# I Wish I had Said That!"

By Helen Vogt Greene

On the way home from school, it was raining. Brenda H. shared her six year old son's conversation. "Do you know Mom, the windshield wipers are like God. Like the wipers God keeps wiping away our sins."

Brenda fully admits that she was not quite ready for that, but she wanted to see if it was a lesson learned. "Do you notice that the rain keeps on coming? What does that tell you?" Without a moment's hesitation the little boy answered, "We keep sinning and God just keeps on forgiving us." He gave us the rainbow as a reminder.

A very old Nun was visiting her favorite doctor. To help her relax, he suggested a shot of whiskey, three times a day.

When she returned to the Convent, she told Mother Superior about the doctor's visit. "I can't do it, I have seen too many people suffer." Mother Superior understood, but knew her favorite nun would benefit from the doctor's orders.

She went to the kitchen and ordered her staff to put the whiskey in the nun's milk three times a day.

Many years passed and on her final days, the Sisters and Mother Superior were standing by her bed. "Do you have any words of wisdom you wish to share?" In a very soft, weak voice the old nun whispered, "Don't sell the cow!" Not able to understand, Mother Superior said "What did you say, My dear friend?" Very loudly and very clearly she said... "Don't sell that cow!"

Today, TRUTH has become a precious gift. "If you didn't hear with your own ears or see it with your own eyes, don't invent it with your small mind and share it with your big mouth."

'Many times what people need is not a brilliant mind with a brilliant answer, but someone who will listen with an understanding heart.'

When God finished the creation of Adam, He stepped back, scratched His head and said, "I can do better than that." He did...He created you!!!

# Up A Lazy River

By Helen Vogt Greene

Florida has a weblike network of nearly 1,700 rivers. If you want to go "Up A Lazy River," your home state is a good place to start.

One thousand seven hundred rivers is nothing to the 12,000 rivers that Alaska has and they make up 40 percent of the nation's surface water.

But, "Florida's rivers and waterways have carried the lifeblood of commerce to and for Florida's first settlers." The rivers, lakes and seashores of Florida are some of the most exciting and beautiful in this world.

Many of the rivers go unmentioned because they are hard to pronounce. Did you know the following rivers are on the west coast of Florida? Withlacoochee (near Lakeland), Pithlachasotee is just north of Tampa. The Caloosahatchee is a very important river. It connects Lake Okeechobee to Fort Myers and the Gulf of Mexico.

The names of the ones most difficult to pronounce are Indian names that lived in those areas of Florida. A good example is the Caloosahatchee. The river is named for the Caloose Indians. They were a fierce and skilled warrior Indian who attacked the Spanish as they came ashore in the Fort Myers area. At one time, at their height, there were over 50,000 Caloosa Indiains.

There are not too many elementary school children that do not know that the State river of Florida is the Swanee River. Stephen Foster's "Old Folks at Home" made Florida and the river popular. Since 1935, it has been our State song.

On the east coast of Florida, we are able to enjoy the scenic beauties of the St. Lucie and the Indian River. Just south of Fort Pierce, is a little town that time has forgotten, one mile west of Midway is a park that allows you to enjoy 'old Florida.'

Those coming to Florida down Route #1 trip over Florida's longest river, the 310 mile St. John's River flowing 'north' from Jacksonville to Lake George near Daytona.

On the panhandle of Florida are two important rivers. (Watch the names!) Apalachicola and the Ochlocknee River. The Apalachicola is approximately four miles wide and 160 miles long. Not only does this river bisect Florida and comes from southern Georgia, it is an excellent example of "Florida Forever."

What is "Florida Forever?" It was a conservation program begun by Jeb Bush in 1999. It is a program that purchases land to protect it for the people of Florida. As of July 2020, with a price tag of 3.1 billion dollars, the DEP (Florida Department of Environment), with the governor and his/her serving cabinet serve as the trustee. They have acquired 869,477 acres of land which is in trust for the residents of Florida.

With a population of 21.78 million residents and 3.5 million winter guests, it is difficult to share the importance Florida at its best. It doesn't take long to find some of the world's finest beaches and there are not many states with anywhere close to the number of golf courses. Does anyone not know that Disney World is in Florida?

But, for those who seek to discover the past and old Florida, need only to find a map or Google Florida Rivers and there is an adventure waiting for you.

# Lest We Forget!

By Helen Vogt Greene

When we are not dealing with hurricanes, which is really unusual, November is one of the most enjoyable months. It is a month that we begin to remember the past and the people that made it a reality.

November, as a month, has not changed since 45 B.C. It is and was the 11th month of the Julien and Gregorian Calendars. It is seen as a month of preparation for the difficult days of winter.

England still celebrates a 1605 event with fireworks. It is called Guy Fawkes Day. In 1605, there was an attempt to blow up Parliament and King James. It didn't happen and they are still celebrating. We have some interesting customs too.

The pilgrims were finding out about their new lands and opportunities. On the fourth Thursday in November, 1621, their new neighbors invited them to lunch. They came home from hunting with a deer, a hog and the women had collected a wide variety of vegetables from the garden. There was spice cake for dessert. They forgot to pack the chocolate on the Mayflower.

