



ROCK•TALK

the newsletter of

The Gibraltar Neighborhood Association, Inc.

MARCH meeting

When: Saturday, March 28, 2020

11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Where: Union Pacific Museum

200 Pearl Street, CB

What: Short Presentation about the museum by Education Coordinator Lindsay Marolt, followed by any neighborhood business needing discussed.

FREE ADMISSION!

Take whatever time you'd like after that to tour the amazing exhibits and displays at the museum!



WELCOME home

If you're reading this, then chances are you live in the Gibraltar neighborhood! If you've lived here a while, you already know that we love to stay connected, and we place a great deal of importance on the benefits that result from neighbors knowing one another. (It really DOES make life better!!)

If you are **NEW** to the Gibraltar neighborhood, we want to *officially* welcome you!! Have you purchased a Gibraltar home in the past 12 months and have not yet received a "welcome" bag?

Please email Cory & let her know!!!

(coryp241@yahoo.com)

She'll pass on the info to Anna, our welcome committee chair, and she'll deliver a bag of goodies to you, including on of our awesome coffee mugs!

We look forward to seeing you at our next social event or meeting!



WHAT IS the Gibraltar Neighborhood Association??

OUR MISSION: The Gibraltar Neighborhood Association (GNA) seeks to develop, implement and promote a comprehensive plan that:

- > strengthens neighborhood relationships and communication,
- > creates strategies to make our neighborhood safe,
- > promotes activities that assure our neighborhood is one of clean and well-kept properties,
- > encourages ideas and community involvement, and
- > ensures that we will leave our neighborhood better than we found it.

OUR VISION: That the Gibraltar Neighborhood is a clean, safe neighborhood that offers an interesting mix of well-kept homes within one of the Historic areas of Council Bluffs, and provides its residents with a place to live where neighbors look out for one another and are proud of their neighborhood.

THE GIBRALTAR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION IS NOT:

The GNA is not a homeowner's association. We don't enforce rules or make you pay dues (membership in the association is strictly voluntary). We don't dictate the color you paint your house, or have a say in what type of new windows you install, or even require that you attend any of the meetings and events that we host. We simply believe that an environment where neighbors are connected with each other leads to a **better quality of life**. All you need to do is attend a gathering and see for yourself.

We hope you'll take an active role in making our neighborhood a safe, clean, fun and healthy environment for all of us! Here's to a new decade, and we're hoping to see more of you in 2020!



ATTENTION: BUSINESS OWNERS, ARTISTS, ETC.

If you own a business, provide a service, have an event or sell a product, would you like to get the word out to **OVER 200 HOUSEHOLDS** in the Gibraltar Neighborhood?

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ACT NOW! Discounted Membership Offer For Gibraltar Neighbors!

Over the years, when out-of-town guests would visit our Gibraltar home, one of the first things I'd say is, "You need to see the Historic General Dodge House!" With my membership in hand, admission was somewhere between discounted to free, and everyone loved touring the house. After many years of enjoying the Dodge House as a guest, I now have the pleasure of working there.

That's why I want **YOU** to be able to WOW your guests, too... and what a better way than with membership benefits at the General Dodge House! To make it easy for you, the Dodge House is offering **20% off memberships** if you buy a **two-year** membership. **Benefits include:**

- > Free admission to the House
- > 20% off rental of the Third Floor Ballroom
- > 10% off at the General's Store
- > Quarterly member's only newsletter, and
- > Regular discounts to most programs and events

More importantly, you'll have the satisfaction of supporting the most important Historic National Landmark in our region.

We're so sure you'll love being a Dodge House member, we're making this a "no risk" proposition for you: if, after one year you are not happy with your membership, we'll refund your money!

But please act soon. Deadline for the two-year discounted two-year membership offer is **March 31.**

Membership options and costs are below. *(Note: If you are already a member you can still take advantage of this opportunity!)*

Two-Year Memberships:

- Individual: \$50, now \$40
- Dual: \$80, now \$65
- Family: \$110, now \$90
- Sustainer: \$150, now \$120 + 8 passes
- Century: \$200, now \$160 + 15 passes
- Donor's Circle: \$500, now \$400 + 30 passes

To get your discounted membership, clip the form below and mail it with your GNA membership form. Or, send to: Dodge house, 605 S. 3rd Street, Council Bluffs, IA 51503

