



# Seasons of Louisiana with Dianne Cage

Pure Grace...Philosophy... "Grace is effortless and uncomplicated. It's a hug of warm reassurance, meeting a stranger's kind eyes and knowing you're connected to something larger, being there for someone who needs you. Easy, honest, humble... those acts of Grace are simple yet undeniably powerful."

I looked out my window, this last mid-Saturday morning and saw two darling little girls leaving something on my front door steps... I ran to the door and opened it as they were walking away. Looking down, I saw a pretty little ribbon and a very small sucker. I motioned for them to come back and thanked them for the nice little gifts. They said they were just trying to share things to make people happy. I told them they had made an old lady's day and what a sweet thing to do. I introduced myself and invited them in to my special treat drawer telling them they could have anything in the drawer and all they could carry. This is a big bottom drawer in my kitchen that I have had for 25 years or more, full of good candy, cookies and special treasures. I always delight in the sparkle of little eyes filled with excitement and anticipation... Thank you ADLEY STEPHEN and COURTNEY HARRIS... Adley goes to OCS and Courtney goes to Lexington... I hope they come calling again!

Happy birthday to you... The MARK NEAL family celebrating their son Noah's birthday at the Sunday Brunch at Bayou DeSiard Country Club. Always a treat seeing families together! Where has the time gone? I remember when Rhonda and Mark got married and remember well when Noah & Nathan were born. It seems like yesterday!

Have you ever heard of 'Rangpur Lime'? It is a cross between a lemon and mandarin orange... They are delicious, an orange/lemon color, and really pretty. Perfect for your Gin & Tonic! Nancy & Carrick Inabnett have a lovely tree and were sweet enough to share with us. Carrick is going to try and find me a tree. I have never heard of Rangpur Lime. Maybe from India ... it is so exotic and different tasting! An old dog always has fun learning new tricks and treats...

The JEAN & SHERMAN SHAW DOVE HUNT was held Saturday September 5th ... It is hot but we all know cool weather is on the way. There was a nice breeze blowing as all ventured to the sunflower field... Hurricane Laura did a little damage to the field but it was still looking plenty good. We all enjoyed a wonderful lunch around noon as usual. Everything was outside with tents and lots of fans — shade and fans all around. Social distancing was de rigueur. Off to the field at 2 p.m. with starting horn at 2:30. It wouldn't take long to get a limit (15). Were we back to the deer pen about 4:30 – 5:00 with most planning to hunt the next morning at 7 a.m. Family and close friends from here to there and far and yonder were in attendance for this first dove shoot. "It is a harbinger of a new hunting season and the promise of colorful fall days ahead behind gun dog, chilly predawn waits on deer stands and blustery, cold and wet days of duck hunting to come"...as one of Sherman's old friends said... Around 7:00 in the evening family and close friends gathered at the Big House on the Ouachita River for an amazing dinner all prepared with love and fun by Jean. You all know, I have seen probably some of the finest game rooms and collections of trophies ever. Here to tell you the arrangement, the collection and feeling of this home has it all ...for what it is, it is truly stunning! Florence Ziegfeld or Walt Disney would have loved this home for one of their Folies or movies. Seen having fun visiting and telling tall tales.. were AMY & TREY SHERMAN, JANELLE & GEORGE SNELLINGS, ASHLEY & NED WHITE, JULIE & DR. BEN STAGE, JANE & DR.GUY ZERINGUE from Thibodeaux, The SHAW CLAN from Coushatta, BILLY, son STUART, darling, smart granddaughter, KATE, AMY & TREY SHERMAN, LORI & BOB FRENCH....NOLAN MABLE from Coushatta.

If you did not read MICHAEL REAGAN'S column in *The Ouachita Citizen* last week — September 10 — run, run as fast as you can and get a copy ... "America not land of racists"... The news and cable talk shows are brutal — all-partisan-politics-all the time. Sports programs are almost as bad, thanks to their blind worship of the Black Lives Matter movement and its dangerous ideas. The NBA coverage is the worst. You almost feel like you have to swear your allegiance to BLM or confess to being a lifelong racist before every tip-off — which is why the NBA's TV ratings for this year's playoffs are in the toilet. This is true and good, you need to read the whole column. As Earl Pits said... "WAKE UP AMERICA!"

Fairly new for North Louisiana — believe it or not, as you read: they are digging peanuts. It is something to see! My old friend Sherman Shaw called and said come see! It is something to see, you really cannot believe! Now, who in the world thought of that? I have rounded my grandson QUINN SNELLINGS and several of his friends to take a ride out to Log Town to see this amazing happening!!

Be kind to all and I look forward to the next time!

*Dianne*



ABOVE: Sherman, Mike and Ben telling tall tales.



ABOVE: Rhonda and Mark Neal at the birthday celebration with sons Noah and Nathan.



ABOVE: Amy and Trey Sherman



ABOVE: Jane & Dr. Guy Zeringue, Lori French and Julie Stage.



ABOVE: Friends sharing neighborhood happiness: Adley Stephen and Courtney Harris.

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RIGHT: Jen Shaw with Stuart and daughter Katie.



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