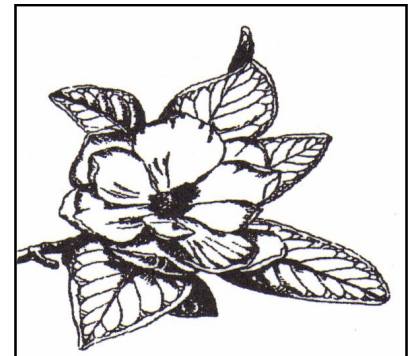


# Steel Magnolias

Breast Cancer Support Group, Inc.

## For Those They Love

November 20, 2006



*Sharing love through support*

### HOPE

I can't believe, you found me here;  
You saved me in the nick of time  
Just when I thought nobody cared.  
You reached out and with your hand, took mine.  
You know just how to pull me through,  
That's what I love about you.

You give me hope  
And I can face another day.  
All it takes is love and faith  
And the courage to believe.

You give me hope  
And there's nothing I can't do,  
I get all my strength from you  
Saying you will stand by me.

You give me Hope  
It might be dark, and I might be scared  
But what ever this life brings,  
Knowing that you will always be there  
I can take on anything.

If you're beside me in this fight,  
I know I'll make it through the night;

Cause you give me hope  
And I can face another day.

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You give me HOPE.  
....Paul Brandt

### Wind Beneath Our Wings

Since my diagnosis of breast cancer, in Septem-

ber, 1999, I have never been more aware, than I have this year, of the powerful influence of friends and family members, of women who have survived breast cancer or who have lost loved ones to this feared disease.

To the good and generous people who, because of love, gave of their time, talents and resources during "Breast Cancer Awareness Month," Steel Magnolias offers a BIG THANK YOU!

**The morning of October 28, was raw,** and windy and cold. Prentiss and I got to Jacksonville Medical Center, a little before 8 a.m. A crowd was already gathering. I spoke to a woman who was standing near the registration table. I asked if she was a survivor. She said, "No, I'm walking in memory of my mother, now deceased." This woman was only one of many people, who were compelled by love to brave the chill and make the 3 mile walk.

In October 2005, Dr.

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Wesley Smith gave to me a little book, *HOPE LIVES!* A quote from this book is most appropriate: "I believe that long after we are gone from this planet our work continues in the presence of those who carry us in their memories. At any rally, walk, or fundraising event for breast cancer, you will see in the faces of the families and friends of women who have had the disease, a determination to raise awareness about breast cancer and the hope for a cure. For

every husband, life partner, child, sibling, partner and friend who raises his or her voice, there is the presence of a woman who can no longer speak. In an effort to eradicate breast cancer, those who speak out remind us that HOPE LIVES!” Margit Esser Porter, age 39, diagnosed 1995

Larry Baker, who, in 2004, lost his beloved wife, Del, age 48, to breast cancer, continues to remind the women in his circle of influence to get their mammograms. Del lives on in the voice of her husband.

**Early in November,** I Received a card from Martha Blount, a volunteer at the Jacksonville Medical Center, and the widow of my first cousin, James Blount, who, because of leukemia, lost his life.

“Lenora, This is to let you know that Bill and Annette sponsored me, Larry and Calton in the walk on Saturday 28, 06., in honor of you as a survivor of Breast Cancer. I was glad to do this for you and others.”  
Yours Truly, Martha Blount, Larry and Calton Sanford

**“Walking with you in my heart and in my mind.”** This was the message written on the shoulder of a Relay for Life shirt. I received the package in the mail, hardly a year after my mastectomy. My niece-in-law, without my knowledge, had walked in Huntsville, in my honor. I held the shirt and cried tears of appreciation.

**We saw many people** at Ladies Night Out, who were attending this annual event, in honor of someone they love.

**God bless, Aline Gardner** for making and contributing her beautiful quilt in memory of her sister-in-law. While we were walking in Jacksonville, Aline was at Noccolula Falls Quilt Show. Her beautiful Dresden Plate quilt took 3rd place ribbon. Aline set, for herself, a goal of \$500 in ticket sales. To date she has reached \$700, besides offering a tribute, to Barbara Pelletier, that Barbara’s children will treasure always. Thank You, Aline!

