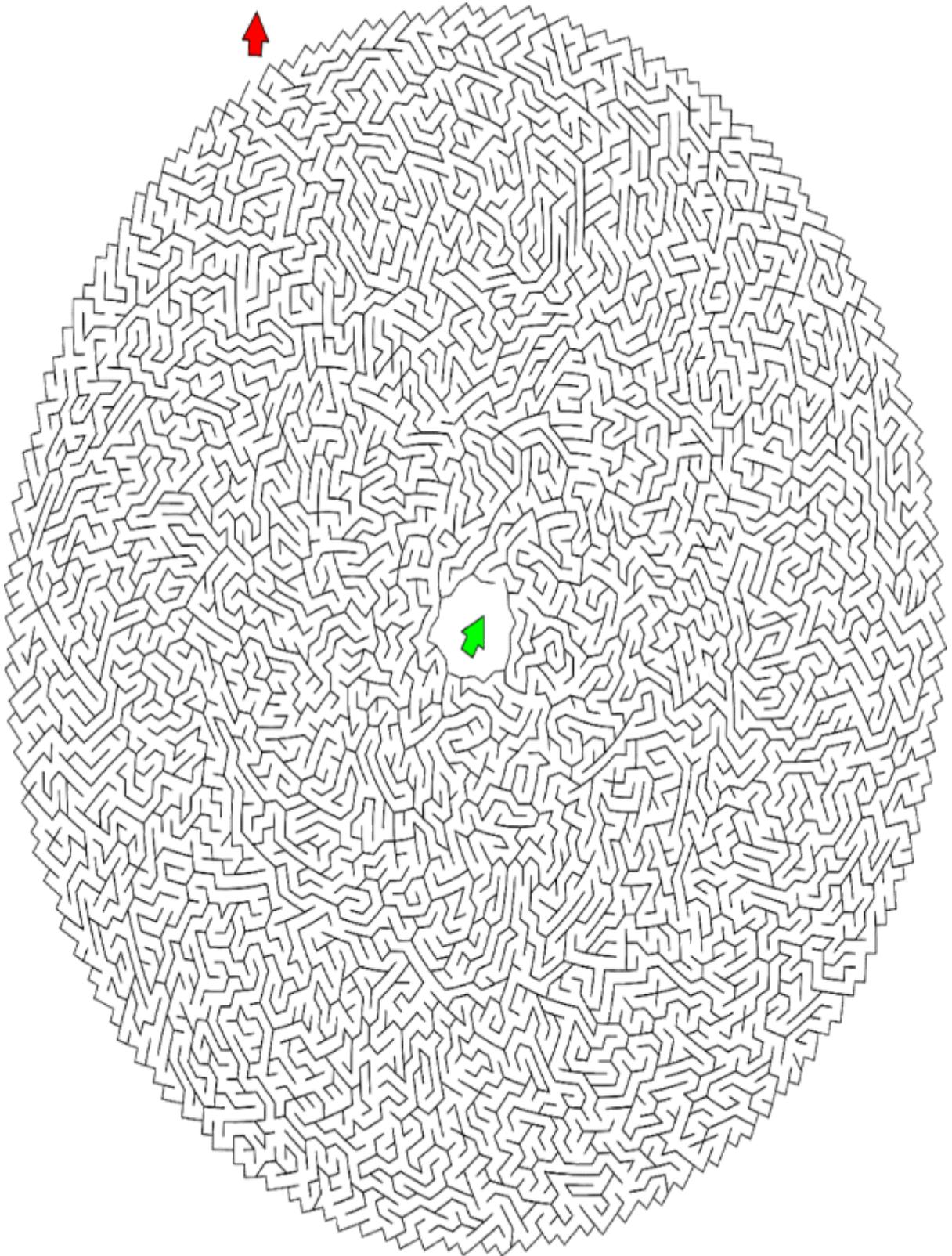
(Maybe, like Mark Twain, we will be lucky enough to find that the reports of his death were greatly exaggerated.)



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Maze of the Week



Not too easy Len!

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RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Chicken Lemon Stew



This is my grandmother's recipe for "Fricassé de Frango" which has been enjoyed in our house for many many years!

It is dead easy to make and start to table in 50 minutes!

Try it!

Ingredients:

- 8 bone-in chicken thighs. (It is best with thighs, but you can use a mix of all chicken cuts; Mostly I use thighs and legs)
- 1 Large onion, finely chopped (or two medium onions)
- 2 to 3 Garlic cloves finely chopped.
- 1 Cup organic chicken stock.
- 1 glass Dry White wine.
- Juice of two large lemons or three medium lemons.
- 4 Egg yolks
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste.
- 3 to 4 Tbsp. Extra virgin Olive oil.
- Finely chopped parsley.

Method:

- 1- Fry onion and garlic in olive oil over medium heat until onion is translucent.
- 2- Add the chicken thighs and brown slowly.
- 3- Add Chicken stock and white wine and bring to boil.
- 4- Cook covered slowly for about 30 minutes.
- 5- While chicken is cooking, separate the eggs and stir in the lemon juice. (Keep the whites for a meringue if you wish!)
- 6- Remove chicken from pot and keep aside.
- 7- Add egg and lemon mix and mix into the stock and cook slowly until it thickens.
- 8- If the sauce is too thin thicken it with some Maizena.
- 9- Add the chicken to the sauce and let it simmer for 10 minutes.
- 10- Sprinkle the chopped parsley over the dish and serve immediately with white rice and a tomato salad.
- 11- Enjoy!

Notes: 1- Sometimes Granny used to add diced carrots to the chicken as a twist, but I prefer it plain as above.

2- The above times were for store-bought free-range chicken.

If you have your own chickens they will need to be cooked longer.

In that case double up on the chicken stock and wine and cook the chicken for between 1½ to 2 hours.

Backyard chickens are of course far tastier!

ONE LINERS

945. I just burned 2,000 calories. That is the last time I leave biscuits in the oven while I nap.

946. Atheists do not solve exponential equations because they do not believe in higher powers.

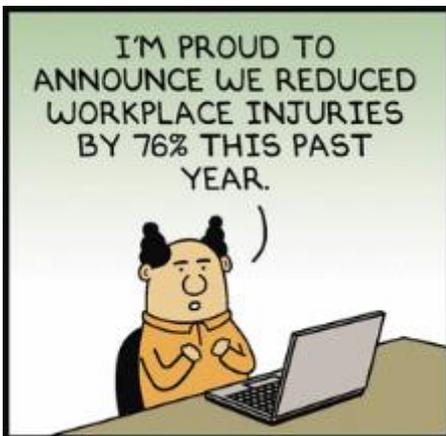
947. The adjective for metal is metallic, but not so for iron which is ironic.

948. Claustrophobic people are more productive thinking out of the box.

The Four Way Test

Of the things we think, say, or do.

- 1. Is it the TRUTH?**
- 2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?**
- 3. Will it build GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?**
- Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?**



It does not matter how slowly you go as long as you do not stop.

Confucius

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