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By Christy Aulls Bradshaw
2016-2017 President



President's Message: The Journey

You always hear people say life is a journey. What you rarely hear people say is your career is a journey. They obviously are not court reporters.

When I found out or heard "Fantastic Journey" as one of the choices for this year's conference, it clicked with me immediately, and I knew that that was going to be my theme for this year. We all have a story and we all have a journey that we can share with other people, and I want to share mine with you today.

When people ask why I became a court reporter, I tell them there were three reasons: I'm horrible at memorization, I hate math, and this is what my father told me I was supposed to do from a very young age. When I was eight years old, my father introduced me to a court reporter named Joy Hayes, who is present at the convention this weekend, and said, "Honey, this is what you're supposed to do when you get older." At eight years old, I didn't want anything to do with anything my father recommended, so that was it.

When I was 15 years old, he introduced me to another court reporter named Candy Morgan and once again said, "Honey, this is what you're supposed to do when you get older." Candy said I crossed my arms and tapped my foot and didn't listen to anything she had to say. And once again, it was my father's suggestion, so it meant nothing. Well, in my senior year of high school, for career day, we had a court reporter speak. And from that day forward, I knew I was going to be a court reporter. There was nothing else I wanted to do. I fell in love with it and that was going to be my career.

When I first started court reporting, I ended up working for Candy Morgan, the reporter who I had met when I was 15, and she's reminded me for 21 years what a brat I was when she first met me. My last year of school I worked for Central Florida Reporters for Susie England in Orlando. And through the years Susie has become my very best friend.

When I started my interning, working for Central Florida Reporters, I was lucky enough to work with one of the best court reporters I have ever known, Laura Landerman, who is captioning for us today. And Laura also a couple years ago, it may have been last year, actually, or two years ago, won the Arlene P. Sommers Award for the amount of students who she has mentored through the years.

Laura taught me more than anyone could have taught me. She taught me my Eclipse software. I got to go sit in court and scope with her, which back then is how you scoped. You had a reporter sitting next to you. I learned more from her than I ever learned in school, and she has been a godsend

to my career.

THE REPORTER: Thank you, Christy.

CHRISTY BRADSHAW: My first few years reporting, I was in Inverness, Gainesville and Ocala. Not unlike most of us in here, I was absolutely scared to death. The first six months of my career I wore scarves because, as you all know, I break out in hives, so every time I went to swear a witness or had to read back, I was just covered in hives. It was quite an experience, but I made it.

One of my very first jobs was a three-day jury trial where the judge, who was a friend of my father, had to come find me in the bathroom because I was throwing up and said, you know, come in here. We're going to take care of you. It's going to be okay. And it was. I made it through the trial, and I had a couple minor hiccups, which is another really good story I can tell, but I did it. I made it through.

In 2000, my husband and I were living in Neptune Beach, Florida. He was in law school. And our apartment flooded and we were forced to move. We moved to my parents' lake house just south of Ocala, which was free at that time. So we moved in there, and it was at that time that I decided to start my own business, CAB Reporting, out of the loft of my parents' lake house. We had no money. I had no office. I had a handful of clients, and I had the support of my husband and the support of my family. My dad had retired from being a judge and was a mediator, and every mediation he went to he handed out my cards. He was always my biggest fan.

In 2001, I got my first office. A couple years later I got a bigger office, and then I got the one that I am in now, which I've been in for about 13 years. I passed the RPR. I passed one leg of the RMR and was really starting to believe in myself.

In 2006, I attended my first firm owners conference in Sarasota. I went by myself and didn't think I would know anybody there. The first person I ran into was Susan England, who had been my boss when I was in court reporting school. We spent the whole weekend together, and we have been inseparable since that weekend. I also met for the first time Jennifer Gaul and Susan Wasilewski, who encouraged me to attend an FCRA conference, which I had never been to. Because of the two of them, I attended the very next FCRA conference and every one that has followed.

One of the next conferences I did attend at FCRA, I decided to raise my hand and ask a couple questions and make a couple comments, which was a big move for me.

