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It was the best of times. It was the worst of times.

Sunday, January 20, 2013

Anyone old enough to get my literary reference? I don't think "A Tale of Two Cities" is required HS reading anymore.

Actually, I was referring to my week – both real life and through TV.

I began the week in a very sad mood (Tuesday's blog post) and ended on a happy note. Three of our grandchildren are spending the long weekend with us. Their parents are out of town and Friday was DH's birthday.

Yesterday we watched a lot of TV. They don't have cable/satellite at home, just over the air channels and Netflix. We finally got satellite access when I could no longer follow the football action – too many ghosts – the downside of living way out in the country.

I recorded a few movies and shows ahead of time.

"Beverly Hills Chihuahua" - This was a cute 2008 Disney Movie, happy ending of course and even an uplifting social message.

Then back in time to my childhood (1955) - "Lady and the Tramp"
Same kind of message – pampered pup and streetwise companion who saves the day.

Both had good guys and bad guys. In 2008 the danger was a demon dog, "El Diablo" who looked ready to tear you apart and his gangster owners who looked ready to do the same. In 1955 the danger was the dog catcher LOL.

TV Sitcoms – my childhood – Andy Griffith, Donna Reed, Father Knows Best.

For kids today even on Disney – Sorry I don't remember the titles, but lots of "smart ass" kids.

I asked, "What would happen if you talked to your parents that way?"

The response: "They would take away our WiFi!"

Good!

I will not become a crotchety old woman complaining about "kids today" or longing for the "good old days." Older people have been complaining about the younger generation since Socrates and the old days had a lot of stuff that was not so good if we're truly honest about it.

Still, it seems so much harder for parents to raise children today and I give you all a lot of credit for the effort you're making. It's similar to trying to live a healthy lifestyle, with or without children. We have so much more information, but it seems that there are more outside influences working against us. I suppose we have to be that much stronger. Fortunately, there's strength in numbers and hanging out with those with similar goals really helps.

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Things are definitely more challenging for parents of today. My folks used to let me and brother walk down to the lake (a mile away), go swimming, go exploring, and just having a great time outdoors. Parents can't do that anymore, unfortunately - too many dangers there now. Dealing with all of the electronics has also got to be a challenge. Some of it is great, but not at the expense of never getting outside and getting some good healthy exercise in.

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CELIAMINER

Love uplifting movies. Most of TV today seems to have bowed to the political tide and turned from minimizing women as brainless organisms in need of male protection to bashing men or portraying them as imbeciles. NCIS at least seems to strike a balance.

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WATERMELLEN

Sounds like a great ending to your week: lucky grandkids!!

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DR1939

Read A Tale of Two Cities in one day because I had messed around during Christmas Break and had a book report due the next day. Nonetheless much of it stuck with me.

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KARRENLYNN

It's all about perspective, I think. In some ways things are easier and some ways harder.

I also give credit to those doing their best to raise good kids against all the bad influences out there.

I'm also thankful to have family and friends (online and offline) to give and take support from, like yourself. Sticking together makes it so much easier than going it alone!

At the end of the day, all you can do is the best you can, and hope we catch each other if we fall.

Have a great Sunday!

Karen

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MISCHAKEO

I have the same reaction to many of the modern tv sitcoms. The humor is often cruel and makes fun of other people..both the kid shows and the adult shows. No wonder we have trouble with bullying in our schools.

I am not complaining about the younger generation, but it is not an easy time to raise kids. I agree with you. It is hard to lead a healthy lifestyle in this society. Thank heavens for support!

Great blog.

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KELLIEBEAN

AMEN! I'm so glad I'm not raising kids now!

I raised my kids in the late eighties and early nineties. I watch my sisters with their kids now and

their attitudes and I think to myself, 'kids today!' Then I think 'oh no, did I just say that??!



Every generation gets harder and harder. I'm glad your week ended on a high note!

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A great, nostalgic blog!

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NELLJONES

Our own youths seem easier in retrospect than they really were. At least your grandkids have family that cares, the most important component in a child's life since, well, Socrates' time.
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SWEDE_SU

we have had many of these thoughts and discussed how different things were when we grew up in the 50s, and when we raised our kids in the 70s/80s/90s. definitely do not envy today's parents...
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SLENDERELLA61

Brilliant blog! You are so right about being stronger to overcome negative influences. It is like trying to eat healthy in a culture that is obsessed with the best taste rather than what is best for our bodies.

Time with grandkids is precious. I must run get our two in just a minute! Take care and have a great day. I sure appreciate your support on my blogs and page!!
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