**I cannot do a tribute to those who go beyond what is expected, without giving tribute to Dr. James Daniel, his family, and his staff.** When I thanked Patricia Daniel, on behalf of Steel Magnolias, she said, “We appreciate what Steel Magnolias does for women.” I think our readers should know of the generosity of this outstanding family. Dr. Daniel bought 10 tickets to the Pink Ribbon Ball. We reserved a table for the Daniel party. They all attended. Dr. Daniel, wife Patricia, Dr. Daniel’s mother and sister, as well as office staff. Dr. Daniel was also highest bidder on four items from our silent auction, amounting to almost \$300.

As everyone knows, Dr. Daniel has, for many years, been one of the strongest supporters of Ladies Night Out. His generosity goes beyond the event expense, Dr. Daniel gives many doors prizes, nice prizes! This year they all included a \$100 cash card to Wal-Mart. Cleo Thomas said it well, when Patricia’s ticket number was called, “When you give enough away, some of it comes back.”

Dr. Daniel and Patricia were out of town on October 28. We should not have been surprised, when we caught sight of Dr. Daniel’s mother, walking at the Jacksonville Walk for Breast Cancer.

The beautiful song, *The Rose*, made popular by both Bette Midler and Leann Rimes, is the perfect inspiration for a person just facing their cancer diagnosis. We find the same message in the book of Psalms.

*Sing to the Lord, you saints of his; praise his holy name. For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime; weeping may remain for a night but rejoicing comes in the morning. Psalm 30: 4-5*

#### **The Rose**

Some say love, it is a river  
That drowns the tender reed.  
Some say love, it is a razor  
That leaves your soul to bleed.  
Some say love, it is a hunger,  
An endless, aching need.

I say love, it is a flower,  
And you it's only seed.  
It's the heart afraid of breaking  
That never learns to dance.  
It's the dream afraid of waking  
That never takes a chance.  
It's the one who won't be taken,  
That cannot seem to give.  
And the soul afraid of dying  
That never learns to live.  
When the night has been too lonely  
And the road has been too long,  
And you think that love is only  
For the lucky and the strong;  
Just remember in the winter,  
Far beneath the bitter snow,  
Lies the seed that with the sun's love,  
In the spring becomes a rose.

A home health nurse, called from the Calhoun County Health Dept., and asked if Steel Magnolias could offer any help to an 87 year old patient. I called this dear lady and we talked for several minutes. She said, "I feel like I'm in a dark tunnel, and it seems that I can't see any light." I assured her that she was not alone. That Steel Magnolias was a group of women who had already made the journey she was just starting. Regardless of the age of the newly diagnosed patient, the diagnosis of cancer is always devastating.

**Steel Magnolias', never ending job, until the cure is found, is to shine a light into the heart of the frightened person who has started their journey through the cancer treatment tunnel.**

### **I Wore Lipstick To My Mastectomy**

I trust that every person who reads this newsletter had opportunity to see the movie about Geralyn Lucas' journey with breast cancer. At age 27, Geralyn was diagnosed with breast cancer and required a mastectomy and chemotherapy treatments. One line, that made the movie unforgettable for me: **"You have to have cleavage on the inside as well as the outside."**

### **Ladies Night Out**

**This year's banquet was catered by Classic on Noble.** As expected, we were treated to food that was a feast for our palate and our eyes!

The 2006, Ladies Night Out was attended by more people than in previous years. Perhaps everyone was eager to be entertained by the very funny, Mickey Dean. Mickey Dean is very funny and I love to laugh, but this is an event, a celebration of life that I would never want to miss. MGMA president, Penny Newton, an employee in Dr. Ingram and Dr. Yates office, made opening remarks and introduced the emcee, Cleo Thomas. Cleo Thomas is a staple of Ladies Night Out and a favorite, wherever he speaks.

Breast Cancer Survivor, Teresa Smith, was the key note speaker. Teresa's story of devastation when told she had cancer, mirrored by her reality today, is a story told over and over again. She said it is as though her life started the day she was diagnosed. Everything became more important, sounds were sharper, colors were more vibrant, and all of nature was more beautiful. Teresa said that she loved more deeply and felt more thankful and conscious of every kindness. Thank you Teresa for putting into words the emotions of every survivor.

Following Teresa's speech, Dr. James Daniel sang *Happy Birthday* to survivors as doctors gave each a pink rose provided by Dr. Daniel. One of Dr. Daniel's employees suggested that he might want to jazz up the presentation. Everyone had a big laugh as Dr. Daniel did a couple of bars, of *Happy—Happy—Birthday Baby*.

This year, as last year, everyone laughed at the humor of Mickey Dean until our sides hurt. When Cleo Thomas introduced Mickey, he said, "Sure hope you wore your depends." So much of the humor was home spun that we all could relate. Laughter is Still the Best Medicine!