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**By Sharon Pell Velazco,
FCR Online Editor**

Message from the Editor

What a wonderful three-year tenure I've had in the position of editor for FCR Online! I would like to especially thank you, the contributing members — and you know who you are — for your constant cooperation! I've thoroughly enjoyed reading all the article submissions and getting little glimpses into the

personalities of their authors. So, it is with great sadness/joy that I am turning my "tiara" into a crown and placing it onto the head of Richard Scire, who will be our incoming editor. I know he will enjoy and look forward to previewing your articles as much as I have!

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Sandi Estevez came up to me after the conference and said you should consider being on our FCRA Board. You really had good input. I'm thinking, "Me? On the FCRA board? It will never happen." I was scared to death.

The very next year, unlike Rick who didn't know who nominated him, my good friend Susie England nominated me for director at large and waved the paper all over the hallway saying "I'm nominating you for director." I could have absolutely killed her.

I got an e-mail asking me to set up an interview, which I had by Skype, thank God. I knew I had bombed it and thought I'd never hear from them again, and all of a sudden I got an e-mail asking me to serve as director at large for FCRA. I was terrified and excited at the same time, not unlike today.

In 2011, I served on the board with Rick Levy as president. Poor Rick had to baby me through my first year. He talked me off the ledge quite a few times, and I survived. I did a good job. In my time on the board, I have now served as treasurer, vice-president, president-elect and now your president. I was also editor for our *FCR Online* magazine.

During this time, I transitioned my career from reporting to running my business and doing marketing. I attended career days at a couple of different schools each year, teaching students about court reporting. I served on the board of a local law and government program at a school in Ocala where I've been able to teach reporters every year about court reporting and realtime.

In December of 2014, I merged my business, CAB Reporting, with First Choice Reporting. Kirsty and I, the owner, had gone to school at the same time and knew each other and felt it was a very good fit for us to come together as one company. Within the next year, myself, Kirsty, Susie

England and Rick Levy became business partners, which has been a wonderful part of my life.

You may wonder why I'm telling you all of this. We all have a story and we all have a journey in this career. It's different for all of us, but if I had not become a court reporter, I would not know most of you in this room, if any of you. I would not have met my best friend. I would not have met my husband. I would not have served on this board that I love dearly, and I would not have the best business partners that anybody could ask for.

Our journey, this career, can be whatever we make it and whatever we want it to be. Whether you're a student waiting to start your career, whether you're a new reporter trying to find your way and decide what you want to do, whether you freelance, whether you're an official, whether you do CART, or caption, or do realtime, whether you teach or whether you mentor, whether you serve on a committee or end up serving on this board, make it your journey. If the story of my journey helps one person become a court reporter or helps one person join FCRA or be on this board, then I've done my job.

I want to thank my husband, Gator, and I want to thank my business partners, Rick, Susie and Kirsty. I want to thank my fellow board members who have been supportive of me for the last four or five years, especially Rosa, who has taken me under her wing this last year preparing me for this presidency. And trust me, I know I have very big shoes to fill following Rosa and the presidents who came before her, and in doing so, I will continue this fantastic journey that I started 21 years ago. Thank you.

By Rosa Naccarato, FPR
2015-2016 President



Immediate Past President's Speech

The next order of business is the president's report, and I'm happy to report that we have had an outstanding year. Right after our last convention, our committees hit the ground running, and one of the first accomplishments was another successful FPR where 26 out of 32 reporters who attended became FPRs for an 81.25 percent pass rate.

In February, we participated in the National Court Reporting & Captioning Week campaign. And I'm sure you all remember the wonderful poster we put together and displayed throughout all the courthouses in the state that we could get to. So many people participated, and it was an outstanding success in the respect that we got such positive feedback.

We've had some great PR, and we had a good time doing it. National was proud of us to the point that they included our poster in their article, so I would say mission accomplished on that one.

