



## San Luis Rey Rotary Club Valentine Day Newsletter February 14, 2006

Thanks to all the members who participated & shared. Happy Valentine's Day to all our members!

### Ode to my Valentine

Before Hector,  
Before Scarlett,  
Through my darkest hours and hardest days,  
When loneliness threatened to engulf and destroy me,  
You were there.  
You didn't ask questions, you didn't complain,  
You loved me completely, you needed me the same,  
Your antics made me smile,  
You kept me going when times were tough,  
Gave me a reason to live,  
Now that all is well, you are with me still,  
I have the world because I have you, my faithful friend.  
--Anonymous

(To my wife Maureen)

May you always have  
Walls for the winds,  
A roof for the rain,  
Tea beside the fire,  
Laughter to cheer you,  
Those you love near you,  
And all your heart might desire!  
and  
May the best day of your past  
Be the worst day of your future.

Your loving husband John

When my Husband, who I dearly loved,  
died, Valentine's Day was not high on  
my list for special days. Now I reserve  
my Valentines for five beautiful  
Great Grandchildren. I do have one  
weakness though. I take a few minutes  
on February 14th to look at the  
Valentines that my favorite husband  
gave me over the years to relive the life  
we had together.

Rosemary



I love the weather of  
California, I love the  
golden glow late in the  
afternoon.

But most of all I love  
waking up to my wife  
everyday.

Elliot



I love to play golf with my son Kyle.

Love my times with the grandchildren,  
Cade and Savannah.

Lunch and Laker games with my  
son Kevin.

Angel games with my daughter Alison.

Quiet evenings with Stephanie.

Happy Valentine's Day!

Greg



What Do I Love?

Love is a very interesting word. It can be used in the heat of passion, "I LOVE YOU", or used in a generic way, "Oh, I love to watch that program". Love is a word that is used for many expressions of like. I love a lot of things passionately to generically-- my God, my Country, my family, my animals, my friends, my house, my treasures and my Rotary Club. I think the inscription on my Mom's headstone describes love, "She lived a love affair with life and life loved her back." I love that each new day brings new challenges, which I can choose to accept or not. Love, being loved or giving love, is a great gift and should be used because LOVE is one thing that is never used up.

Jan

Life offers so many things to love...family, the beach, Italy and even the Chargers. But there is no greater love for me than "my baby"  
I love when she laughs...  
I love watching her play soccer...  
I love when she smiles and I see her Papi.  
But what I love most is watching her grow into herself...  
becoming a beautiful, confident young lady.  
My baby ...the love of my life.

Tina



Cokie and Sam (Mr. Sam's Sister) are my 3rd and 4th four-legged pals. First there was Archibald "Roper" (he was known for leaving rope like presents in the most unexpected places). Archibald was a tri-colored Bassett from Missouri. There was a 12 yr absence when Sammy (the Blue Merle Sheltie) came into my life. Sammy was born in Denver and traveled with me to the Inland Empire and back to Denver during our 9.5 yr time together.

After a 6 month grieving process (shorter for the 4 legged friend), Cokie and Sam were given to me. My friend (a breeder) had a new husband and he was okay with 4 adult Lhasa's but the two puppies had to go. They are expensive (high maintenance) pals but they are the love of my life.

Your Prez Sarah



HERE IS MY VALENTINE'S DAY THOUGHT'S.

IT COMES AS NO SURPRISE THAT I LOVE MY FAMILY. FIRST MY CHILDREN, GRAND CHILDREN AND GREAT GRAND CHILDREN. BUT, VALENTINES DAY IS A VERY SPECIAL DAY FOR PAT AND I, BECAUSE ON THAT DAY OUR BELOVED DAUGHTER JILL CAROL WAS BORN IN DENVER, COLORADO AT FITZSIMMONS ARMY HOSPITAL. IT TOOK PLACE ON PEACEFUL EVENING DURING A BEAUTIFUL SNOW FALL. LARGE SNOW FLAKES FLOATED DOWN GENTLY AND COVERED THE BRANCHES OF THE SPRUCE AND FIR TREES BORDERING THE WINDING ROAD LEADING TO THE HOSPITAL. IT GAVE US A FEELING OF CALM AND WARMTH. JILL WAS BORN, AND WAS TRULY A BEAUTIFUL VALENTINES DAY GIFT. JILL WAS BORN WITH A LOVING SPIRIT AND ALL WHO KNOW HER ALWAYS MARVEL AT HER CAPACITY FOR LOVE, COMPASSION, AND GENTLENESS. JILL NOW TEACHES AT THE MISSION MONTESSORI SCHOOL, AND EACH YEAR ON SHE LOVES TO HAVE ME TELL HER ABOUT THE BEAUTIFUL EVENING SHE WAS BORN ON VALENTINES DAY.

