

Steel Magnolias

Breast Cancer Support Group, Inc.

Magnolias are Celebrating

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Attitude of Gratitude

Ask most any woman who endured surgery, whether lumpectomy or mastectomy, chemo treatments, radiation, possible loss of hair and sometimes fingernails, loss of appetite, and nagging nausea, and sometimes out right tossing of ones toe nails, and you will find someone who is alive in a way known only to those who have faced their own mortality.

Gratitude is an attitude, a feeling of thanksgiving for everything in life. Steel Magnolias have learned to be thankful for the very hardship we work to help women learn to, if possible, prevent. We would not wish the suffering on anyone but we would like for everyone to know the joy that has come from our suffering.

Before breast cancer, we all had a kind of innocence in that we lived our lives free, of the reality of our personal mortality. Since being diagnosed, we treasure each day as a gift to be relished and

lived to the fullest. Having faced what we thought to be our death sentence, knowing full well that it was the beginning of the end for many beautiful women, some that were Steel Magnolias, we don't want to squander a moment.

God placed each of us in this world for a purpose. For many of us, breast cancer revealed that purpose and gave us the passion to make that calling a reality. A calling is never for the benefit of the one called, but a mission that seeks to help restore HOPE to those around us who are hurting.

Be joyful always; pray continually; giving thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. Do not put out the Spirit's fire. 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-19

Breast Cancer Awareness Month is a time, set aside, to focus attention on the importance of early detection. Because the majority of women diagnosed with early stage breast cancer go on

to live normal lives, it was reported this week that breast cancer survivors past forty, diagnosed with early stage breast cancer, can now buy insurance at the rate paid by the non diagnosed population. This in itself tells how effective is the message of early detection.

Pink Ribbon Ball

At about 5 p.m., Prentiss and I got to the Anniston Country Club parking lot. As we walked to the entrance, I could see Marti's beautiful gown and just outside the door, the Steel Magnolias' sign, on an easel. Just inside the lobby, Kay Hogue had beautifully arranged candles to memorialize Steel Magnolias whose battle is over. As we entered the main lobby, we were greeted by mannequins, donned in the beautiful gowns, that were worn in the Miss America pageants, by the ever beautiful, Teresa Cheatham Stricklin. Throughout the Club mannequins displayed beautiful dresses from: Prom Headquarters,



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Alexander's Main Event, Designers Samples, J. C. Penney's, Marti Warren, Louise Kughn, and Jo Ann Taylor. Marti's Antique Jewelry sparkled on tables as well as the necks of the mannequins. Evans' Flowers filled formal shoes with beautiful pink carnations. Yvonne Booth, owner of Evans, Florist had also contributed gorgeous flower arrangements that made the event even more beautiful.

The tables were absolutely perfect, as we would expect when decorated by Steel Magnolias, guided by Jo Ann Taylor's creative genius. Each table was

graced by beautiful little mannequins, made by Marti, dressed and adorned with lovely pearls and rhinestones from Marti's workshop.

At a time of the year when all of nature is winding down for the, soon to come, cool weather, Steel Magnolias are reaching their zenith. When summer flowers are wilting, Steel Magnolias are in full bloom! Nothing the evening of October 1, at the Anniston Country Club could match the beautiful glow of the Steel Magnolias. As beautiful as was their shimmering accessories, nothing complimented these beautiful Magnolias like the handsome man by each of their sides. Now I have to tell you that we had a good many beauties who came without a companion and they were breathtaking! Jo Ann Taylor's daughter, Laura and granddaughter, Courtney were exquisite.

After we had time for mingling and photography, it was time to eat! The chef at the Anniston Country Club prepared a feast for the Pink Ribbon Ball: New York strip, Grilled Chicken, Lasagna, Twice Baked Potatoes, Wild Rice, Broccoli with Cheese Sauce, Green Bean Almondine, Tossed Salad, Sliced Fruit and Desert. As we enjoyed this wonderful meal, Sundance began the evening's performance.

I think Jo Ann Taylor was the first person to reach the dance floor, followed closely by many dancers. When everyone relaxed and began to have a good time, we had Steel Magnolias doing the: Electric Slide, Jitterbug, Bop, as well as our much needed slow dances. All in all, it was an evening to remember. As Gail Tuck put it, "I think this might be the single best idea we've ever had!" Speaking of Ms. Gail, she was a vision in that red dress. We had to look at the healing scar on the back of her neck to believe that this beauty had recently had neck surgery.

