

April 12, 1983

Dear Dorris:

It is now 6:30 AM and I hope to get a few lines off to you this morning, first off, I received your letter and check yesterday for which I thank you so much, so glad you were pleased with my efforts, I finished the cobweb deals the night you called, wrapped them and next afternoon had them in the post office I don't care for going driving in the afternoons but made a special effort to get them to you on time, so sorry about you having to go to your post office to pick them up. I just finished an order of four picture frames that must be mailed to Indiana, a nice sized order and with all that is happening to me these days I sure can use the money I think the mail service stinks, I get so burned up with them.

I already have the bathroom cleaned so before I have breakfast thought I best get at a letter to you and mail your membership list to you, I know you will be happy to have it.

As for my Easter dinner, everything turned out fine and best of all I felt well that day but have felt lousy ever since, too many bad things happening to me. My family enjoyed the salad and the dessert, my sister who never eats a salad or drinks anything with her meals, ate the salad and had some wine at the table, that made me feel good, they came loaded with gifts, an Easter lily, a chocolate egg from Sees, an orchid stock with seven blossoms on it and a bottle of Mateus wine, I had a cross at each place setting, plus my little game of drawing numbers for a gift, everyone was very pleased, I told them they could exchange gifts if they were not satisfied or change colors of the little crosses if the color was not liked, no one wanted to trade, so my day was a success.

I don't know what is going to happen next, the insurance company cannot find a window for my model car because the car is so old, then last Sunday my sink got plugged up, I worked with it and finally got it draining so did not have to call the landlord, next my furnace would not turn on and for about three days I was freezing without any heat in the house, called the gas company as I thought the pilot light was out on the furnace, he came at noon yesterday, said the light was on, examined the furnace left two notices for the landlord that the whole unit was hazardous, misspelled that word, and said I should not turn it on at all, then said the thermostat was the wrong kind for the kind of heater in the house, I then called the landlord's house, talked to his wife Ruth, she was very pleasant said she would call him at his job and maybe he would come here before he went home, he did come about 4:30, said he could see nothing wrong, cleaned it out, tested my smoke detector and turned the furnace on for me, but now I am afraid to sleep nights with it going or leave the house with it on, next just as I went to sit down and finish my picture frames my big light at my chair went out on me so had to work by hi-intensity light which was not satisfactory at all, so today I must go out to vote, pick up my sheets at the laundry and buy a new bulb, I hope this ends all the things that are happening to me.

I also want to get to Fedco and Zody's, both are having sales, Fedco is having the plastic canvass on for 39 cents each, so I want a dozen of them but dread getting into the awful crowds.

I had company last Saturday and sold two coat hangers, my cousin bought nine crosses from me.

I wish I would get a call about my car window, next is to have the tires aligned, all these things make me nervous then I have severe headaches.

Ruth Mason told me to give you her best, she too is having troubles, must move, she is on vacation but working on the election board today then goes back to work tomorrow, she was not at the club last week, nor will she be this week.

Louise did not come to the club either, there were not too many there but a lot of goodies was passed around, cake, candy, brownies, two cakes from two women, probably nothing this week ha.

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registerator. It is scary these days to go out anymore.

I miss you but was so happy to have you with us so long, hope I live long enough to see you the end of the year again.

Will sign off here, please overlook the errors and write me sometime when you find time, you are the busiest female I know and I manage to keep pretty busy but dont go as much as you do.

Love always from

*Joanna*

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