

CLANCY'S CLICHES

I feel old. November 15th will be my first double digit (in human years) birthday.

With age comes wisdom—or so they say. All the old adages are true so pay attention, you young pups. Here they are: it's better to have loved and lost, dreamed and missed, tried and failed, jumped and fell, cruised and drifted, barked and choked. Because no matter how dreadful the loss, the miss, the failure, the falling, the drifting and the choking are (well, maybe not the choking), they are transitory conditions and experiences that rearrange and shape you—and a new passageway in life is unlocked. The love, the dream, the goal, the hi-jump, the cruise and the fun barking are icing on the proverbial cake.



Birthday Boy!

Life is elusive; living life to its fullest is not. The first part of this equation is very ephemeral. Like sand, you can create niches of niceties and tend to daily actions, but they transmute over time, whereas, you have control of the second part of this equation. I came up with a phrase for making sure I do this: Intention Implementation. Close your eyes and...zzzzzzzz. Oops. Let's try another tactic. Stand on all fours (all twos for you humans) and *energetically* tackle your to-do lists, *enthusiastically* call your family

and friends, and *bravely* do just one thing toward something you've always wanted to do—even if it's just rolling halfway over. This second part of the equation is about the *adverbs* of life. There are a dogzillion to list, but you get the drift. (See, Jakester—I know a bit about equations!)



Luvin' the leaves!

And just remember, once you're over the hill you begin to pick up speed.

Daylight Savings Time is November 1st. Oh, boy! One more hour of sleep!

National Nacho Day is November 6th. Yes, Virginia, there really is someone named Nacho. Well, his nick-name is Nacho. He created the dish in 1943.



Where's the banana cream pie?

Howlin's hootn'; Growlin's not gooten! – Clancy



CLANCY'S CACKLES

Knock, knock! Who's there? Olive. Olive who? Olive Thanksgiving!

1. Why did the turtle cross the road? **To get to the shell station!**
2. Why did the turkey cross the road? **It was the chicken's day off!**
3. What do you call the age of a pilgrim? **Pilgrimage!**
4. What kind of cake should you eat standing on your head? **Pineapple upside down cake!**
5. Why was Thanksgiving dinner late? **The cook ran out of thyme!**
6. What kind of pizza do dogs eat? **Pupperoni!**