BOB SCHROEDER

What I love is to go jogging early in the morning while all is dark, silent, and solitary. A greater love is to go jogging while on vacation in some new and interesting place and see things I would not see in any other way. A still greater love is to jog in freshly fallen snow, with just my footprints the only trace.

And this from Thomas a Kempis:

Nothing is sweeter than love...nothing is fuller or better in heaven or earth. Love feels no burden, thinks nothing of trouble, attempts what is above its strength, pleads nothing impossible. Therefore it undertakes all things and brings them to conclusion, where he who does not love faints and lies down. Though weary love is not tired, though alarmed love is not confounded, and though sleeping love slumbereth not.

David P

Things I Love.....hmm

I Love when drivers suddenly make right hand turns from the left hand lane directly in front of you.

I Love that some individuals think that their cell phone call is so very interesting that they would love to share it with everyone around them.

I Love that people think their little dogs are so adorable that they take them everywhere instead of keeping them home in their Habitrail.

I Love how while stopped at a traffic signal, some of my fellow music enthusiasts will turn their music up so loud that it begins to vibrate nuts and bolts loose on my car.

I Love how if you disagree with someone's point of view you are automatically a card-carrying member of the Discriminatory-Phobic-AntiWorld-Racists Club.



I Love how individuals feel they can park anywhere they please--"It's only for a little bit".

I love raindrops on roses, and whiskers on kittens, snowflakes that fall, and warm woolen mittens, silver white winters that melt into spring ....

And mostly I love that sarcasm has a place in our society.

Love,

Mike

Special Valentine -- from Laurie

Special people are on my mind  
Each year on Valentine's Day...  
The exceptional ones who mean to me  
More than I can say.

I respect you and admire you,  
And I just want you to know  
You've made a difference in my life  
And I want to tell you so.



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Funny Valentines Day Quotes:

If love is blind, why is lingerie so popular?  
Anonymous

Without love, what are we worth? Eighty-nine cents! Eighty-nine cents worth of chemicals walking around lonely.  
Hawkeye, "M.A.S.H."

Without love, the rich and poor live in the same house.  
Anonymous

Love is the thing that enables a woman to sing while she mops up the floor after her husband has walked across it in his barn boots.  
Hoosier Farmer

True love comes quietly, without banners or flashing lights. If you hear bells, get your ears checked.  
Erich Segal

Love wouldn't be blind if the Braille weren't so damned much fun.  
Anonymous

Falling in love is so hard on the knees.  
Aerosmith

Love is like an hourglass, with the heart filling up as the brain empties.  
Jules Renard

Love is an act of endless forgiveness, a tender look which becomes a habit.  
Peter Ustinov

Love is a grave mental disease.  
Plato

Provided by Barbara  
**LARRY HIMMEL'S ODE TO A VALENTINE**

V is for the very day, a day that would forever change my life.

A double "S" is what you called me for years before you became my wife.

L is for the love you've shown me, you are my sun & stars & moon.

E is for everything I would do for you, except go to home depot on  
Sunday afternoon.

N is for neverending, for real love never, ever ends.

T is for the true love I will show, even after I start to wear Depends.

I is for the inconsiderate times that I have hung out late with my beer drinking  
pals.

N is for the numerous times you've partied with those wine-guzzling, bunko-  
playing gals.

E is for all eternity I will have no other, despite those frequent visits from your  
mother.

Put them all together they spell Valentine... from you I will never swerve.

And even though our lives together may not be perfect, you're truly much more than I  
deserve.