In March, we attended boot camp in DC put on by NCRA. It's a legislative boot camp they hold every other year as a tool for aiding state association leadership to be able to advocate and legislate and just advance whatever your issues may be. It was an outstanding experience. Lori Bundy, our vice president, attended, Sharon Velazco, our secretary, and myself. And not only did we learn so much, but we absolutely did advocate for our profession. We stormed the Hill, and we showed them what realtime reporters are all about right there on their television screens, and that, too, was very successful. And we all feel so much more empowered as a result. (Applause)

In April, continuing on our path of success, we went to the University of Miami, and we spoke to the third-year law students once again. This became an annual event for us where we go and talk to them about the different methodologies and why ours is the preferred methodology. We do realtime demonstrations. We answer their questions. And this particular year we really were touched by a student who came up to us when the class was over, and he shared with us the fact that he was hearing impaired. And one of his greatest concerns going forward was the challenge he may be met with when proceedings were going on and he may not be able to hear and understand everything. He came up to us afterwards, and he said, "I can't tell you how relieved I am to know that this exists and this is exactly what I'm going to need when I start practicing law." So, again, mission accomplished.

We were so touched, and I almost burst into tears right there. Again, you just don't know who you're touching and

how our jobs are interwoven in people's lives, and that day we gave him the reassurance he was going to have all the tools he needed to go forward, so that was excellent.

And as an aside, I had the occasion to meet with the president of The Florida Bar just because he happens to be in South Florida, so I got the opportunity, and we sat and talked about a lot of issues. And when I told him that we do this, go to law schools and speak to the students, he thought that was phenomenal. He said you guys should be doing that wherever possible because these attorneys don't get any of that. They only get the education they get wherever they first land to take their first depositions, and they really have no idea about so much of the detail that goes into your job. So he thought that was very effective. And the professor himself loves it, and every year, it's "See ya next year." So it's grown, and thanks to NCRA putting together an excellent guideline that we use, and we've encouraged other state associations to do the same thing. And if anybody here would like to do this in universities or colleges in your area, please reach out. We'll be happy to share the script and let you know how we do it, and the more the merrier. We need all the volunteers we can get.

In May, we had very successful Off The Record network gatherings, and those who attended know that not only did we have great turnouts, but for the first time, we had some VIPs in the house. We invited our local judges and elected officials, and every ROR was attended by someone in office.

We were very lucky in Miami. We had about 12 judges at ours. They were thrilled, and they thought it was a wonderful idea. And we realized, boy, what an opportunity missed by not doing this in the past, because we don't ever get to interact with our judges. And they, more importantly, said, "We don't get to interact with you guys. You work all day and you're in our courtrooms, we're on the bench, and we just never get this opportunity."

So they really, really were happy to be a part of it, and in the future, we'll keep doing that, and hopefully our event will continue to grow.

Even some of the reporters were just stunned to see the judges there. They felt so privileged, and someone asked me, "Well, why did they come?" I said, "Because we invited them." Gee, what a concept. So it was really, really successful, and we will definitely do that again. So, as I said, I'm happy to report our year has been outstanding.

Also, on top of all of that, our Professional Ethics Committee did an outstanding job this year.

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Once again, they fielded questions all year long. You would be amazed at the things that come up, the little things that our entrusted committee deals with on a regular basis. As Donna says, they kind of come in spurts. We'll have a quiet time, and all of the sudden, we'll be slammed with three or four different, very perplexing questions. And the committee does their research, has meetings and does whatever it can to assist that reporter so they go out and represent the profession professionally and with the tools that they need to be successful and not make mistakes. So that's been quite challenging all year for that committee.

We were also contacted by the Florida Supreme Court. Those of you who picked up a copy at the registration desk of the rule change to Rule 9.210 where they updated some of the appellate procedures for the record on appeal because of us moving towards electronic filing and trying to streamline some of that procedure, they were gracious enough to reach out to FCRA and allow us to have input into some of the proposed changes. And that was critical because, once again, they don't know our job very well and don't know what the mechanics of it are. And, by us being able to give that input, not only did the rule come out in a way that was much more advantageous for us, but they actually credited us with helping them.

So that was a great bridge that we established with the Florida Supreme Court as we move forward on other issues. They know that we're supportive of them and they're supportive of us, and it can only just move forward from here due to the fact that we're building these relationships as we go along. So we're very proud of that as well.

Also, certification. I know you're all dying to hear all about that, and that's another committee that has worked diligently all year to address this issue and to advance our biggest cause. And I'm very happy to report that OSCA, Office of the State Court Administrator, which P.K. Jameson is the state court administrator, they met with us. Our committee went up to Tallahassee, and they met with the committee that OSCA put together and discussed what our goals are and how we could accomplish them.