We could not have worked with a better group of people than Sandra Lawson and the entire staff at the Country Club. We hope to make the Pink Ribbon Ball an annual fund raiser for the North Central Alabama Affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Foundation. Thank you Dr Tony Bolton for allowing Steel Magnolias the privileges of your sponsorship.

I Wear A Pink Ribbon

A silent killer with no face.
A thief within the night.
A constant battle for my life
A bitter, evil fight.

The scars remind me of the day
It knocked at my soul's door
It tried to rob me of my strength
It left me on the floor.

To survive, I had to sacrifice
My breast and even my hair.
It showed no pity as it snatched
These things without a care.

I started to give up my fight
I felt I could take no more.
Then God reached down and
Gently picked me up off the floor.

He wiped my face and blew my nose
Just like my mama use to do.
He said, "Don't cry my child
For I have things in store for you.

I did not bring you all this way
To leave you high and dry.
I love you and you are my child,
So hold your head up high.

There is nothing I cannot fix,
No pain I can't erase.
Have faith and know that I am here
There is nothing you can't face!

So then I threw my hands up high
And gave God all his praise!
For my soul has been uplifted
And my SPIRIT has been raised!

I'll fight this fight with cancer
And I know I will be fine.
For God said it and I know it's true,
That VICTORY is mine!!

By Kimberly R. Harris

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HOPE

For most women diagnosed with breast cancer, ours is a journey through a valley and not a destination. Kim Harris, after a 6 year battle, went to live with her God. Dr. Al B. Weir, M.D., 2002-2003 president of the Christian Medical Association and an oncologist at The West Clinic in Memphis, Tennessee, sent, to me, a signed copy of his book, "When Your Doctor Has Bad News." In this book, Dr. Weir, who believes in fighting cancer with every means available, reminds us that, at some point in time, we will all leave this life. This is not news to anyone, but the cancer patient has his or her own mortality pushed into their faces. Faith in a living and loving God is an anchor that holds us in this life and the life to come. As is recorded in the book of Job:

I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth.
And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God;
I myself will see him with my own eyes—I and not another.
Job: 19: 25-27

Pontotoc Reunion

Friday, September 16, Prentiss and I made our way to Pontotoc, MS, for the Washington's of Pontotoc yearly reunion. Pauline Washington, a relative, formerly unknown to me, spent better than fifty years researching the Washington family who moved from Virginia to Pontotoc in the mid 1800's. She told her oncologist, Dr. Weir about Steel Magnolias and he asked to know more about us. When he learned that I was to be at the reunion, he sent a copy of his book to me. I am very grateful to Dr. Weir and to Pauline, who is a patient of Dr. Weir, fighting colon cancer. I'm about half through Dr. Weir's book and recommend it to anyone looking for a deeper understanding of the difficult questions we have when diagnosed with a life threatening illness.

When Prentiss and I left for home on the evening of the 17th, I understood more about my family and it gave me a sense of being connected and part of something much bigger than I'd ever known. Thank you Pauline for so many years dedicated to learning and recording the genealogy of this very large family of which I belong.

Connection

Just as I was made to feel more complete by learning of the people who a history with me; people living with serious illness are made to feel less burdened when the struggle is shared with those who, before them, experienced the same difficult journey .

In the past few weeks, I have been truly blessed by having wonderful, caring people in the medical community give inspirational reading material. Dr. Wesley Smith, MD, mine and Prentiss' general surgeon, told me months ago that he had a book for me. A couple of weeks ago, in the mail, I received the little book, "HOPE LIVES!" Dr. Smith included a note: "Lenora, I hope you find this useful. Keep up the GOOD WORK." Wes.

