

# MoNdAy FuNnIeS

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The MoNdAy FuNnIeS were started on the 22nd of Sept 1997.  
This is our 11th year of trying to help you smile every Monday Morning.

Now that is a lot of smiles!

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## Wisdom For The Week :

(Here is a link from Linda Howard that I thought you might enjoy. It is a tribute to Veterans....

Thanks for sharing it with us Linda)

<http://www.managedmusic.com/Music/PlayBeforeYouGo.php>

(And this Contributed by Charlene Warner..... Thanks Charlene)

Cordell-

Here is an email I have kept from 2001, thought you might find some of the information interesting.

If Earth's population was shrunk into a village of just 100 people with all the human ratios existing in the world still remaining, what would this tiny, diverse village look like? That's exactly what Phillip M. Harter, a medical doctor at the Stanford University School of Medicine, attempted to figure out. This is what he found:

57 would be Asian, 21 would be European, 14 would be from the Western Hemisphere, 8 would be African, 70 would be non white, 30 would be white, 52 would be female, 48 would be male, 70 would be non-Christian, 30 would be Christians, 89 would be heterosexual, 11 would be homosexual, 6 people would possess 59% of the entire world's wealth and all 6 would be from the United States. 80 would live in substandard housing, 70 would be unable to read, 50 would suffer from malnutrition, 1 would be near death, 1 would be pregnant, 1 would have a college education and 1 would own a computer.

Think of it this way: If you live in a good home, have plenty to eat and can read, you are a member of a very select group. If you have a good house, food, can read and have a computer, you are among the very elite.

If you woke up this morning with more health than illness... you are more fortunate than the million who will not survive this week.

If you have never experience the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture or the pangs of starvation... you are ahead of the 500 million people in the world.

If you can attend a church meeting without fear of harassment, arrest, torture or death...you are fortunate; more than three billion people in the world can't.

If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof overhead and a place to sleep... you are richer than 75% of this world.

If you have money in the banks, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish someplace... you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy.

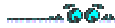
If your parents are still alive and still married... you are very rare, even in the United States.

If you hold your head with a smile on your face and are truly thankful... you are blessed because the majority can, but most do not.

If you can hold someone's hand, hug them or even touch them on the shoulder... you are blessed because you can offer healing touch.

If you can read this message, you are more blessed than over the two billion people in the world who cannot read at all.

Count your blessings.



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(contributed by Charlotte Conrad.... Thanks Charlotte)

Short and Funny....

I dialed a number and got the following recording:

"I am not available right now, but  
Thank you for caring enough to call.  
I am making some changes in my life.  
Please leave a message after the  
Beep. If I do not return your call,  
You are one of the changes."

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Aspire to inspire before you expire.

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My wife and I had words,  
But I didn't get to use mine.

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Frustration is trying to find your glasses without your glasses.

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Blessed are those who can give without remembering  
And take without forgetting.

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The irony of life is that, by the time

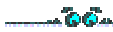
You're old enough to know your way  
Around, you're not going anywhere.

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God made man before woman so as to give him time to think  
Of an answer for her first question.

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I was always taught to respect my elders,  
But it keeps getting harder to find one.



## Consumer Tips

A few months ago we talked about how hard it is to get lint off the screen of the dryer vent. One suggestion was to take a little lint from last time and use it as a swab and the current lint on the screen would stick right to it as you rubbed it across it and start the new lint coming off. Well yesterday, by some stroke of inspiration I came up with something much easier and so simple it is amazing. It is so frustrating to rub your finger across the dryer vent lint and rub it across and rub it across and you can not get it to break apart and come off even with your finger nail (which is a mystery in and of itself). So I was on my 3rd or 4th try (too lazy to reach up and get piece of lint from the garbage from last time) ..... and for some reason, in my frustration, I just licked my finger then rubbed it across the lint and WHAMO.... it came right up. Now is that amazing or what? Some times the most complicated things can be solved by the simplest things...

Now you know!!!

Cordell

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## CONSUMER FEED BACK ABOUT LEAP YEAR AND RICE COOKERS.....

Cordell- They have some crock pots out there that shut off automatically. My mom has one and it is wonderful. Mine only turns to low- it isn't new by any means- but it cooks a mean pot roast with potatoes!!! You can lose on Sunday with a crock pot- turn it on when you leave for church and come home an wa-la, ready to eat.

Charlene Warner :-)

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Did you know you can cook rice in the microwave as well? A glass container with a lid works well, 2 cups water, 1 cup rice, 5 min on high then 20 min on 40% power (then it shuts off on its own, hee hee). sometimes I add a tablespoon of taco seasoning for cheep Mexican rice.

Anna Fernandez

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### LEAP YEAR

Actually in these countries, 1600 was the first year that the "third rule" was applied:

[Spain](#), [Portugal](#), the [Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth](#), and most of [Italy](#) implemented the new calendar on Friday, [15 October 1582](#), following Julian Thursday, [October 4, 1582](#). The Spanish and Portuguese colonies adopted the calendar later due to the slowness of communication in those days. [France](#) adopted the new calendar on Monday, [20 December 1582](#), following Sunday, [December 9, 1582](#).<sup>[7]</sup> The Protestant [Dutch](#) provinces of Holland and Zeeland also adopted it in December of that year.

Most other countries didn't adopt the number calendar until the 1700's. Life must have been very interested in those intervening years with people in different countries usiing different calendars!

FYI, a little computer geek background on me. I am one of the few people who has "always" known the rules about leap years. Don't know why, I just learned it at some point in time and it stuck. I remember several people in a programming group getting into a discussion about how to calculate leap year. One of them came to me and asked me the rule (since I was the resident expert on arcane rules), which I quoted off. Then I realized that they were going to use the rule in a date calculation in application programs. I told them just to calculate a leap year as any year evenly divisible by 4, as 2000 would be a leap year -- and the program would not still be used in 2100! Remember when computing "cycles" were really expensive, and we had to do everything we could to cut down on usage? Well, that is what prompted my advice. I put a "comment" in the date calculation routine that stated that this calculator would be accurate until year 2001, at which point it would need to be upgraded. "Comments" didn't burn up cycles. Of course, date calculators were used thousands of times a day, so it was imperative to save cycles in such a frequently used "routine." Ah, the good ol' days of computing, when we wrote our code on stone tablets!

P.S. I love the info about the rice cooker. I should get one and use it to cook everything. It sounds perfect for us absent minded cooks!

Mary Leonard



Make it a wonderful and happy week!!!!

The happy friends in your life,

Cordell & Janice Vail

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