And I'm very pleased to say that one of the first things that came up and they agreed with was a registry, that we need to start identifying the court reporters in the state before we can start talking about actual certification. And the last we heard, OSCA just got approval for six full-time employees added to their staff, two of which will be dedicated strictly to the court reporting registry and certification. (Applause)

We are closer than we've ever been to reaching our goal, so that is an outstanding accomplishment, really.

As I said, you can see we've been very busy this year. And honestly, I don't know how much more could be expected from a board that is all volunteers. We're all either working reporters or firm owners, and I don't have to tell you how hard that is in a profession like court reporting to then juggle all this volunteer stuff. Things that are thrown at you.

There's the planned. There's the unplanned. And it just — it rolls, and somehow we just manage to get it done. So this board has been outstanding. I just want to thank you all. (Applause)

Our wonderful editor-in-chief did a fantastic job this year with our online magazine getting people to publish articles. That, in and of itself, is a huge accomplishment, not to mention the fine way she put it all together, along with her little musings of Vana Lou.

And we've also tried to keep you informed and up to date with our e-flashes. So anybody who's read those as they've come along, I'm sure, has appreciated the information and the way it's helped you.

And this convention. We've put on a fantastic convention. And that's really the royal "we" because it's she, but she really has done an amazing job, stepped up and put together this wonderful event. And I know you all have been having a good time, right?

The location is wonderful, but the agenda is what's really important so that you all come here and take something away besides just a good time. And I hope we've done that for you and given you the tools you need to be even more successful to take it to the next level. So you are an amazing party planner, young lady, and we thank you very much for that. (Applause)

I've had the blessing of working with the best board ever. You all have just been phenomenal, and the support that I have received has just been — I just can't even describe it. It's an invaluable thing to have such wonderful people working with you, and you made this a pleasure for me every step of the way. I mean it, I really do. So I thank you all from the bottom of my heart for your tremendous dedication to our profession and for your support to me individually.

I also could not have survived this year without the support of our wonderful staff. I have to thank Lynn Hupp from the bottom of my heart as well for being there for me. I just can't even begin to tell you; if it wasn't a phone call, it was a text, it was an e-mail, and she was always responding.

She was always taking care of whatever it was, calming me down, if necessary, filling in the blanks for me, whatever it may be. As late as this morning I was texting her, and she answered me about five minutes later. So thank you, Lynn. You've been a very, very wonderful support. Thank you.

Dave Wenhold, Big Daddy, another fine gentleman who's always been there for me as well, and I thank you. You've made it a lot of fun along the way, and there is a lot more to come.

Our staff members that are out there, as we introduced you before to Cristina and Briana — and Julie Dross, unfortunately, could not be with us because she just recently had a change of employment. She's on to other, bigger

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Convention from a Student Reporter's Perspective

By Robin Merker, RPR, FPR

If you ever attended an FCRA convention as a student, you know how we love our students, and this year's convention was no different. For those of you who haven't, after reading Rhiannon's article below, I'm sure you'll be making your own plans to be there!

MY FIRST CONVENTION

By Rhiannon Samoyedny, Atlantic Technical Center student

Have you ever attended a meeting where you didn't quite feel welcomed? I can remember my first PTA meeting. I was so excited to be involved with my son's education. I got to the first meeting and I was full of ideas, ready to share them with the group. I was met with quite the opposite of what I expected. There were cliques and I was mostly ignored by others who have known each other for years. I sat alone and took notes. I was hesitant to speak up when the time came. I just didn't feel comfortable.

I eventually made friends and stuck with the PTA for years while my son was in elementary school. I stayed involved and did what I could as a working mom and student. I must say that first impression turned me off from many types of associations.

Attending the FCRA convention this year was the complete opposite of my first PTA meeting. There were no cliques, no uncomfortable, awkward moments. I was met

with smiling faces and open arms from the moment I got my welcome packet to the moment I left. I was fortunate to know several people that were going this year, but I can honestly say that I could have gone completely alone and I would have felt just as welcomed and part of the experience.

