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## **HAPPY 4TH!..... DON'T QUIT!!!**

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**DON'T QUIT!** A fun time of year... every year..... but this year?

When my mother died, I found the following inside a book of hers. The color of the bookmarker indicated she had it for many years. I keep it on my book shelf and read it once in awhile when things are tough. It goes like this:

### **Don't Quit**

*When things go wrong, as they sometimes will,*

*When the road you're trudging seems all uphill,*

*When the funds are low and the debts are high, And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,*

*When care is pressing you down a bit—*

*Rest if you must, but don't you quit.*

*Life is queer with its twists and turns,*

*As every one of us sometimes learns,*

*And many a fellow turns about*

*When he might have won had he stuck it out.*

*Don't give up though the pace seems slow—*

*You may succeed with another blow.*

*Often the goal is nearer than*

*It seems to a faint and faltering man;*

*Often the struggler has given up*

*When he might have captured the victor's cup;*

*And he learned too late when the night came down,*

*How close he was to the golden crown.*

*Success is failure turned inside out—*

*The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,*

*And you never can tell how close you are,*

*It may be near when it seems afar;*

*So, stick to the fight when you're hardest hit,—*

*It's when things seem worst that you mustn't quit.*

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My mother was Italian and didn't speak English until she went to school in the U.S. She survived the poverty which forced her and her sister to attend school every other day as they only had one pair of shoes. At the age of 7 she alone cared for the whole family

during the influenza; and had to quit school during the 7th grade to work for 13 hours a day 6 days a week to help support the family. Did she quit? No, she kept going and didn't let any of the troubles she knew and experienced make her quit.

My mom became a successful business woman owning a large beauty shop. She always said to me, "If you quit, you'll never know if you could have done it."

**HAPPY 4th-** We can't quit! There is virtually no good news for the economy, auto industry, gas prices, unemployment, the value of the dollar, housing and the stock market. All indicators are down. But if we allow ourselves to be stuck in the muck and mire of the times, we won't survive.

I received an email from a friend earlier today which in short said why should we vote in the upcoming election. The congress, the supreme court and the president of

the United States are the total decision making body for 300,000,000 people. Every election those looking to renew their positions scream about the injustices, waste, lack of education, poverty, rising prices, shortages, balance of trade, etc. Well, they and those before them are the only ones who could make those decisions and spend the American public's money and create the mess.

We are trapped on a merry-go-round, but it's not an amusement park and there's nothing funny about the process or the result after their terms in office. So, once again, we are faced with the task of electing politicians which have as a sole goal to attain their place in history and a free ride.

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Don't get this wrong. I love this country. It's the government that scares me!

**TIME TO LAUGH (and do we need it!)-**

Headlines in the year 2029:

-Supreme Court rules punishment of criminals violates their civil rights.

-IRS sets lowest tax rate at 75 %.

-Abortion clinics now available in every High School in the United States.

-Average weight of Americans drops to 250 lbs.

-Postal service raisings first class stamp to \$17.89 and reduces deliveries to Wednesdays only.

-Coupe petitions court to reinstate heterosexual marriage.

-Baby conceived naturally! Scientists stumped.

US agrees to sale terms making California part Mexico.

The Garden State Parkway is sold to a Russian consortium. New tolls @ \$1 per mile driven.

Q. Where does an Irish family go on vacation?

A. A different bar. (well, here's another night I can't go home)

Q. What did the Chinese couple name their tan, curly-haired baby?

A. Sum Ting Wong

Q. What do you call it when an Italian has one arm shorter than the other?

A. A speech impediment.

Q. What does it mean when the Post Office flag is flying at half-mast?

A. They're hiring.

Q. Why do Driver Ed classes in red-neck schools use the car only on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays?

A. Because on Tuesday and Thursday the Sex Ed class uses it.

Q. What's the difference between a northern fairy tale and a southern one?

A. A northern one begins, "Once upon a time...". A southern one begins, "Y'all ain't gonna believe this crap."

**CELL PHONE TIPS-** You may not have known this:

1. If you are out of area coverage and need assistance dial 112. This is a worldwide Emergency Number. If the phone is locked you can still dial 112 and it will connect. Wow!

2. Ever lock your keys in the car & your car has keyless entry? Call home with your cell and have someone click the "open" button on your remote into the phone. Hold your cell phone about a foot from the door and the cell phone will transmit the code to unlock your door. It works a lot of times, but no guarantees.

3. When your cell phone battery is very low and you need to make calls, just dial\*3370# and will actually restart your phone and show an increase your battery level by 50%.

**ABOUT NOT QUITTING-** This is some bragging but I learned a very important lesson this past weekend. My 12 year old grandson is no stranger to performing on stage in front of 100's. About 5 weeks ago he was given the opportunity to try out for a ballet troupe which was to appear in Disney World this past weekend. He has no dance experience. When asked why do you want to try-out for something you've never done,

he retorted, "I'll never know if I can do it unless I try." Wow! He's got some of my Mom in him, thank God! His next appearance is at the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts in NYC.

Based on his academic achievement and faculty recommendations Nick was selected to attend a special program in Washington D.C. this August. His Mom & Dad told him he had to earn his own spend money and he did... plus, plus.

He surprised me by taking me to dinner with money he earned. We have this Italian "thing" going. He helps me cook Italian meals and of course eat them. So, he wanted an Italian experience at Disney World.

He arranged for dinner at the Italian Ristorante in the Italian Pavilion of World Showcase in EPCOT. During our dinner, I asked if he was afraid in this new role, as dancer. He said I just needed to know I could do it and if I didn't try, I'd ever have known.

I gave him an old adage to keep with him. "The only failures in life are those who don't try."

Things will be better and everyone will have upcoming good times and successes. We all need to seek different ways to re-direct our abilities and create new ways. This is no time to be frightened. It's time to re-think our efforts and paths of opportunity.

So, re-charge yourself this 4th of July weekend and begin the following week upbeat.

**HAVE A GREAT HOLIDAY WEEKEND!!!**