

Dear friends,

When I was coming up to my 65th birthday, I decided to celebrate a little differently; namely, by attempting a hike of one of the 14ers back in my home state of Colorado. (The 14er label comes from being at least 14,000 feet in elevation.) And, you guessed it; that turned out to be the most harrowing, difficult birthday I ever had! But, thank the Lord for His enabling mercies, I made it to the summit of Mt. Bierstadt (14,065) and really relished the achievement.



I followed up with another birthday hike the next year, making it up Mt. Quandary (14,265). However, the next year I was unable to keep up this new tradition because of both a torn meniscus and calf muscle. Those and other physical issues then kept me off the mountains for both my 68th and 69th birthdays (the latter coming just 8 weeks ago). Alas, it looked like I was forever done with that particular activity.

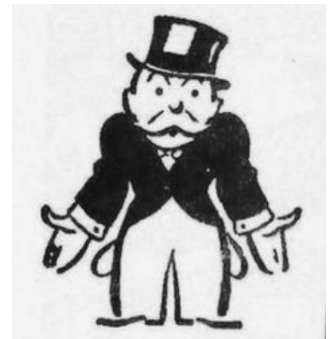
But, thank the Lord, He gave me another chance last week and despite wildfires, rainstorms, physical limitations, and certainly the toughest climb yet, I was blessed to accompany 4 friends to the top of Mt. Democrat (14,148). And so, to introduce our latest activity pages for you, I'm posting these photos.



Denny (for Claire too)

Multiple Choice Questions

- 1) The non-alcoholic drink traditionally made with ginger ale, a splash of grenadine, and garnished with a maraschino cherry is a...
 - A) Shirley Temple
 - B) Roy Rogers
 - C) Arnold Palmer
 - D) Doris Day
- 2) Duke Ellington's theme song was:
 - A) "Midnight Train to Georgia"
 - B) "Freedom Train"
 - C) "Take the A Train"
 - D) "Cannonball Blues"
- 3) "Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost." What is this brief hymn normally called?
 - A) The "Our Father"
 - B) The Doxology
 - C) The Shema
 - D) The Torah
- 4) Where in the world is Mount Whitney, elevation 14,505 feet?
 - A) Wyoming
 - B) Colorado
 - C) Utah
 - D) California
- 5) Who "stole from the rich to give to the poor?"
 - A) The Three Musketeers
 - B) Don Quixote
 - C) Robin Hood
 - D) Sir Lancelot
- 6) Johnny Cash and June Carter "got married in a fever, hotter than a pepper sprout" and then they started talking about moving to this Mississippi town "ever since the fire went out."
 - A) Biloxi
 - B) Jackson
 - C) Tupelo
 - D) Gulfport
- 7) A person studying etymology would most likely be interested in...
 - A) Insects
 - B) Fossils
 - C) Egyptian pyramids
 - D) Old dictionaries
- 8) In what classic Hollywood film did we hear this line – "Here's looking at you, kid."
 - A) *Casablanca*
 - B) *The Godfather*
 - C) *Stagecoach*
 - D) *The Maltese Falcon*
- 9) The ancient Greek storyteller whose animal fables always included a pithy moral at their conclusion was:
 - A) Socrates
 - B) Hippocrates
 - C) Aesop
 - D) Pericles
- 10) From what famous board game does this character come from?
 - A) *Clue*
 - B) *Monopoly*
 - C) *Chutes and Ladders*
 - D) *The Game of Life*



11) Which of these popular singers was once part of The Pied Pipers?

- A) Jo Stafford
- B) Lena Horne
- C) Dinah Shore
- D) Julie London

12) What movie character threatened Dorothy with "I'll get you, my pretty, and your little dog too!"

- A) The Big Bad Wolf
- B) Cruella de Vil
- C) Captain Hook
- D) The Wicked Witch of the West

13) This outstanding athlete became the first Native American to win a gold medal for the United States:

- A) Helen Twelvetrees
- B) Jim Thorpe
- C) Maria Tallchief
- D) Jay Silverheels

14) How was Shirley Temple transported take to a candy shop "where bonbons play on the sunny beach of peppermint bay?"