From meeting new reporters from all walks and levels of the profession, to the members of the board taking the time to meet me and talk with me. I felt right at home at the convention. I came home with so many business cards that my billfold won't even hold them all. I know that the connections I made were genuine. They really meant it when they gave me their cards and told me they were just a phone call away.

I learned so much in just a few days. Each class was packed with interesting and informative information. Some of the reporters were kind enough to donate very useful items to all of the students. I can't think of one other profession on this planet with such encouraging, helpful, members cheering us along. They want nothing more than for students to succeed. I also love that the FCRA's main mission is to preserve our future as reporters.

I cannot wait until I attend next year as a working reporter. I'm so fortunate to have gone as a student. I am so excited to graduate and start working alongside of some of the strongest, smartest, kindest people I have ever met. I highly encourage each and every student to attend a convention. Thank you FCRA. See you next year.

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things, I guess. But she was also responsible for putting this on, working with you, Lori, and just up until about two weeks ago, actually.

I also want to thank my bosses at First Choice, and Rick Levy, in particular, for giving me the support and the necessary time I needed to do this job. I would not have been able to do it otherwise, really. The Fantastic Journey has truly been mine. I have grown tremendously as a person. I have forged wonderful relationships that will go on for life. I feel like I have family here. I've got Janet, my sidekick, my buddy.

We have so many things in common. It's just too bad we live as far apart as we do; otherwise, we would be doing more. Christy has been a tremendous friend and support. Everybody has. I could just say something wonderful

about all of you, and you all know how special you are to me. And all of you here are very special to me. You're very gifted individuals, and you are in a profession that is going strong. Don't let anybody ever convince you that it's not. It's really a most challenging profession. It's the most rewarding profession, and it is just something that is unique in all of you. And I want you to remember that when you go forward every day on the job. You are special, and you bring a talent to the room that no one else possesses.

Thank you so much for the opportunity to be your president. I hope I have inspired you and that I've taught you to be the best that you can be, and that you will continue on our Fantastic Journey under the leadership of our incoming president, my dear friend, Christy B. I'll always be there for you, girlfriend. Thank you.

Sleuthing the Net: Cheap Sunglasses (with Apologies to ZZ Top)

By Donna M. Kanabay, donna@kanabay.com

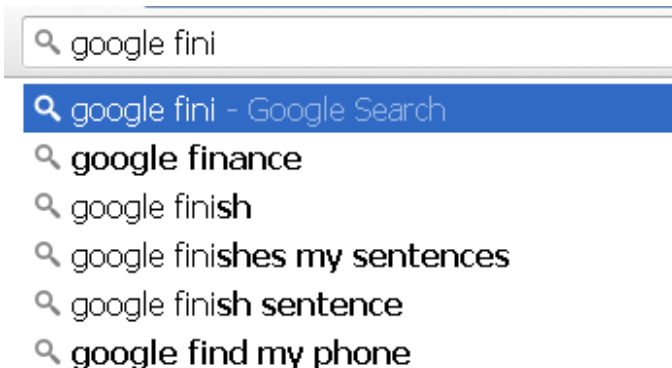
Three days before my column deadline I woke up to a PM (Private Message) on FB (FaceBook), sent to me during the night by a FBF (FaceBookFriend).

"Is the Ray-Ban thing for real? Just triple checking before I click on something."

I thumb tapped back to her, "I have no idea what you're talking about."

It didn't take long for me to find out, though, once I got up and got settled at my desk for my early morning quiet, and started glancing around on FB. To my horror, I found this on my page: "RayBan-charitable activity. Today \$24.99 for all styles and colors ...child's education fund. Please support us and invite your friends to participate." It appears that it was an "invitation" that had gone out from my FB! If I hadn't gotten that PM, I doubt that I would have even noticed it, as I generally just scroll right past that sort of thing.

Immediately trying to find out what this was, I Googled "Rayban FaceBook." I had barely finished the words when Google offered "Rayban FaceBook Hack." (If you're completely bored already, open Google and type "Google fini" – just that much, and you'll be treated to "Google finishes my sentences.")



But I digress.

This is just one of the many hits that came up: "Why is there so much RayBan spam on FaceBook?"

Choosing one at random, I was led (by the nose) to a FaceBook Help page. "I seem to be spamming all of my contacts with an invitation to a RayBans charity sale that I have never seen and I can't see it on my timeline either to stop it!"