I have read most of this inspirational book of testimonies from women who are living with breast cancer. Breast cancer survivors have different yet very similar stories. The author, Margit Esser Porter, penned one that could have come from me: "I believe that long after we are gone from this planet our work continues in the presence of those who carry us in their memories. At any rally, walk, run, or fundraising event for breast cancer you will see in the faces of the families and friends of women who have had the disease, a determination to raise awareness about breast cancer and the hope for a cure. For every husband, life partner, child, sibling, partner, and friend who raises his or her voice, there is the presence of a woman who can no longer speak. In an effort to eradicate breast cancer, those who speak out remind us that HOPE LIVES!" Margit, age 39, diagnosed 1995

Larry Baker

Larry Baker, who in July 2004, lost his beautiful wife, 48 year old, Del Baker, nine months after diagnosis, to breast cancer, was at our September meeting. Larry came by to pick up tickets to the Pink Ribbon Ball. When he saw that we were being interviewed by Brandy Warren, a reporter for the Anniston Star, he stayed and participated in our dialog. It was wonderful to hear Larry talk of encouraging all the women in his life, his nieces, cousins and friends about getting their mammograms and not ignoring anything they felt in the way of a lump or discomfort in their breast or underarm. He told us about one relative who found her cancer at a very early stage and is considered now

to be cancer free.

Steel Magnolias Meeting

We had a record crowd for the September Steel Magnolias meeting. Our meeting started with the welcoming of guests and a brief testimony from each about their battle with cancer.

Following was a beautiful memorial service led by Chaplain Wilson. The memorial was started with the lighting of a candle to represent the life of Pam Fox. Chaplain Wilson started by reading a poem written by Lenora W. Johnson.

Seasons of Life

*Oh, Life! So full, so rich, so sweet;
From which there is but one retreat.
So like the seasons of the year;
You bring laughter, sadness, joy and fear.*

*Oh, Spring of life! So rich and pure;
Reaching out with your beckoning lure.
Walk among the trees and calm brooks of life;
Where gentle winds erase all sadness and strife.*

*Come sit in the sunshine of a sultry day;
As life moves to summer, with fickleness and play.
Like waves of the ocean that roar and break;
Youth walks tall, and spirited, and brave.*

*Shadows are gathering across endless skies;
As Autumn approaches and Summer dies.
Like the parching of leaves in a cool dry breeze;
Life replaces youth with wisdom that old eyes see.*

*Oh! The darkness of a winter's night;
So like the retreat of a person's short life.
Stealing the Spring, the Summer, the Fall;
To leave only darkness, without recall.*

*No sound of singing or drum and fife
To announce the abandon of mortal life.
Just the bidding of our risen King,
"Come my child, spend eternity with me."
By Lenora Washington Johnson*

Chaplain Wilson described the personality of Pam Fox, who was our researcher, and did an amazing job. Steel Magnolias then told stories of their interaction with Pam. Judy Beam told about how Pam continued, right up to the end, making improvements to her home . Pam was a unique personality and she will be

missed by each of us. Chaplain Wilson closed Pam's memorial service by having us sing a verse of "Amazing Grace."

*Amazing Grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me,
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind but now I see.*

Following Pam's memorial, Chaplain Wilson led us in prayer for those on our prayer list:

Gail, recovering from neck surgery	Clarence & Patricia, Facing more bone marrow transplant
Friends and family of Pam Fox	Pokey, Has been diagnosed with chronic leukemia
Gloria, Continue in prayers & praise	Doris, Has maxed out on chemo, hold her in prayer
Robbie, Bone marrow not making blood	Judy, Undergoing chemotherapy
Rita, Continuing treatments	Johnny, Chronic leukemia
Jane, Continuing treatments	Sam, light stroke, breast lumps
Nancy, Recently diagnosed	Linda, undergoing chemotherapy
Tammy, Bilateral Mastectomy Oct. 31	Carol Nova, Upcoming breast cancer surgery
Chaplain Wilson, Continues PT	2005 goals, and events of Steel Magnolias
Wanda, TRAM Reconstruction	Juanita, Undergoing chemo treatments

Following prayer, the meeting was turned over to Anniston Star Reporter, Brandy Warren. The ladies of Steel Magnolias had written one paragraph about how they found their lump, by self exam or by mammogram and how they were affected, mentally, and emotionally when diagnosed with breast cancer. Those were collected and Brandy proceeded with her questions for the Steel Magnolias. Some of the Magnolias were like volcanoes, eager to tell their stories, others listened. We were so pleased to have Larry Baker involved with this interview. He has truly become a voice for his beautiful Dell, who can no longer speak.