- A) The Sunshine Express
- B) A magic carpet
- C) The Good Ship Lollipop
- D) Captain Bill's Hot-Air Balloon

15) Jules Verne's famous "submarine novel" was:

- A) *Alone In The Deep*
- B) *Up Periscope*
- C) *Tales of Atlantis*
- D) *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*

16) What was the end of Jesse James?

- A) While hanging a picture, a supposed friend shot him in the back.
- B) He was killed during a bank robbery in Hollister, Missouri.
- C) He died of natural causes in prison.
- D) Thrown from his horse, he died a week later.

17) "I Can't Get Started With You" was the theme song of this trumpet-playing bandleader?

- A) Bunny Berigan
- B) Harry James
- C) Charlie Barnet
- D) Louis Armstrong

18) The Marine's anthem refers to "the shores of Tripoli." Where are those shores?

- A) Philippines
- B) Argentina
- C) England
- D) Libya

19) George Strait had a huge record with a song about a rodeo cowboy heading for what Texas town?

- A) Ft. Worth
- B) Galveston
- C) Amarillo
- D) Odessa

20) Which of these companies is **NOT** heavily into chocolate?

- A) Hershey
- B) Nescafe
- C) Ghirardelli
- D) Cadbury

21) Agatha Christie created the characters of Captain Arthur Hastings, Miss Lemon, and Chief Inspector Japp to complement this detective:

- A) Perry Mason
- B) Miss Jane Marple
- C) Mike Hammer
- D) Hercule Poirot

22) The explanation of why there are different languages is told in the 11th chapter of Genesis 11 in the story of...

- A) The Tower of Babel
- B) The Battle of Jericho
- C) A Universal Flood
- D) The Crossing of the Red Sea

23) Golden Delicious, Red Delicious, and Granny Smith are varieties of...

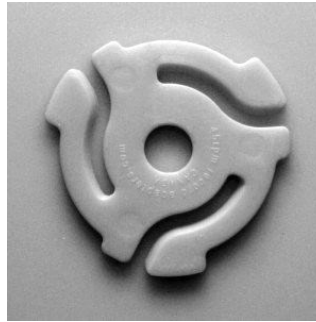
- A) Plums
- B) Grapes
- C) Apples
- D) Pears

24) One of our favorite John Wayne movies included in the cast not only Dean Martin but another young and popular singer. That singer was...

- A) Fabian
- B) Rick Nelson
- C) Bobby Darin
- D) Glen Campbell

25) "The moon was all aglow and heaven was in your eyes the night that you told me..."

- A) "...what I had already surmised."
- B) "...those little white lies."
- C) "...your heartbreaking surprise."
- D) "...your heart was my prize."



26) What is this?

- A) Computer disc
- B) Electric fan core
- C) Plastic trivet
- D) 45 rpm record adapter

27) What two kinds of animals are at play in the classic cowboy song "Home on the Range?"

- A) Deer & antelope
- B) Horses & cows
- C) Chipmunks & squirrels
- D) Eagles & buffalo

28) The singer Keely Smith is most associated with what bandleader?

- A) Guy Lombardo
- B) Ozzie Nelson
- C) Louis Prima
- D) Count Basie

29) This church is the oldest, continuous Lutheran church west of the Missouri River. In the 1920s, it was believed to be the biggest Lutheran church in the nation. Not so anymore but it has been around for nearly 160 years.

- A) Trinity Lutheran
- B) First Lutheran
- C) Good Shepherd Lutheran
- D) Kountze Memorial Lutheran

30) What city is closest to the Hoover Dam?

- A) Salt Lake City, Utah
- B) Idaho Falls, Idaho
- C) Las Vegas, Nevada
- D) Prescott, Arizona

Can You Identify These Famous Dogs? (Part 1)



1) _____

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10) Which of these had a little friend named Woodstock?

Can You Identify These Famous Dogs? (Part 2)



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10) Which of these was created by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle?

