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I'm a "semi-lucky" person, regularly winning stuff that I don't need.

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When there's a contest or a drawing or any kind of prize at stake, I sometimes win. I'm VERY happy whenever that happens, excited actually. However, in my case, it's rarely anything I will ever use.

For example:

Here are door prizes I have won at races or other events.

A round of golf at a country club.

Neither DH nor I nor any family member have ever played golf or belonged to a country club.

I donated that to a silent auction.

Several pair of earrings over consecutive years at reunions.

I don't have pierced ears.

I donated those to the children's "Christmas Store" at our church

A huge tube of scented shower gel

Fragrances trigger my allergies (and asthma).

It's still somewhere in my bathroom closet.

How can you give someone shower gel?

It's like a gift of deodorant or breath mints.

A gift certificate to a winery, whose products we really don't care for.

I gave that away too, claiming we would never drive that distance to redeem it.

I wouldn't want to bad-mouth a donor.

Many years ago Clairol had a national sweepstakes. I've dyed my hair off & on since I was 16.

First prize was a car. Second prize was big color TV.

I won one of several third prizes – a pair of 3 speed bicycles.

I was thrilled except we already owned THREE 10 speed bikes.

After keeping them unriden in the garage for a while, I sold them to a co-worker.

One prize I should have given away. In 2006 at a 10K race I won a gift certificate to a local restaurant. DH & I used that on our anniversary. After dinner I tripped over one of their potted plants on the patio, stumbled and fell face first, breaking my fall with my outstretched hands. That clumsy event resulted in a frozen shoulder and months of rehab.

A few months ago I won a really nice insulated backpack that would be great for hiking.

I don't hike, but I'm keeping that. Maybe I'll start, while taking care not to repeat the clumsiness of the last time I kept a prize.

This week I got a call that I'm a winner in our community's fitness challenge. (A participant lottery, not for

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any special accomplishment). One prize was a gift certificate to my favorite running store. I didn't win that. My prize is a pair of some kind of special inner soles for running shoes or hiking boots.

I know they're not cheap, but I wear custom orthotics. I'll have to identify someone who needs them before I pick them up so I'll know the size I need.

Edit: Wumpastar's comment triggered a real old memory. When I was 13 I won a DATE. A classmate raffled off her brother for charity. Eventually he became a priest. I don't think I had anything to do with that. LOL.

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Yes I often register or resonate items we have won at various tournaments etc.
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KANSASROSE67

I am LOL at the date with the boy who became a priest!

You might want to read the book, "The Prize Winner of Defiance, Ohio." It's a good story, about a woman who basically supported her family of ten or so kids by winning prizes.
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CANNINGNANNY

I think it's great that you donate what you do not want or need !



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GINIEMIE

Oh my, I don't think he became a priest for that reason either. Too funny...wished I'd thought of it-I'd have auctioned all four of my brothers.
I usually win a gift I can't use. If I get a scented gift, I put it in the St. Vincent de Paul box, or give it to one of the collections for such stuff at church. I too cannot tolerate scented products so... Oh and the fancy candle I won that stunk to high heaven-well-I don't even think heaven could have dealt with the strong scent...
Now, maybe you are winning these gifts to generously regift them, I think donating things to silent auctions for a charity is a cool idea.



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BOOKAPHILE

Lol. I don't enter contests unless I want the prize. Too much stuff make life harder.
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DOVESEYES

Love this blog thanks for sharing!!!
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MARYJEANSL

Talk about Murphy's Law! How funny! Of course your blog reminded me of the only time I can ever remember winning anything. It was a cloth duffle bag stamped with the logo of the company I worked for at the time. Free advertising for them, not too useful to me, although I did keep it. Generally I am known for not ever winning anything...but I am oh, so good at losing things. Glasses, keys, important papers, etc. :-)
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**LINDAKAY228**

One time I won a \$10 hammer many years ago. I think we did use it but I'm not sure what happened to it. Years and years ago. I don't win much. A few years ago I was "lucky" and won a 4 month paid membership to the gym I was going to at the time. That was nice to win and I used it. But it a Christmas challenge and that was the main prize and to win it I had to manage to keep ahead of anyone else in going to fitness classes. There was about 3 of us (all over 50 who really competed) who were very very close. I had to go to 2 or 3 fitness classes for 23 days to win that darn prize. What was I thinking?

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**CD4199227**

I don't win stuff often but on a rare occasion.....you made me laugh about the priest thing

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**PHOENIX1949**

Scented shower gel would likely be welcomed and appreciated at a women's shelter.

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**SLENDERELLA61**

The priest comment made me laugh!! I haven't won near as much stuff as you have, although I've found the few things I've won more enjoyable!! Better luck next time.

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**DR1939**

You've won some nice things. I've never won anything big, but often win small prizes. It's always fun when I do.

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**WUMPASTAR**

I'm jealous. XD the only times I won anything was when I was young. Like that backpack in 5th grade. I'll remember that forever. LOL. I think it's the last time I actually won something :P

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**GARDENCHRIS**

Cool !

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**SLIMMERJESSE**

I can relate to this. (smiling)

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**IFDEEVARUNS2**

I occasionally win things. My favorite: a bicycle when I was 8 years old! Next favorite, a TV when I was 38. Most recently, a \$25 gift certificate to Trader Joe's - I turned that one in for lamb



chops!

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**SYLPHINPROGRESS**

I know what you mean about not knowing what to do with these things. Three years ago I won a car. A trucklet, actually -- one of those SUV sort of things. Even the name of the car was too big. Then there's the iPod Touch that I won a couple of years ago. Still haven't taken time to figure out how to use it, so it just sits around here somewhere.

Don't despair. Your winning ship will come in and it'll be just right.

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**PHEBESS**

LOL - too funny!!!!

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**TERI-RIFIC**

Sooner or later I'll bet you win something good.

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**SWEETNEEY**

I guess it's not a win, if it's not what you want.

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**FERRETLOVER1**

Well, at least you are able to donate some of the items or give them to friends. Congratulations



on being a lucky winner!
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CD13545024
wow, i've never been lucky at winning, but you have some nice things to give as gifts.
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MISCHAKEO
That was an amusing post. Maybe you have some Irish blood in you and have the luck of the Irish, You are bound to win something you can use. I use those insoles for my shoes..they are helpful. I would give them to a workout friend.



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ONEKIDSMOM
I had to linger on some fond memories of my mom as I read this. She, too, was one who often won prizes... and often things she didn't need. However, one thing she *did* do was negotiate a prize successfully. She won \$100 worth of girls' clothing at a local department store, only it was my BROTHER who was going through a growth spurt at the time. The store was gracious enough to allow the swap for boys' clothing!



Hope you find an appropriate giftee for the inner soles!
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CHERYLHURT
Wow, I've never won anything! How fun!
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