Our memorial service and interview session was so lengthy that we simply took care of sign-up sheets for the Quintard Mall Bake and Jewelry sale, the Steel Magnolias play in Heflin, and filled out our applications for the Jacksonville Medical center walk for Breast Cancer, then adjourned to our fellowship.

There was so much really goooooood!! food at our buffet table that we really enjoyed a feast.

Lee National Denim Day

Monday, October 3, Chaplain Jim Wilson, called and asked if Steel Magnolias could help RMC from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with a Susan G. Komen fund raiser. He said that they needed two Magnolias on Tues, Wed. and Thurs. Gail Tuck and Kay Hogue worked on Tuesday, Marti Warren and Jo Ann Taylor worked on Wednesday and Sigrith Berth and I worked on Thursday. We each shared a table with a Regional Medical Center employee, and sold \$5 tickets to R.M.C. employees, giving them the right to wear jeans to work on Friday. Available also were, "In Honor Of" and "In Memory Of" notes whose names will be included in the RMC newsletter. At the end of Thursday about \$600 had been raised for the Komen Foundation.

Benefit Opens Awareness Month

The Sunday, October 1, coverage of the Steel Magnolias' Pink Ribbon Ball at the Anniston Country Club, was beautiful! Thank you Crystal Jarvis, Star Staff Writer.

Coming Out of the Dark

The Sunday, October 9, Anniston Star, article on breast cancer and our Steel Magnolias Support Group, was outstanding. Brandy Warren is a gifted writer and she did a great deal of research to write such an informational as well as moving article about breast cancer. She treated the subject of breast cancer and those of us who are survivors in a tender and thoughtful way.

Tuesday, October 11, I sent this E-mail: Hi Brandy, You did an exceptional job on the article about the Steel Magnolias and breast cancer! Thank you! The Anniston Star needs to count their blessings and make it worth it for you and Crystal Jarvis to stay at the Star. My children were so pleased with the way you started the article and I think the use

of my picture in the wild sunflowers, shown in contrast with the mammogram, was brilliant. Thanks again for such an excellent job. Lenora

Reply: Lenora, I'm so happy that you enjoyed the article. The executive editor, Troy Turner, said while he was out and about on Sunday, he heard a lot of people talking about the story and breast cancer in general. It was wonderful to get to spend so much time with women like you and Marti. I appreciate all of you being so open with me about what you'd been through. I think that type of openness really brings the issue home for readers. Let me know if there's ever anything I can do for you or Steel Magnolias.

Since the Sunday article on breast cancer and Steel Magnolias, we have been contacted by a number of uninsured women who have found lumps in their breast. We are grateful to the Anniston Star for raising awareness to the need for early detection.

Alabama Traveler

Janet Reese and Marti Warren were special guests, Monday October 10 on TV 24, Alabama Traveler, anchored by Janet's son, Eddie Reese. A caller phoned in and said that Eddie had added class to his show with the two "Silver Foxes." Janet and Marti did a great job, not only helping Eddie place special priced coupons but in getting the message out that no-one has to be alone when making their way through breast cancer treatments. They also did a great job of letting the public know about the Steel Magnolias' October schedule of events, especially our jewelry and bake sale.

WJBX Radio Interview

This report was filed by Steel Magnolia, Judy Berger of Southside: On Friday, Oct. 14, at 9:30 a.m., I was a guest on the "Mike Hooks show." I was interviewed about breast cancer and many aspects of treatment and prevention. At the very end of the interview, we spoke about the Steel Magnolias Breast cancer Support Group, what we do and about getting information on our web-site. I hope I was able to help someone. *Judy Berger*

Bake and Jewelry Sale

There seemed to be fewer people in Quintard Mall on Saturday than there have been on previous week-ends. However, Steel Magnolias had a wonderful day and we raised much needed funds for the important ministry of early detection and support. When Prentiss and I arrived, Marti Warren, Ina Rooks, Gloria Woosley and Eleanor Henderson were already busy, setting up the tables of jewelry. Eleanor's cakes were on the table as well as trays of Ina's fried apple pies and

Gloria's Challah bread and Mr. Woosley's home-made donuts. Prentiss bought eight fried apple pies, Gloria bought two, a mall supervisor bought thirteen, and mall employees bought one each plus a couple of packages of donuts. These employees returned to buy all but one pack of donuts, which by some quick grabbing, I was able to buy. By the time the public was allowed in the Quintard Mall, there were no donuts or fried apple pies. I guess we are going to have to provide assistants to the Woosley home in West Anniston and the Rooks home in Delta, ration the donuts and apple pies or find some great cooks who can help supply our demand!