The page suggests that you've unwittingly loaded a FB app that's causing this intrusion into your Facebook account, and tells you to go to your Settings, Apps. So I did. And I was alarmed at the many "apps" that I swear I have never, ever installed, at least not willingly or knowingly. (To my knowledge, I have never installed a FB app.)

In a panic at this point, I quickly deleted all of apps, but further research indicates that those apps had sent information to the offending company, and in order to deal with that I'd have to contact each of them individually. Lots of luck. Aside from

no longer even knowing who they are since I deleted them so quickly, it would likely be an exercise in futility, if not frustration. So I move on.

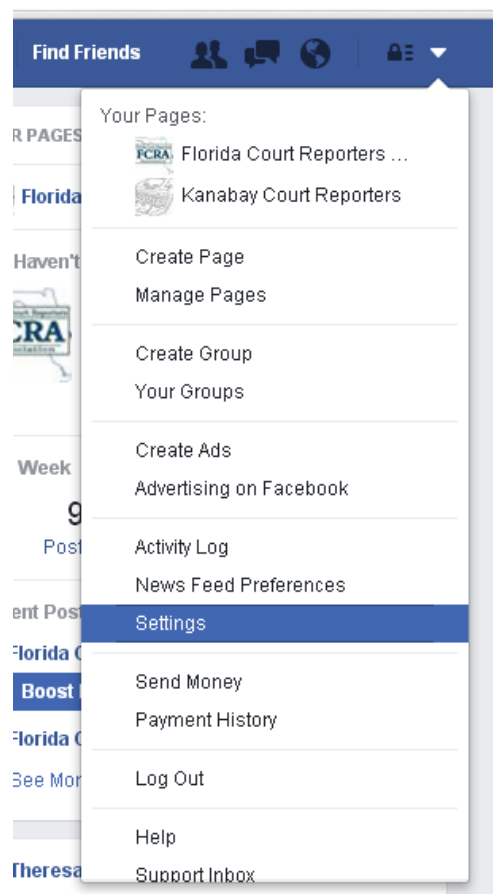
Obviously, the page suggests you change your password. By now I had been contacted by many more friends asking me about it, and the glimmer of an article had started in the back of my brain, and I regretted deleting the "apps" so quickly without at least taking a screenshot of them so I could delve deeper. But bless my baby sister's heart, in the flurry of the family PM discussion where I was warning them about the scam, she went to HER Apps page and was equally shocked, but she screen-printed some of it for me before deleting them.

Like me, she doesn't remember ever asking for or "signing up" for many of these, although, like me, she's a member of or Likes pages of some of them such as Bored Panda, Change.org and Mad Men. But does just Liking a page install an app without your consent?

It may be that simply clicking on a link in some of those posts does. A friend (a "real life" friend, not just a FaceBook Friend) wrote me, "not saying you do but anytime people do those things on FaceBook like the current 'how big is your vocabulary' it gets an 'app' added that mines all your crap."

In the family discussion, my niece checked her Apps setting and found nothing she hadn't purposely put there, and she wrote: "I don't know if the reason I don't have stuff is because when I take quizzes, I don't post my results from the quiz itself. I just type my result or take a snippet or screen shot. I have high security settings, too."

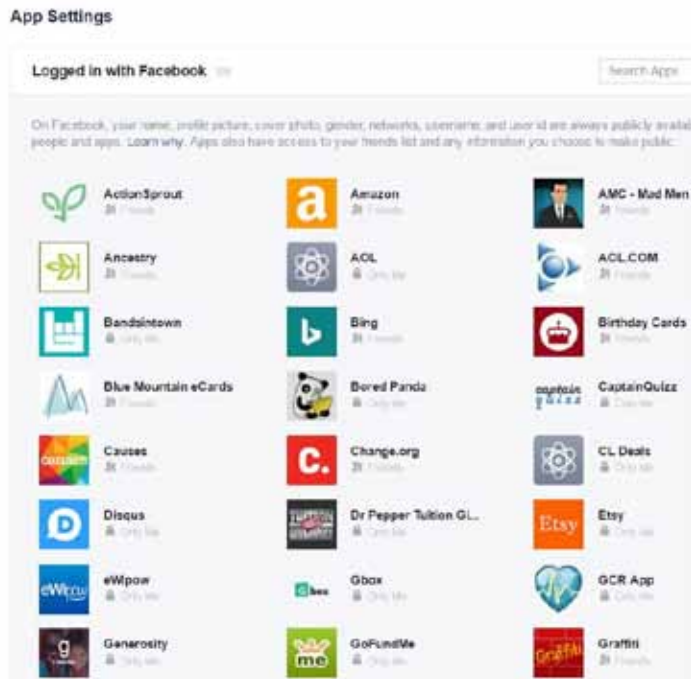
I don't play FB games and I'm pretty sure I've never done any of those surveys. But I was reminded that every time I