This was Plymouth and the pilgrims were making new friends with the native Americans - Indians and they were celebrating the first Thanksgiving.

Rumors of wars with England continued for another 162 years. A treaty and negotiations were made September 3, 1783. The treaty was signed by Great Britain and the United States.

On November 19, 1863, two years before his assassination, Abraham Lincoln dedicated and consecrated one of the most historically national cememtery in the new called America. The national cemetery was located at Gettysburg, Pa.

In his 272 word speech, Lincoln memorialized the sacred grounds as the final resting place for 50,000 casualties. Today, Lincoln's words continue to touch the hearts of those who listen. "All men are created equal"

"That these dead shall not have died in vain."

"We are that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from this earth."

These words continue to echo down through the lives and pages of history.

For those of us of that certain age , November 22, 1963, Dallas, Texas is still a memory not forgotten. President John F. Kennedy was assassinated.

John F. Kennedy became the fourth President to be assassinated with William McKinley (1842), Abraham Lincoln (1865) James Garfield (1881).

There are times that remembering history can be questionable. Even the mention of Rev. Jim Jones and his congregation called the "People's Temple." brings up comments. Jones and his Temple, we hope will remind others of how dangerous destructive and manipulation of others can be.

On November 19, 1978, Jim Jones and over 900 members of the "People's Temple," the largest group ever, committed mass suicide by drinking a cyanide laced drink. History remembers so that it can or will not happen again.

November, is the month that gives everyone the blessings and Thanksgiving of family friends and America. Happy Thanksgiving and God Bless America!

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## Club Meetings and Other Points of Interest

*Free listing for service clubs' and charitable organizations schedules and special events open to the public. Send information to About Town, 1313 Central Terrace, Lake Worth, FL 33460, **fax 561-585-5434 or email lwheraldje@gmail.com**. Please keep it brief. We reserve the right to edit and/or reject any announcement deemed*

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**PALM BEACH COIN CLUB COIN SHOW -** Sunday Nov. 27, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. American Polish Club, 4725 Lake Worth Rd., Greenacres. 45 dealers buying and selling coins, bullion and jewelry. Free admission, Free appraisals, Gold coin raffle. Contact Tony Swicer 561-964-7236.

**CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS**

Please contact the club or organization of your choice for any updated information

**THE WOMEN'S CLUB OF LAKE WORTH -** the oldest service club in Lake Worth, is welcoming new members by calling Marlene Glass at 248-761-9602.

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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LAKE WORTH COUNCIL 3393** meets on the first Monday, of every month at 7 p.m. in the library at Sacred Heart Catholic School in Lake Worth Beach. If you are interested in learning about the Knights and our charitable activities in the Lake Worth community, please call 561-542-7899. You may also learn more about the Knights by going to https://www.kofc.org/en/who-we-are/our-story/index.html. Now through June 30, 2023, enter Promo Code BLESSEDMCGIVNEY for 12 months of free online membership.

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**THE TOWN & COUNTRY GARDEN CLUB OF LAKE WORTh,** a non-profit whose mission is to promote an interest in gardens, their design and management, and to cooperate in the protection of wildflowers, birds, native trees and shrubs, to encourage civic planning and to fund and award scholarships, meets the second Monday of every month October through April 11:30 am to 1:30 pm at the First Congregational Church, 1415 North K Street, Lake Worth. Meetings include lunch and a guest speaker. There are several organized field trips throughout the season. NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED. Annual dues are $30.00. For more info contact Erin Allen 561-312-5925 or erinallen.realtor@gmail.com.

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**LAKE WORTH ROTARY CLUB** - New members always welcome. For more information call 732-690-0979.

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**CRESTHAVEN STAMP CLUB** - Meets the second and fourth Tuesday monthly from 1 to 3 p.m. New members always welcome. For additional information call Robert Burr at 561-267-1903 or visit www.cresthavenstamp.club.

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**DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION OF LAKE WORTH -** For meetings and times contact registrarGarilaso@gmail.com.

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**AMERICAN LEGION VOGEL-LEE POST 47,** 2315 N. Dixie Hwy, Lake Worth. 561-582-4616.

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**LAKE WORTH LIONS CLUB** meets the third Tuesday of each month at TooJay's, 6:30-7:30 p.m., 419 Lake Worth, Lake Worth Beach. Do you like helping others? For more information, http://e-clubhouse.org/sites/lakeworth/.

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**VFW POST 4360 -** Bingo every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Food served at 5 p.m. All new cash prizes. Free Bingo sheet for your Birthday week. Free Bingo sheet for first-timers. Dinner every Friday, 6 p.m. Karaoke every Friday 7 p.m. 222 Cypress Ln, Palm Springs. 561-629-7555.

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**POINCIANA COMMUNITY** would like to invite you to its monthly BUNCO PARTY on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM. Play will be at the Clubhouse, 3536 Via Poinciana. Admission is $5 and a small, unwrapped gift, for the loser bag. If you do not know how to play, we will teach you. A fun night out with refreshments, drink, and prizes. Open to the public. Reservations required. Call Mindi Dorffman, (561) 328-8977 or (561) 788-2212.