MGMA picked \$100 bills from a money tree and drew survivors names before finally drawing for the grand money tree prize of \$500. Our Steel Magnolias made out like bandits. Following the money tree, door prizes, contributed by area businesses were given away. Dr. Daniel gave so much away that his wife received a Dr. Daniel gift. Finally it was time for the grand prize to be given away. A \$500 shopping spree! Prentiss and I still have our gift certificate to Café Avanti. After hearing rave reviews about their steaks and pasta, my mouth is watering!

**Thank You, Medical Group Management Association of East Alabama for an evening that took our breath away!**

**Steel Magnolias Meeting**

In place of President Pam Bussey, who is recovering from surgery, the October 24 meeting of the Steel Magnolias Breast Cancer Support Group, Inc. was called to order by Parliamentarian, Marti Warren.

Chaplain Ina Rooks read our prayer list and additional names were added. Gladys Denizard presented Pam with a flower and a card. Janet Reese mentioned a former member, Sandy Trammel, whose cancer has returned. Ina then offered prayer for those mentioned.

Marti read minutes from our Director's meeting and announced that we are going to vote on the items before us at the November meeting. Wanda gave a report on the distribution of our Dining Vouchers that were given at RMC. Three women over 80 years of age, in a weeks time, underwent surgery for breast cancer.

Gladys gave a report on her visits to those newly diagnosed women who had received care packages from Steel Magnolias. Gladys also gave an inventory of the Steel Magnolias Benevolent Closet.

Nancy then gave our financial report:

October		Beginning Balance	\$5,096.53
1) —	\$100.00	Lenora Johnson Monthly Expense	4,996.53
1) —	400.00	Sundance Band (Pink Ribbon Ball)	4,596.53
3) —	200.00	Marti Warren Cash Bar Change	4,396.53
3) —	100.00	Marti Warren silent Auction Change	4,296.53
5) +	1150.00	Pink Ribbon Ball Tickets	5,446.53
5 +	50.00	Pink Ribbon Ball Tickets	5,496.53
6 +	50.00	Pink Ribbon Ball Tickets	5,546.53
10 +	2030.05	Pink Ribbon Ball, 650-start up,100- Silent Auction,890 Quilt Raffle, 289	7,576.58
11 +	100.00	Pink Ribbon Ball	7,676.58
12 —	1500.00	Contribution to Susan G. Komen	6,176.58
12 —	50.00	Evan's Flowers (Pink Ribbon Ball)	6,126.58
12 +	346.00	Cash Bar,121-Silent Auction, 25-Pink Ribbon Ball,200	6,472.58
16 +	745.00	Quilt Raffle, 255- Start Up, 200-Silent Auction, 290	7,217.58
18 +	35.00	Quilt Raffle	7,252.58
19 —	2149.00	Anniston Country Club	5,103.58
24 —	191.48	Advanced Printing	4,912.10
24 —	131.53	Lenora Johnson, Supplies	4,780.52
24 —	115.00	Papa John's Pizza	4,665.52
30 +	692.00	Downey Medical 2005, 250- Guy bonds, 100-Pink Ribbon Ball, 100- Quilt Raffle, 217- Book Money, 25	5,357.52

Lenora gave a report from Porter House and a cost for catering the December 9 Christmas Party at Monet. Cost for Christmas Brunch will be \$11 per plate. Steel Magnolias will provide Coffee and Juice. Motion made by Marie Harbin and seconded by Sandy Chapman to accept this bid. Vote was a unanimous, Yes.

The Jacksonville walk is scheduled for this Saturday at Jacksonville Medical center.

Meeting then turned to a time of sharing: Individuals shared the length of time they've been breast cancer survivors: Marti Warren, since 1985...Jo Ann Taylor, since 2001...Marti Rogers, on her mother, Martha Hooton Barker, since 1966...Marie Harbin, since 2001.....Hazel Burke, since 1977....Gail Tuck, since 2000....Gloria Woosley, since 2003.... Nancy Burnell, since 2003....Lenora told story of the movie, *I Wore Lipstick To My Mastectomy*. Motion was made that we close our meeting.

Papa John's Delivery of Pizza! Then as we continued to fellowship, we enjoyed a variety of pizzas, Marti's tossed salad and a variety of desserts . Door Prizes were given away. Respectfully submitted by Secretary, Jo Ann Taylor

### **Walk For Someone You Love**

Saturday, October 28, Jacksonville Medical Center lawn, north side of hospital, was the gathering place for the hardy souls that walked the 5k Walk for Breast Cancer. When Prentiss and I got to the location, some of our Steel Magnolias were already there.