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finish a Kindle book on my Amazon Kindle app on my phone, it asks me if I want to post to FaceBook that I've read the book.

No. No, thank you.

The FaceBook Help page continued to be not really HelpFul, continuing to state obvious solutions such as running a virus scan (Did that. I was clean.) Changing your password. (Didn't. I wanted to see what happens next, if anything. Consider it Research. Oh, what I do for you guys...)

I checked the Apps page three days after the RayBans Event. Thankfully, nothing there, but I'll sure be keeping an eye on it from now on.

By the way, several people have asked me how to check the Apps page. On your main FaceBook page, click this down arrow, click Settings, then on the next page, click Apps, found on the left margin.

After my literal rude awakening, eventually I had to go on with my real life day, and as usual, during lulls in my life I'd wander through FB, and for the rest of the day, everything at least seemed normal.

That evening, as I sat on the couch watching our current NF (NetFlix) binge, a series called Person of Interest, which is a fictional (or is it!?) series about all the ways the government can see us with cameras everywhere, a message popped up on my phone and warned me that my I've tried to log on from another device, my FB has been frozen due to possible fraud and that I need to confirm that it was me. It wasn't, obviously.

It took several tries but FB finally allowed me to change my password.

I almost looked madly around my living room to see if there was one of those gummint cameras looking at me right now.

Almost. I'm not quite that loony, but it reminds me, as I write

this, of the first time cable TV finally made it to our then-rural neighborhood, some 25 or 30 years ago, and I called to sign up for installation, got a wrong number. Oh, BOY, did I get a wrong number. The said wrong number then proceeded to treat me to a rant about the evil cable empire that has conspired with the government to let our TVs spy on us through the cable connection. That almost doesn't seem so farfetched right now.

<mental slap> No, Donna, I said, don't BE that paranoid. But then I remembered that just because you're paranoid, doesn't mean someone isn't out to get you....

Despite a lot of nosing around, I have yet to discover HOW this happened. But I was shocked to see how many hacking tools are out there, blatantly screaming their abilities on yet another Google search:

This one was my favorite. "Ethical Hacking"?? 5 Steps How to Hack FaceBook Account Password | Ethical Hacking ... www.hacking-tutorial.com > Hacking Tutorial

There's even a YouTube video on how to hack FaceBook. (Darn, wish I'd known that when I did my YouTube-themed article a few months ago!)

On your FB page, in the Search box, type "RayBan invitation." I'm not alone. There are dozens of posts. Including mine, where people are notifying their friends of the scam. And it's been around for years. The earliest indication I found of it is 2011.

In the discussion where I posted to my friends not to click on it, several commented that they'd gotten one, but figured it was so out of character for me that it had to be fake, and knew better than to click on it. I pointed out that, yes, my REAL friends, not just my FBFs, who really DO know me, know me that well!

These are scary times we live in, my friends – my real-life friends, and my FBFs. And I'm not talking about the current presidential election season.

I had really hoped to understand why. Why me? Why now? Why RayBans? As well as How. HOW did somebody get into my FB? Then there's the What Else? Have they gotten other sensitive personal information from me? I'm very careful about what I let FB know about me, at least knowingly, but seeing all those apps that I absolutely did not load myself, I admit, scared me. And getting that log-in notification really creeped me out. Especially while I'm watching Person of Interest.

The last thing I need to say is, if you're one of my FBFs, and if you DID click on the bogus invitation, you're probably compromised too, and you should at least change your password.

