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## Spreading the “Goodwill” and my 6th sense

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I'm a thrifty person and don't care about having the latest fashion. I want to be comfortable and still appropriately dressed for the situation. That's why my 1st stop is always the clearance rack.

The current problem: Next month DH & I will be attending a university course in Slovakia. There are few Americans on the roster and we are the oldest by decades. My summer “wardrobe” (and I use that term loosely) consists of stuff appropriate for workouts, lake living in the south in the heat, and a few things that I wear to church. It's too soon for the summer stuff to be on the “final clearance” rack.

As I was running some errands yesterday, I passed the Goodwill store and on impulse decided to check it out. I quickly picked out 5 pair of summer weight pants that looked about the right size. Four of them looked just fine. Total cost \$16.

Problem solved!

As for my 6th sense, DH knows that if we're ever driving along and I tell him to stop to check out a particular store, he should do it. We have nearly 50 years of history finding exactly what we need in unexpected locations. The items range from clothing to housewares to furniture to even a used car.

Now if only my 6th sense extended to picking lottery numbers, I wouldn't need to be thrifty.

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**CD12146214**

Send pics from your trip....I always enjoy your travel logs as I haven't been over to that part of Europe.



Good for you for finding pants that you are probably only going to wear on your trip....that is what I hate, I buy stuff for a specific occasion and don't wear it again yet pay tons of money!

2885 days ago



**LANNIEMANUEL**

good for you. and good luck on your class.



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**BOILHAM**

Wonderful. The first line " I'm a thrifty person and don't care about having the latest fashion." is all me.

You'd get along just fine with DW, too. Garage sale/coupon Queen #1. She comes home from grocery shopping and the first words out of her mouth are "Guess how much I saved shopping for groceries today", and I'd better come up with a guess number or she'll just stand there waiting. Not only is being thrifty practical, but it can be a source of pride and amusement. At least it is in the Boilham household.

Good deal on the pants!

Garage sales are trending more towards clothes, baby stuff and toys around here. The good stuff goes on eBay I think. Yearning for the garage sales of the 70s and 80s



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**COCK-ROBIN**

LOL, wonderful!

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**EGRAMMY**

Enjoy your time as you study in Slovakia. How nice you'll feel comfortable in your new to you clothes. Smart gal.

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**MARYJEANSL**

Any chance you could send some of that sixth sense in my direction, especially with regard to used cars? I absolutely MUST get my son a used car, or I shall go insane. I have very little money, don't care what it looks like, it just must go when one applies a key to the ignition. That's all - I don't want a whole lot. ;-)

So if you could send your sixth sense to me, all would be well. Because I have no sixth sense...or fifth, fourth, third, etc. :-(

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**BELLACUDDLES**

I too like the thrift stores.....why not....there are great deals. Garage sales are also great!!

2885 days ago



**WATERMELLEN**

I'm equally a fan of thrift stores -- and redonating after the fact. Got through my 90 pound weight loss from size 18 to 8 with thrift store rotations!!

2885 days ago



**DR1939**

Several years ago I did a 3-week university-sponsored course at an Indian university. It was suggested that we consider wearing skirts rather than jeans as we would be outdoors and jeans were too hot. I never wear skirts and thus did not have any in my wardrobe. I knew I would not wear them on my return. I hit the Goodwill store and found several. Once I returned I donated them to Goodwill. I've known people who spend their first day in another country buying thrift shop clothing for their vacation. Before returning they donate anything they did not want. They just pack underwear and one or two outfits from home. I've never wanted to spend my precious in-country time in this manner. OTOH, it is a great way to get to know the area.

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**SUZYMOBILE**

I love Goodwill and the Salvation Army Store. They're the next best things to Free by the Side of the Road and Yard Sale!

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CD13786757



Goodwill is great!  
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KELLIEBEAN



I could learn a lot from you. I look forward to learning about Slovakia! You are having a great year!

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SLIMMERJESSE



Wow, a course in Slovakia, how cool!  
2886 days ago



CELIAMINER



Great find at Goodwill! I admit I don't shop at thrift stores, because too many times I can smell the person who wore the clothes, and from my experience, the scent never really goes away. My husband always marvels at my sense of smell, which seems to be my strongest sense, but it means I pass on bargains.

Happy you will be packed and ready to go on your next adventure (an accounting of which will make it into future blogs, I hope). In the meantime, good luck with the lottery!  
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CD14034154



Brooklyn,

There are so many deals, at the Goodwill store. When I came home from the hospital, my aide and I went through all of my dressers and the closet, to weed out what didn't fit me anymore, because of my weight loss. I gave away so many clothes, and half of them had never been taken out of the original packaging. The clothes were just way to BIG!!!

I thank God, that my dad took everything to the Goodwill Store. Somebody surely was blessed, by what I sent in. There was so much stuff, not only clothes, that my dad had to use his truck to come and take it away. When he got to the Goodwill store, he asked for assistance in unloading the truck.

One of the items I gave away was a microwave. When I bought my condo, there was one over the stove, so I didn't need the one on the stand anymore. When dad came home, he told me that the employees were jumping up and down, as the microwave they used during the day, bit the dust. The gentleman asked my dad how he knew that they needed a microwave. I just smiled at dad, when he told me this. My response to my dad was, "I didn't know, but GOD DID!!!



on your find, and keep listening to that 6th sense to stop, anywhere and everywhere.

Be blessed,

- Nancy Jean -  
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CD13374977



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WILSONWR



Almost our entire cabin was furnished from garage sales, estate sales, and thrift shops. The clothes I wear to clear brush are also bought from garage sales. Why spend a lot of money on things when you don't have to! In the case of my working clothes, why spend a lot of money on something you're going to ruin the first day? We definitely think alike!  
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DWSCHUYLER



Thanks for reminding me about thrift stores! I keep hoping I make it down a size in the next month. Perfect place to go. Keeping my fingers crossed! Have a marvelous trip. Sounds

interesting!  
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FANGFACEKITTY



I love the thrift stores. With patience you can find nice clothes, many times still with the tags. I started going to them when my kids were small and I had no money and still go today. I like to practice the 4Rs as much as possible - reduce, reuse, recycle and repair. And as a recovering


shopaholic I do far less damage at a thrift store.  
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**ONEKIDSMOM**

LOL... but maybe your sixth sense knows you need NOT to win the lottery? I think mine knows



that of ME!  on the thrifty finds.  
2886 days ago



**CD10259955**

Congrats on the good find! I suspect you would still be thrifty even if you won; it's ingrained in many of us!!  
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**NANNABLACK**



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**MISCHAKEO**

It is too bad that your 6th sense does not apply to the lottery ticket! It has been serving you well in other areas.



I do the same thing..head right to the clearance rack to shop. I also hit Goodwill or a 2nd hand store.

How fun you are taking a course in Slovakia. Will it be in English?

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