Rosa Reed was an inspiration in her Bubbles the Clown Breast Cancer costume. Months before, Rosa bought material and had a special costume made especially for the Jacksonville walk. Gail Tuck was ready to go, accompanied by her good friend. Ina Rooks and Millie Carlisle were already there and Margaret and Jimmy Taylor soon arrived. I wasn't expecting such a cold day and was not prepared for the weather so Prentiss went over to Wal-mart and bought a warm pink jacket that I was mighty proud to have.

Before we started our walk, Ashley said a few words of encouragement before turning the megaphone over to Pam Norris, a newly diagnosed nurse who works on the OB floor at Jacksonville Medical Center. Pam, who is still in treatment, has inside cleavage and was an inspiration to everyone. Following Pam, I said a few words about my new granddaughter, Emily, and made the point that my first granddaughter, Olivia, was born just seven months after my diagnosis of breast cancer. Three years later God blessed me to welcome precious Kaylee into this world. I made the point that being alive to see my children's babies is what life is all about. Milli then said a few encouraging words before Rosa, aka Bubbles the Clown, gave praise for her wonderful husband who helped her get through the rough days. In Marti's absence, I led the crowd in our fight chant, *I'm A Steel Magnolia*. Did the best I could, but was a poor substitute for Marti!

As we started our walk, a Jacksonville police car led the way, west past the Barn Restaurant to ultimately make the loop back to the Jacksonville Medical Center. There were about 250 people who turned out for the 5k walk. Most of those were there in memory of or in honor of someone they love.

Local doctors and civic organizations helped with the registration and Dr. Young provided hot chocolate and granola bars. We are very grateful to Ashley Downing and to Jacksonville Medical Center for their hard work in sponsoring this event.

I must confess that Rosa Reed, her husband, Archie, Prentiss and I made it to the first water station, turned around and headed back to the hospital. On our way back, we met Dr. Daniel's mother starting her 5k walk. Mrs. Daniel is a joy, an inspiration and a real trooper!.

What a great BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH we Steel Magnolias have had. I know all the tickets and registration fees add up, but in preparation for October 2007, I encourage everyone to put a little money away each month.

### **Progressive Study Club**

On November 2, 2006, I had the privilege of speaking to the Progressive Study Club that meets once a month, on the campus of JSU, at the International House. Anytime I am given the opportunity to speak to women about breast cancer, I am delighted.

This was a group of ladies, close to my age, and I felt that at first they did not realize how breast cancer is not a

respector of age. When I shared that recently, at RMC, in one week, there were three over 80 who had their breast removed; I saw their interest peek! They were a lovely group. I enjoyed them very much and I thank Carol Wilson, Chaplain Wilson's wife for the invitation. They gave me a gift certificate to Cracker Barrel, which Pokey really enjoyed! Submitted by Marti Warren

### **West Side Baptist Church Faith Cancer Support Group**

A week after Prentiss and I visited West Side Baptist church in Jacksonville, Bennie Purdue invited me to speak to the group, about the work of Steel Magnolias, at their meeting on Tuesday, November 7, . This group was organized, with the help of Kay Hogue. It is made up of people who have fought battles with a variety of cancers: prostate, melanoma, lung, bone, liver and breast.

Prentiss and I got to the church a little early so that I could set up a display of dining vouchers, benevolent closet and care packages, including back issues of the Steel Magnolias Newsletter. Bennie and June Purdue were the first members to arrive and open the church annex meeting room. Others soon arrived. There were 9 members in attendance. Pastor Caudle welcomed us but had to leave because of a death in Mrs. Caudle's family. This is an impressive group who sincerely want to make a difference in the lives of people diagnosed with cancer. Jimmy Taylor was expected to attend and talk to the group about the All Cancer Support Tree that he is establishing that will be connected to the all cancer dining vouchers. However, Jimmy, had to cancel because of a conflict with a previous appointment. Steel magnolias will not be actively involved with this project but will receive periodic reports about the effectiveness of the support system.

Besides making the group aware of the ministries of Steel Magnolias Breast Cancer Support Group, Inc. and the vision of the All Cancer Support Tree, I talked to the group about the need that elderly and indigent adults have for transportation to doctors offices and treatment centers. This is a need that I've received several calls about. Social Worker, Suzanne Adams called me, after being contacted by Dr. Stephanie Fussell. Ms. Adams said that local oncologists have several older chemotherapy patients who have transportation to their appointments but no way to get home.

