

The Lion's Roar

Fair Grove Lions Club

"We Serve"

March 2011



Life Between The "Dash"

I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend. He referred to the dates on her tombstone from the beginning...to the end.

He noted that first came her date of birth and spoke the following date with tears, but he said what mattered most of all was the "dash" between those years.

For that dash represents all the time that she spent alive on earth... and now only those who loved her know what that little line is worth.

For it matters not, how much we own; the cars...the house...the cash, what matters is how we live and love and how we spend our "dash".

So think about this long and hard...are there things you'd like to change? For you never know how much time is left, that can still be rearranged.

If we could just slow down enough to consider what's true and real, and always try to understand the way other people feel.

And be less quick to anger, and show appreciation more and love the people in our lives like we've never loved before.

If we treat each other with respect, and more often wear a smile...remembering that this special "dash" might only last a little while.

So, when your eulogy's being read with your life's actions to rehash...would you be proud of the things they say about how you spent your "dash"?

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Special Edition: In Loving Memory of Dixie McAdams

Our dear fellow Lion Dixie McAdams was promoted to Heaven on Sunday, February 27, 2011, to be with the Lion of Judah - - Jesus Christ - - her Savior and Lord. While this thought comforts us and gives us strength, our sudden and shocking loss as a club is difficult to bear.

Dixie was such a pivotal part of our Lion family and her absence will be clearly felt – that radiant smile, exuberant spirit, infectious laughter, fierce determination, tireless effort, dig-in-and-do attitude and, above all, her warm and loving friendship.

It's important that we allow ourselves time to grieve. One thing is for certain. In the midst of our grief, Dixie would want us to go on, fight the good fight of faith, and run the race until our own course is finished. The poem in the sidebar was read at her funeral. I chose to reprint it here for each of us to have as an encouraging reference now and then. When we're sad, discouraged or disheartened. . . when we feel like giving up . . . when it's hard to muster the energy to make the effort to do good and help others.

In the doing and the helping, we'll find, comes the healing balm that will help us through even the most difficult of days. Above and beyond that, it was what we were created for and the only way we can truly be fulfilled in this life. Ephesians 2:10 was also read at her service: "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them." We were created for -- made specifically for -- the good works that God has prepared for us. It is in the DNA of our nature to do the good works He has prepared for us.

As we carry on, may Dixie's example and her passionate commitment continue to inspire us each to do what we have been created for by God. We've often heard it said by employer's that no one is irreplaceable, everyone is expendable. In God's eyes, each of us is irreplaceable. There was only one Dixie Chipman McAdams. Who she was, her significance to her family, friends, the countless lives she touched and what she accomplished can never be duplicated. And neither can anyone replace you or me. Let's renew and employ that same fierce determination to do the good that God has called each one of us to in loving memory and honor of Lion Dixie.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Lions	8	9	10 Bingo! 6:30 p.m.	11	12
13	14 Lions	15 Steak Dinner	16	17	18	19
20	21 Lions	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 Lions					

*Lion Dixie McAdams
 (1941 – 2011)*



Live Simply



Love Generously

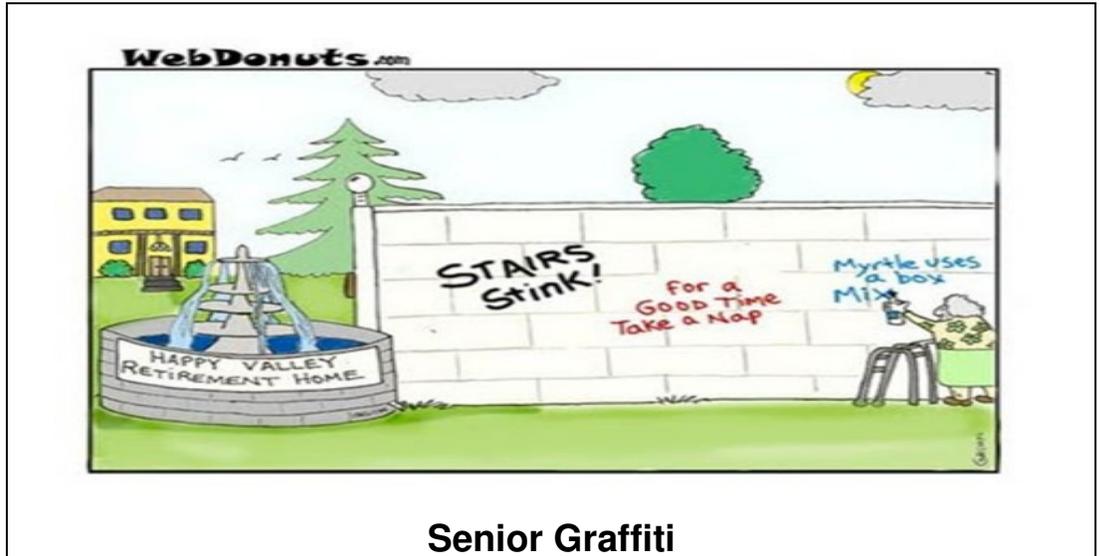


Care Deeply



Speak Kindly

Dixie knew that laughter was a good medicine. So, in loving memory of her wonderful sense of humor:



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