Proverbs to Ponder

“Hope itself is like a star -- not to be seen in the sunshine of prosperity, and only to be discovered in the night of adversity.” (Charles Spurgeon)

“If I had a flower for every time I thought of you,
I could walk through my garden forever.” (Alfred Lord Tennyson)

“The function of prayer is not to influence God, but rather to change the nature of the one who prays.” (Soren Kierkegaard)

“Love is that condition in which the happiness of another person
is essential to your own.” (Robert A. Heinlein)

“Cursing the weather is mighty poor farming.” (Unknown)

“You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the One Who
is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.” (1 John 4:4)

“The sea will grant each man new hope, and sleep will bring dreams of home.”
(Christopher Columbus)

“To send a letter is a good way to go somewhere
without moving anything but your heart.” (Phyllis Theroux)

“Faith is taking the first step even when you don’t see the whole staircase.”
(Martin Luther King Jr.)

“All wisdom is not new wisdom.” (Winston Churchill)

“If enough people think of a thing and work hard enough at it, I guess it's pretty
nearly bound to happen, wind and weather permitting.” (Laura Ingalls Wilder)

“Courage is the first of human qualities because it is the quality
which guarantees the others.” (Aristotle)

“For victory in life, we've got to keep focused on the goal, and the goal is Heaven.”
(Coach Lou Holtz)

“The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble;
He knows those who take refuge in Him.” (Nahum 1:7)

What Comes Next in This Song Lyric?

1) "I'm looking over a four leaf clover that I overlooked before. One is for sunshine; the second is rain; third are the roses that grow in the lane..."

2) "O come, all ye faithful; joyful and triumphant..."

3) "I'd like to get you on a slow boat to China -- all to myself alone. Get you and keep you in my arms evermore..."

4) "And love is gone, ballerina, gone. So on with your career, you can't afford a backward glance. Dance on and on and on. A thousand people here have come to see the show..."

5) "Keep a' movin' Dan. Don't you listen to him, Dan. He's a devil not a man and he spreads the burning sand with water..."

6) "Buffalo gals won't you come out tonight, come out tonight, come out tonight..."

7) "O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise..."

8) "I saw the harbor lights. They only told me we were parting..."

9) "I was dancing with my darling to the Tennessee Waltz when an old friend I happened to see..."

10) "I want to ride to the ridge where the West commences and gaze at the moon until I lose my senses..."

The Answers!

Multiple Choice

- 1) A
- 2) C
- 3) B
- 4) D
- 5) C

- 6) B
- 7) D
- 8) A
- 9) C
- 10) B

- 11) A
- 12) D
- 13) B
- 14) C
- 15) D

- 16) A
- 17) A
- 18) D
- 19) C
- 20) B

- 21) D
- 22) A
- 23) C
- 24) B
- 25) B

- 26) D
- 27) A
- 28) C
- 29) D
- 30) C

Can You Identify These Famous Dogs? (Part 1)

- 1) Sandy
- 2) Rin Tin Tin
- 3) Pluto
- 4) King
- 5) Bullet
- 6) Toto
- 7) Snoopy
- 8) Lassie
- 9) Huckleberry Hound
- 10) 7

Can You Identify These Famous Dogs? (Part 2)

- 1) Lady and the Tramp
- 2) The Hound of the Baskervilles
- 3) Scooby Doo
- 4) Old Yeller
- 5) Asta
- 6) Rowlf (the first Muppet star)
- 7) Petey
- 8) 101 Dalmatians
- 9) Checkers
- 10) 2

What Comes Next in This Song Lyric?

1) "...No need explaining the one remaining is somebody I adore. Oh, I'm looking over a four leaf clover that I overlooked before."

2) "...O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem."

3) "...Leave all your lovers weeping on the faraway shore."

4) "...As round and round you go. So ballerina, dance, dance, dance, dance!"

5) "...Oh, Dan can't you see that big green tree where the water's runnin' free and it's waitin' there for you and me. Cool, clear water."

6) "...Buffalo gals won't you come out tonight and dance by the light of the moon?"

7) "...The glories of my God and King; the triumphs of His grace!"

8) "...The same old harbor lights that once brought you to me."

9) "...I introduced her to my loved one and while they were dancing, my friend stole my sweetheart from me."

10) "...And I can't look at hobbles and I can't stand fences. Don't fence me in."