FaceBook can be a wonderful thing. It can also be a dangerous thing. It's a great way to keep up with your family and real life friends, a marketing tool for your business, a way to network with your colleagues, get advance news and behind-the-scenes information about your favorite authors, TV shows and celebrities. Just remember that it has many dark alleys and scary places, too. BE SAFE OUT THERE!

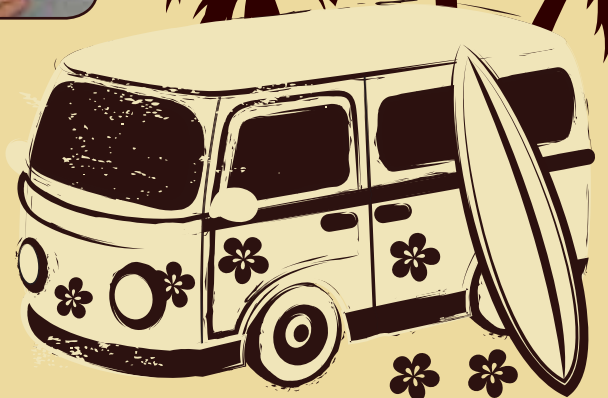
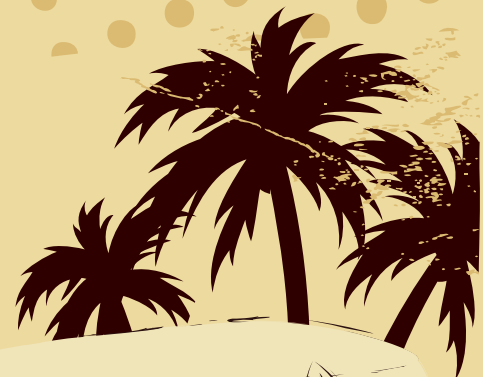
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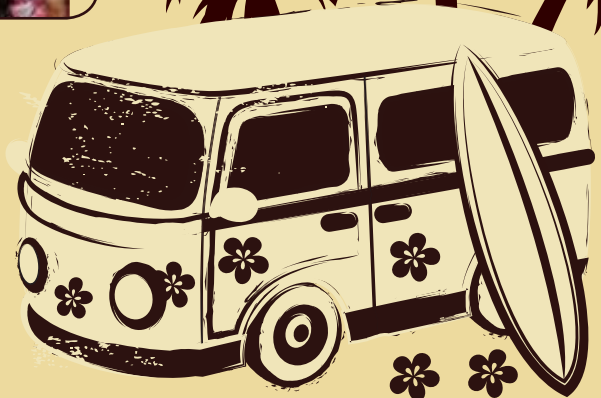
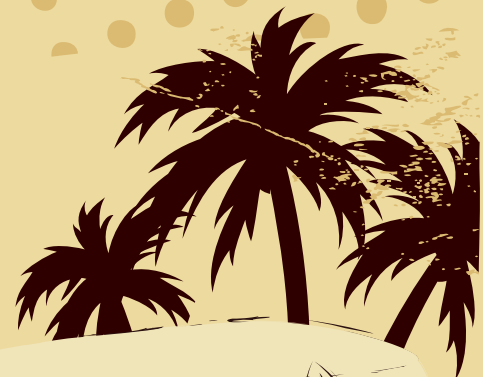
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Musings from Vana Lou

The Best Judge (a.k.a. The Reporter is Always Right!)

By Sharon Velazco

“We who labor here seek only truth,” says the sign above his Honor’s head.

But if the truth were really to be told,
the reporter’s face would surely turn red!

Not that we conclusions draw upon hearing testimony,

But having heard it all before, we can judge without acrimony.

We know the defendant is guilty, deep inside, call it intuition or a gut feeling,

And if that witness is lying, only we can tell
by the way he stares at the ceiling.

Now I’m not saying we should wear a black robe

To hear the facts, or the truth evince,

But if you want true judgment to be pronounced,

The reporter’s opinion is the best evidence!



“I have enjoyed sharing my court reporter mommy’s musings with you over the last three years. I am now retiring my puppy poet tiara, as well! Thank you for all your kind words!” Vana Lou

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