We had beautiful Halloween cookies, chocolate chip cookies, wedding cookies and fudge brownies. The variety of cakes was amazing, Red Velvet, Carrot, Humming Bird, Blackberry Wine, Fresh Orange, Blueberry Muffin, Chocolate Cream, Yellow and White with Chocolate frosting, Coconut, Yellow and Chocolate Pound, as well as Pecan Pies. Thank you Faye Self for bringing the Coconut cake and working all afternoon.

Angel With A Tray

I want to give special tribute to a dear friend and a faithful supporter of Steel Magnolias. Pat Adams, who has been bringing sunshine as well as trays of tea, coffee, and food orders at Shoney's of Oxford for over thirty years, has retired. This precious woman who made our breakfast visits feel like a home coming, baked for the Steel Magnolias' Saturday October 15, bake sale. Her daughter bought her Chocolate Cream Cake before anyone else had a chance to even see it. One of Pat's co-workers at Shoney's said if she had known the cake was there, she would have bought it, that anything Pat makes is good! Pat also, with the help of her grandson, made two boxes of wedding cookies. They were gone in no time flat! Pat, we love you and thank you for being such a wonderful, caring lady.

Besides Prentiss' apple pies and my one pack of donuts, I bought Kay's fresh orange cake. Prentiss eats a piece of cake and chases it with fried apple pie. It is a good thing that Steel Magnolias has only two bake sales a year!

Jewelry

It was about 2:30 before I had a chance to check out the jewelry tables, but from the bake sale, I could see that they had shoppers on all sides of their tables. We had an especially good selection of jewelry for this sale. Over the past year, many pieces of beautiful antique jewelry have been contributed to the Steel Magnolias Group. Janet Reese and Marti Rogers who have been helping with RAJ sales for years, worked the jewelry sales table all day.

Many Steel Magnolias worked both the jewelry and bake sale, after all we are sisters who work for a common cause. Receipts for our 9:00 am to 5:00 p.m. sale: Bake-\$583....Jewelry-\$1,316, after taxes, Total \$1,899.

Race For The Cure

The North Central Alabama Affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, celebrated the 14th Annual Birmingham Race for the Cure on Saturday, Oct. 15, at Barber Motorsports Park. There were 10,000, plus in attendance, at this new location, just east of Birmingham, off I-20, at the Leeds Exit.

Upon returning from the Race for the Cure, **Nancy Burnell filed the following story** about the Steel Magnolias team : On Saturday, October 15, a van full of Steel Magnolias, spouses and supporters, left Oxford to participate in the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Walk. Those attending were: Team Captain, Pam Bussey, and husband, Paul; Sarah Stinson and husband, Charlie; Jo Ann Taylor; Mary Webb; Nancy Burnell; Paula Shipman; Tony Hamm; Joey Carlisle and Anthony Cleveland. Our team was in agreement, "The Pink Ribbon Walk, and the Releasing of Doves were ceremonies that moved many of us to tears." Before returning to Calhoun County, the Steel Magnolias team ate lunch at the Ark. **None of us won a prize, however, we went, we walked, we won, as a survivor we are all winners! Van was provided by Kathy Evans, owner of Tri-County Outreach. We sincerely thank our sister Magnolia, Kathy Evans, for once again providing transportation for Steel Magnolias, including driver and fuel!**

Steel Magnolias contribution to the 2005 Race for the Cure came out of much hard work by the Steel Magnolias Team and breaks down as follows: Denise McCullers, who works in Rainbow City, \$1200; Pink Ribbon Ball, \$2000; Donated on line, \$225; Ina Rooks' fried apple pies and daughter, Sherri Rooks' jewelry, sold at Cheaha Arts and Crafts, \$200, for a total contribution to the North Central AL Affiliate of \$3,625.

Mark Your Calendars

Thursday October 20: Steel Magnolias Board Meeting, Tyler Center Deli, 5:30 p.m.

