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The lady said she made coats that turned into sleeping bags. I had no reason not to believe her. I've heard of a Dinosaur that turns into a transformer. I've seen a car that turns into a boat, a table that turns into a chair and a politician that turns into a snake. I've even meet a hot stripper that turned into a man, but that's another story. She said they made the coats out of recycled materials and gave them away to the homeless for nothing, a very mysterious business plan. But she had one of those coat/sleeping bag combinations with her and both Uncle Ray and Leon tried it on, two men of notoriously different size, and it seemed to fit both. Leon wanted to try the sleeping bag option, but he sleeps in the raw and that made a few of guys squeamish (Carolyn and Renea were all for it). Anyhow by the time she was finished most of us thought it was a damn good idea and the organization was enthusiastically supported in the Board of Directors meeting later that evening. Apparently we get easy in our old age.

Best wishes, good luck and get well soon to Richard who is having his chest cracked open at Oakwood Hospital this Monday. Some of his plumbing is clogged and the Roto-Rooter guy who worked on him two weeks ago said it was a job for a professional. I know the guy doing it is good because he did the same thing to me 13 years go and look how wonderful I turned out. If you're a religious person you might want to say a prayer for him tomorrow morning.

As of last Thursday our Club officially went over the hill. Up till then we had 2 members still in their 20's but President Renan just broke into the thirties and left Alejandra as the only youngster in the crowd. As a side note of things to come Renan's 26 year old wife has started calling him "Old Man".

This week we celebrate a 30 year old tradition by having our annual February Hemlock Cabin Cook-Out. It will be cold outside but toasty warm inside with a stone fireplace and lots of adult beverages (the cabin also has a high efficiency furnace, 2 bathrooms, a kitchenette and tables/chairs so we're not really roughing it). Danielle Bergeron has graciously volunteered to pay for the steaks and her husband Leon will be performing the Chef duties on the Bar-B-Q. Along with the steaks we will be having salad, tater salad, killer beans from Hell, homemade deserts and a wide selection of beverages. Charge is \$20 and includes open bar and snacks. **DO NOT MISS THIS ONE.** It only happens once a year and is always a good time. In fact, bring a friend or relative with you. Friends can go home with you afterwards and relatives can be chained to a picnic table in the park, always a fun thing to do. Hemlock Park is on Hemlock Street. Hemlock Street is 2 blocks north of Ford Road on Schaefer. You turn Right (east) onto Hemlock Street and the Cabin is the first thing on your right in the corner of the park.

Upcoming Events:

February 12th - Hemlock Cabin, Friends, Fun & Food, do not miss this one.

February 19th – Frances Akler from the Society of Retired Belly Dancers will perform her “Dance of the Seven Veils” for us. Frances has been performing this traditional dance under the stage name of “Bubbles Varoom” since the early 40’s and this will be her first performance after a difficult recovery from a broken spine. Bubbles will be signing autographs after the performance (with permission of the paramedics).

February 26th – Our annual “Trapping, Skinning and Stuffing” presentation from our old friend John “Liver Eating” Johnson. Liver Eating will show us the latest advances in strangling, slitting, gutting and chopping with a special demonstration on fresh road kill preparation and preservation. If you’ve got an old house pet or an annoying neighbors pet you’d like to get rid of, just bring it along. Plastic bags will be provided.

What’s a ducks favorite snack? Cheese and quackers.

Love & Kisses
Babydoll