



Seasons of Louisiana with Dianne Cage

Good morning and happy September morning to my favorite bird man, DIXON ABELL. Dixon introduced us to the joy of attracting the Northern Oriole, the beautiful orange and black bird. I think we had three pairs and lots and lots of babies — we went through cases of grape jelly. Hello KATHEY SCHENDLE, JANE & DR.DAVID HEBERT, GEORGI-ANNA MARTIN, JOYCE SIMMS, (I love “Material Things” on Forsythe Avenue, always a fun place to run into with beautiful, unique shopping!), MARY BERNARD, SANDRA DORNBURG BLATE, my old friend, I am looking forward to a tour of the Temple remembrance room, sounds very interesting. SHARON SCOTT, give my love to my old Georgia Tucker boyfriend, TOMMY — do not tell him I had a huge crush on GILBERT FAULK, MANCO SNAPP & STEVE PARKER. Happy Fall to AIMEE KANE, KRISTEN WOLKART, NED WHITE, a sharp shooter, DINO TAYLOR, good car deals, ANNE & JIM LOCKHART, MARY SUE JACKA, and MARION & TOMMY ZENTNER.

Hope all had fun and safe shooting this opening Dove Season! I have the same outfit for Dove Season that I have been wearing for the last 55 years. Yes, that is what I said — 55 years! Browning, dark green, lace up sportsman boots, a sleeveless green African shirt/ vest, dark green hunting shorts, a camo bandana, big gold earrings along with my Belgium Lightning grade 20 gauge shotgun. Oh I forgot, my gold Rolex watch, how could I forget that! Yes, the shorts are a little bit on the tight side. I can’t hit anything much, but I just like to look good and shoot a bunch! I get real funny looks from Mike. He is a very good shot and hardly ever misses. He asked me one time if I knew how much those shotgun shells cost. No one does opening Dove Season better than JEAN & SHERMAN SHAW... friends and family from all over the country arrive at the Deer Pen... Morning breakfast and then on to an amazing brunch/lunch with KENNY DYESS frying the best fish ever along with fresh fish cakes and all the trimmings. DON & DONNIE RAY McENERY are helping prepare the feast... Beautiful KAY McDONALD along with one of my favorite friends, her husband, HUGH, brought the best pound cake ever. My grandson Quinn, brought me a piece and said “Gran, please learn how to make this cake, it is just the best! He was right... I love people who share. Thank you Kay! After the shoot we spent time cleaning birds, telling tall tales and then on to the Shaw’s fabulous River Home for a seated dinner, fit for a king! Tenderloin cooked to perfection, the best potatoes, a fabulous green salad and all that is good! Jean just knows how to do and make all feel very special and welcomed! Another special talent Jean Shaw has she knows how to handle S.S.S.... January 24, 1941...

You know we are still working. St. Francis sent Mike to Providence, Rhode Island, to the New England Section of the AUA (American Section of Urology) for a meeting. Whee, I was so excited... 65-70 degrees and the leaves are starting to change. Newport, Lobster, Clam Chowder, sail boats. KAY & HUGH McDONALD recommended the Castle Hill in Newport for lunch. If I ever get married again, I want to get married up there. Awill beautiful part of this country and world! I see why the Vanderbilts and Astors of the Gilded Age all had summer cottages up there. The Breakers was my favorite. The boat show was going on and I found the boat of my dreams. At \$12 million, it was one of the cheaper ones! We had a ball! I got to go to Newport twice. Mike had meetings all day Friday. I ran into two cute girls in a fun bar in Providence... they invited me to Uber over and spend the day touring with them. I checked it all out for a Sunday excursion on the ferry, which is a must, then you can Uber around. Dr. C’s beautiful/ smart nurses NAYANA SHRESTHA & MISSY PARKER arrived Friday for meetings and then on Sunday on to Newport. We had so much fun and just died over Castle Hill ... it was fabulous! If you were me, would you be a little jealous if your husband invited his two amazing nurses to attend a meeting with him? Hmmm.

I call this “An Angel Wink”... somebody is taking care of me! My beautiful, sweet, smart little sister, WENDY GRAY, keeps me in good books to read. About a year ago she dropped off several she thought I would enjoy. Leaving on this trip early last Wednesday,I hurriedly grabbed “A Well Behaved Woman” — a novel of the Vanderbilts, by Therese Anne Fowler. Most of what I saw and learned in Newport is in this book and the book was featured all over Newport. Really good and I felt so smart. It is an excellent read that I highly recommend!

On the way to Castle Hill we passed Jay Leno and Judge Judy’s fabulous homes and also Hammersmith Farms... Jackie Kennedy’s family Victorian mansion on Aquidneck Island where she and President Kennedy’s reception was held. We passed by the lovely old church where they married.

Put Rhode Island on your summer time/fall travel list. They say the winters are brutal and that many things close down that time of the year.

Be kind to all, love your God. Pray, hope and don’t worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayer. I look forward to the next time!

Dianne



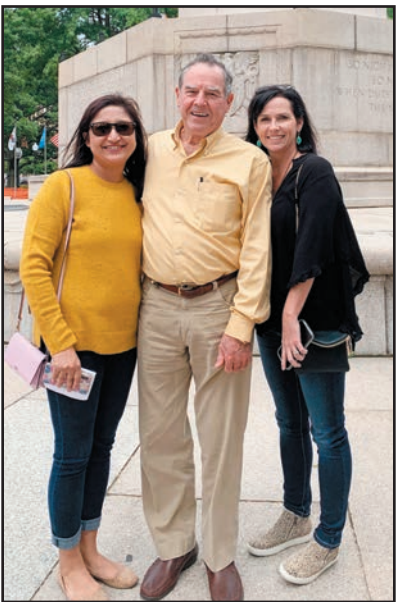
ABOVE: Dr. Dan Dare from Vicksburg & Jean Shaw. RIGHT: George and Quinn Snellings.



ABOVE LEFT: Pretty girls Aimee Kane and Kristen Wolkart. ABOVE RIGHT: Dino Taylor and Ned White. RIGHT: Sherman Shaw, leader of the shoot.



ABOVE: Bar friends from Charlotte, N.C.



ABOVE: Dr. Cage and his smart pretty nurses in Providence, RI. RIGHT: Janelle and Sallie Snellings looking forward to a grilled dove dinner.



Pat’s Delicious Pound Cake Recipe

1 Box Duncan Hines white cake mix
3/4 C. suger
3/4 C. Wesson oil
1 small carton sour cream
3 eggs
1 t. vanilla extract
1 t. coconut extract
1 t. almond extract
1 t. rum extract
Preheat oven to 350. Mix above ingredients. Spray bundt pan with Pam and flour. Place mix in bundt pan and bake 50-60 minutes (40 for 2 small bundt pans). Cool in pan 10 minutes and turn onto plate (do not leave cake in pan longer as it will not come out easily if you do)
Glaze
3/4 C. sugar
3/4 C. water

1 t. almond extract
1 t. vanilla extract
1 t. rum extract
1 t. coconut extract
Mix ingredients and boil for 2 minutes. Pierce cake with fork and pour glaze over cake. Dust with powdered sugar. Can be made ahead — it keeps well.

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