**Saturday, October 22: Walk for Breast Cancer, Public Square, Jacksonville, AL, 9:00 a.m.
Call Ashley for info. (256) 782-4366 \$10 registration**

**Tuesday, October 25, Ladies Night Out, Anniston Meeting Center, Doors Open 5:30 p.m.
For tickets: Jane (256) 236-1500; Penney at Dr. Ingram's office (236) 435 2180
Bobby at Surgical Clinic (256) 237-1624 Survivors \$15, Others \$25**

**Friday, October 28 & Saturday, October 29, Steel Magnolias Play, Old Heflin High School, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, October 30, Steel Magnolias Play, Old Heflin High School, 2:00 p.m.
For Tickets: Call Heflin City Hall (256) 463-2290 Adults \$10, Students \$5
(Steel Magnolias Breast Cancer Support Group, Inc., will serve as Ushers)**

Jo Ann, Here Goes!

Bloopers From Church Bulletins and Pulpit Announcements

Bertha Belch, a missionary from Africa, will be speaking tonight at Calvary Methodist. Come hear Bertha Belch all the way from Africa.—— **Ladies**, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Don't forget your husbands.—— **The peacemaking** meeting scheduled for today has been canceled due to a conflict.—— **Don't let** worry kill you off...let the church help.—— **For those** of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.—— **Next Thursday** will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.—— **Barbara** remains in the hospital and needs blood donors for transfusions. She is also having trouble sleeping and requests tapes of Pastor Jack's sermons.—— **Irving Benson** and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that started in their school days.—— **At the** evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice.—— **The Scouts** are saving aluminum cans, bottles, and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will go to cripple children.—— **Please make** your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.

Square Meal

Do you know why bales of hay are no longer round?.....The cows couldn't get a square meal.

It Was Just A Tap!

A passenger in a taxi leaned over to ask the driver a question and tapped him on the shoulder. The driver screamed, lost control of the cab, nearly hitting a bus, drove up over the curb, and stopped just inches from a large plate glass window. For a few moments everything was silent in the cab, and then the still shaking driver said, "I'm sorry but you scared the daylights out of me." The frightened passenger apologized to the driver and said he didn't realize a mere tap on the shoulder could frighten him so much. The driver replied, "No, no, I'm sorry, it's entirely my fault. Today is my first day driving a cab. I've been driving a hearse for the last 25 years."

Now that the Steel Magnolias Newsletter can be read on line <steelmagnoliasinc.org> we will be mailing letters only to those who do not have a computer. If you do not have a computer, please mail a card to Steel Magnolias, P.O. Box 36, Jacksonville, AL 36265

Wife's Cat

A man hated his wife's cat and he decided to get rid of it. He drove 20 blocks away from home and dropped the cat there. The cat was already walking up the driveway when he approached his home. The next day he decided to drop the cat 40 blocks away but the same thing happened. He kept increasing the number of blocks but the cat kept coming home before him. At last he decided to drive a few mile away, turn right, then left, past a bridge, then right again and another right so on until he reached what he thought was a perfect spot and dropped the cat there. Hours later, the man calls his wife at home and asked her, "Jen, is the cat there?" "Yes, why do you ask?" answered the wife. Frustrated, the man said, "Put the cat on the phone, I am lost and need directions."

Surgery

A young boy of four was going into the hospital to have his tonsils removed. He told his playmate, "I'll be gone for a while, I have to have surgery." On the day he was admitted, his mother asked the doctor, "Could you please circumcise him while he is asleep?" The doctor agreed. The boy woke up and was very sore down there for several days. After about a week he got to see his classmate again. The playmate informed him that he was going to have his tonsils out soon. He asked him to tell him about the surgery. The little boy replied, "All I can tell you is your tonsils ain't where you think they are!"

House Call

Mrs. Jones was suddenly taken ill in the night, and a new doctor was called to the house. After a look at the patient, the doctor stepped outside the sickroom to ask Mr. Jones for a corkscrew. Given the tool, he disappeared but several minutes later was back demanding a pair of pliers. Again he disappeared into the room of the moaning patient, only to call out again, "A chisel and mallet, quick!" Mr. Jones could stand it no longer. What is her trouble, doctor?" "Don't know yet," was the reply. "I can't get my instrument bag open."