Warmly,
Tom Emmett — Dodge House Director and Gibraltar Resident

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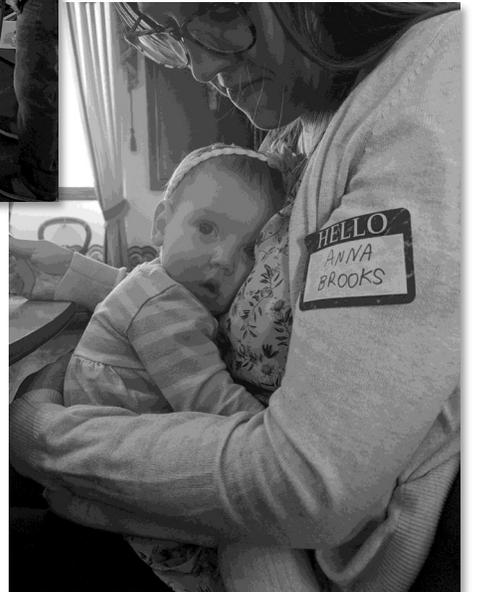
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JANUARY BREAKFAST MEETING

A chilly morning with excellent hot eats and great fellowship!

The first neighborhood meeting of the new decade was held on Saturday morning, January 18, at the Dodge House. Tom Emmett and Mary Madison worked their tails off preparing a delicious breakfast of biscuits and gravy, cold OJ, hot coffee and crispy bacon (ask Tom about his multiple trips up/down stairs to turn off the fire alarms when the smoky bacon was being feisty! Lol!) Thanks to Steve Gorman and helpers for clearing the recent snowfall so the walkways were safer for attendees.

We discussed some current business and also held a cursory election for our Association board members. We'll provide a better write up and introduction of the new Board in the next issue of the newsletter; there are a few remaining details that need to be ironed out. More to come on that! A great time was had by all, so please be sure as you are reading this newsletter to **JOT THE DATES on your calendar NOW**, so you'll remember to attend! We miss you! :)



Support GNA in 2020

Your Gibraltar Neighborhood Association dues were payable in January, *but it's never too late to join!* The form is on last page of newsletter.

Your annual dues help fund projects like:

- > Quarterly Neighborhood Social Events
- > Neighborhood Identification Banners
- > Neighborhood Cleanup Day
- > Celebrate C.B. Parade Participation
- > National Neighborhood Conference engagement
- > Future projects like Trailhead restoration, etc.

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GNA TREASURER'S REPORT

Hey Neighbors! Greetings from near Willow and South Third Street! I've had the delight of being your Treasurer since 2016. Thank you for your trust and confidence. I absolutely love our neighborhood and am so proud of all we do and who we are.

We can attribute our financial efficacy to successful fundraisers, our loyal dues-paying members, business ads in our newsletter, grants and extra donations from GNA members. *Each one of us working together made this happen!* Keep in mind that the GRANT money we received in 2019 will be PAID OUT towards the Fairmount Park Trailhead project in 2020, as will a portion of our Treasury monies as matching funds (but, that's what dues money and fundraisers are for... neighborhood betterment projects!!).

Opening Balance: \$8,300*

2019 Income:

Dues = \$1,475**

Newsletter Adds = \$510

Donations = \$35

Grants = \$20,000***

Events = \$1,674

Other = \$215

2019 Expenses:

Events = \$1,317

Donations = \$150

Post Office = \$153

Other = \$508****



Opening Balance: \$30,081

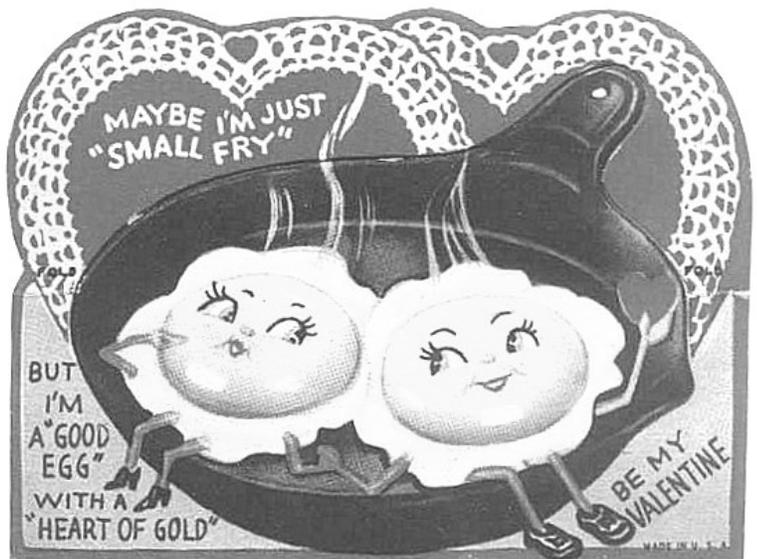
* All figures are rounded to the nearest dollar. Margin of error calculated to 0.01%