I have contacted the director of Kid's First, a transportation system in place for children who need help getting to their medical appointments, about expanding the ministry to include the elderly. I was told by the director, that she tried this idea a few years ago and it didn't work because people who contribute to Kid's First complained about adults riding the transports. Not only did they complain, they began to withhold their contributions. It was suggested that, a possible answer would be church busses that sit all week until they are needed on Sunday and Wednesday. I presented this idea to the Faith Support Group. The following is a list of ideas that they want to explore in their group:

**Involve other churches:**

- 1) **Send meeting announcements to local churches**
- 2) **Have group members go to churches to present and give our group a face and briefly discuss ideas along with a brief testimony in an A.M. service.**
- 3) **Provide examples of our speakers: What we learn, what we provide...Brochures and Cancer Support Tree.**

The Faith Support Group welcomed Prentiss and me in a very sincere manner and displayed a genuine interest in making a difference for the better in the lives of cancer patients in their church as well as in their community and beyond. June Purdue brought her best friend, a breast cancer survivor, Georgina, and husband, John to the meeting. I sincerely thank Bennie Purdue for introducing me to this group of outstanding warriors!

### **Haywood Jeweler's "Causes"**

Haywood Jewelers loves to give back to our surrounding community. We believe that in order to better serve our clients, we must be part of their everyday lives. Therefore we donate jewelry to "Our Causes," such as the Steel Magnolias. We truly enjoy knowing that we are able to help those in our community who are in need.

There are some services we perform for our customers, for which we do not usually charge. Now, when our customers ask, "How much do I owe you?" Instead of saying, "No charge," we simply say, "You owe us nothing but please make a small donation to Steel Magnolias."

We have a total of three charities that we support: Leukemia and Lymphoma Foundation, whose funds go to a floor at Birmingham Children's Hospital that cares for area children who are fighting leukemia or lymphoma, Steel Magnolias, and Paws for Patriots, which supports the training of Seeing Eye Dogs for use by soldiers blinded by recent conflict and for the training of dogs that will be Companion Dogs for returning veterans who, in recent conflicts, have lost limbs.

We support these charities because all of our donations are used to benefit people living in OUR COMMUNITY. We appreciate all that the Steel Magnolias do in our community and we are proud to be part of what they do.  
Thank You, Bill and Sabrina Haywood and Belinda Clem

NOTE: The Haywood family has, for several years, made contribution of beautiful jewelry to the Steel Magnolias' Silent Auction. Suzie Spiceland was the high bidder on a beautiful, Sterling Silver and Mother of Pearl, designer Pendant and Earring set. Thank You Haywood Jewelers! Haywood Jewelers is located in Rainbow City, at the intersection of Rainbow Drive and Hwy. 77.

#### **Steel Magnolias' RMC West Office is OPEN**

Milli Carlisle called a few weeks ago to say that she was ready to go to work in the Steel Magnolias' office. Thursday, November 8, Prentiss and I met Milli and carried an envelope, filled with addresses and information concerning contributions that required thank you/tax exempt letters. Milli called that same night to tell me that she could not get the old IBM computer to work. Because of the urgency of the work needing to be done, I called Marti and Nancy about Steel Magnolias purchasing a computer for our office. On Friday, I met Nancy and got a signed check for the computer. Wouldn't you know, the curser would not work. Milli returned the computer, as required by Wal-mart. That E-machine was sold out so we stepped up to a little more expensive computer. I covered the difference until Nancy can reimburse. Thanks to the help of Joe Keel, Milli is at work! Milli will be in the office on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Phone number is (256) 231-8827. Thank you Milli!

#### **Christmas Brunch**

The Steel Magnolias Christmas party will be held on Saturday December 9, at Monet's beautiful tea room. Invitations are in the mail. Please RSVP to Lenora Johnson @ (256) 447-9822 so we will know how much food to order from Porter House. Cost is \$11 each. We will play Dirty Santa so please bring a gift wrapped, tree ornament valued at \$10. Because of limited space, we must limit our party by mailing invitations.

#### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**Tuesday, November 28: Steel Magnolias Meeting, Classroom #1, Tyler center, 5:00 p.m.**  
**We will be having a Chili Supper... Please bring sandwiches, salads, or desserts**  
**Breast Cancer and Ovarian Cancer Patients are invited.**

**Saturday, December 9: Steel Magnolias Christmas Brunch, Monet Salon & Day Spa**  
**Please RSVP to Lenora Johnson @ (256) 447-9822**

#### **Thanksgiving and Christmas**

**Steel Magnolias wishes for everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving and a most Joyous Christmas! Celebrate! Celebrate!! Your life, by cherishing the Family, God has given you to love!**

**The next Steel Magnolias Newsletter will be mailed on January 15 and the next regular meeting at the Tyler Center will be Tuesday, January 23.**

**.....Remember.....**

**You are Beautiful, You are Vital, You are Loved, You are a Survivor!**

## **Jo Ann, Here Goes!**

### **Anthill Golfing**

Once there was a golfer whose drive landed on an anthill. Rather than move the ball, he decided to hit it where it lay. He gave a mighty swing. Clouds of dirt and sand and ants exploded from the spot. Everything but the golf ball. It sat in the same spot. So he lined up and tried another shot. Clouds of dirt and sand and ants went flying again. The golf ball didn't even wiggle. Two ants survived. One dazed ant said to the other, "Whoa! What are we going to do?" Said the other ant: "I don't know about you, but I'm going to get on the ball."

### **Cocktail Lounge**

A very elderly gentleman, (mid nineties) very well dressed, hair well groomed, great looking suit, flower in his lapel, smelling slightly of a good after shave, presenting a well looked-after image, walks into an upscale cocktail lounge. Seated at the bar is an elderly looking lady, in her mid-eighties. The gentleman walks over, sits alongside of her, orders a drink, takes a sip, turns to her and says, "So tell me, do I come here often?"

### **Life After Death**

"Do you believe in life after death?" the boss asked one of his employees. "Yes, sir," the new employee replied. "Well, then, that makes everything just fine," the boss went on. "After you left early yesterday to go to your grandmother's funeral, she stopped in to see you!"

### **Family Pet**

A couple was dressed and ready to go out for the evening. They turned on a night light, turned on the answering machine, covered their pet parakeet and put the cat in the back yard. They phoned the local cab company and requested a taxi. The taxi arrived and the couple opened the front door to leave the house. The cat they had put out into the yard scooted back into the house. They didn't want the cat in the house because she always tried to eat the bird. The wife got into the taxi while her husband went back to get the cat. The cat ran upstairs, the man in hot pursuit. Waiting in the cab, the wife didn't want the driver to know the house would be empty for the night. She explained to the taxi driver that her husband would be out soon. "He's just going upstairs to say good-bye to my mother." A few minutes later, the husband got into the cab. "Sorry I took so long," he said as they drove away.. Stupid wildcat was hiding under the bed. I had to poke her with a coat hanger to get her to come out! She tried to take off so I grabbed her by the neck. Then I had to wrap her in a blanket to keep her from scratching me. But it worked. I hauled her fat back-end downstairs and threw her out into the back yard!" The cab driver hit a parked car....

### **Trooper**

A Florida senior citizen drove his brand new corvette convertible out of the dealership. Taking off down the road, he pushed it to 80 mph, enjoying the wind blowing through what little hair he had left. "Amazing," he thought as he flew down I-75, pushing the pedal even more. Looking in his rear view mirror, he saw the state trooper behind him, blue lights flashing and siren blaring. He floored it to 100 mph, then 120. suddenly he thought, "What am I doing? I'm too old for this," and pulled over to await the trooper's arrival. Pulling in behind him, the trooper walked up to the Corvette, looked at his watch and said, "Sir, my shift ends in 30 minutes. Today is Friday. If you can give me a reason for speeding that I've never heard before, I'll let you go." the old gentleman paused. Then said, "Years ago, my wife ran off with a Florida State Trooper. I thought you were bringing her back." "Have a good day, Sir," replied the trooper.

### **Some Good Stuff**

Dear Tide, I am writing to say what an excellent product you have! I've used it all of my married life, as my Mom always told me it was the best. Now that I am in my fifties, I find it even better! In fact, about a month ago, I spilled some red wine on my new white blouse. My inconsiderate and uncaring husband started to belittle me about how clumsy I was, and generally started becoming a pain in the neck. One thing led to another and somehow I ended up with blood on my new white blouse. I grabbed my bottle of Tide with bleach alternative, and to my surprise and satisfaction, all of the stains came out! In fact, the stains came out so well the detectives who came by yesterday told me that the DNA tests on my blouse were negative and then my attorney called and said that I was no longer a suspect in the disappearance of my husband. What a relief! Going through menopause is bad enough without being a murder suspect! I thank you once again, for having a great product. Well, gotta go, have to write to the Hefty bag people.