**Includes 2020 dues paid in 2019.

***Grant awarded by Wellmark Foundation for Fairmount Park Trailhead Improvement.

**** New batch of neighborhood flags and holders.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Emmett, GNA Treasurer



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Tom Emmett**

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**GNA's Book
Club** is a fun,

social gathering where we get together and share a bit of news, a glass of wine and discuss our latest book. We always have a blast when we get together, so consider making this part of your neighborhood involvement! For more info, contact Patti Hannan at 712-323-8600. We'd love to see you at our next book club (wine club? heehee) meeting! ■

Get to Know Your Gibraltar Neighborhood History — by Cory Peters

Back in 2017, the Neighborhoods USA (NUSA) annual national convention was held in Omaha. As part of the activities package offered to attendees there were multiple bus trips from which to choose, including one that toured the historic Gibraltar, Fairmount Park and Bayliss Park neighborhoods. At the time, I was the current neighborhood president and worked with the then-presidents of the Fairmount and Bayliss neighborhoods to put together the bus tour. It was challenging, fun, and educational. I recently ran across the original document I had prepared for the Gibraltar leg of the tour. I thought I would repurpose this information here, to give the newer residents in our 'hood a better sense of the rich history in which we live!

Welcome to the Gibraltar Neighborhood, whose name is derived from a large mound of Loess Hills dirt that once towered over the SE corner of 3rd St. and 5th Ave., just a block north of the Dodge House. The hill was leveled in the mid-1950s to accommodate a demand for more housing. Gibraltar is home to the **Willow/Bluff/Third Street Historic District**, the first neighborhood in Council Bluffs to become a nationally-registered historic area. Of the more than 200 homes within this neighborhood, there are many fine examples of late 19th & early 20th century architecture.



Homes in the Gibraltar Neighborhood are built into the slopes of the Loess Bluffs. The neighborhood's footprint includes several historic landmarks, and many prominent citizens who made significant contributions to the growth and development of our city have called Gibraltar home, including icons of industry, military heroes, doctors, architects and performers.

The Gibraltar Neighborhood strives to be inclusive to *all* people, regardless of race, religion or preferences. While Gibraltar has residents who literally have lived here for generations, they increasingly welcome young couples, singles and families who enjoy the character of this historic neighborhood with its brick-paved, tree-lined streets. They are also proud to have been awarded **Neighborhood USA's 2nd place award in 2016 for National Neighborhood of the Year**, in the Social Revitalization Category.

[INTERSECTION of 9th & 3rd]

On this corner you'll see the **Martin Hughes House**, built in 1987-88. Hughes came to Council Bluffs from Ireland at age 20, and he eventually owned a brick yard. This house consists of an eclectic combination of Queen Anne and Gothic architecture, along with some neo-classical influences. The architect was S.E. Maxon, and it cost \$12,000 to build. Included in the home's patterns are rounded bricks, brick murals and bricks set on the diagonal. Martin and his wife had 11 children.



[Proceeding North on 3rd Street]

On our right is the **August Bereshiem house**, built in 1899. Beresheim was active as a member of several civic organizations in the City, and also was bank president at Council Bluffs Savings Bank. When the family sold the house in the 1950s, it served as a nursing home for a time, and also as a dormitory for the local community college. In the late 1990s it was restored to its original condition, and it currently serves as the orientation center for the Dodge House.



[Next stop, Dodge House]

In 1869, Grenville Dodge built his handsome Victorian home (a fine example of the Second Empire style) for the lavish sum of \$35,000. It was designed by William Boyington, the same architect responsible for Terrace Hill in Des Moines, Iowa, now the Governor's Mansion. General Dodge chose this location high atop a hill so he could view the growing city that he loved. He lived in his home until his death in 1916, and members of his family continued to live there until 1943.



Dodge was a Civil War veteran whose involvement in political, financial and military affairs made him an associate of many of the most influential Americans of his time and counsel to presidents, including Abraham Lincoln and Ulysses S. Grant. Dodge was a pioneer of military intelligence and went on to become a congressman, instrumental in the establishment of the Transcontinental Railroad for the Union Pacific. Note the wrap-around porch, mansard roof with bracketed eaves, distinctive window hoods and rounded bay window.

In 1949, just three years after his family left the home, it was put up for sale and its contents auctioned off. It was then converted into a boarding house – large rooms were chopped into smaller ones and doors were boarded over. In 1960, a group of volunteers banded together with the goal of preserving the mansion. By the Fall of 1961, the group's work had earned the Dodge House a coveted National Historic Landmark designation, just the second site in Iowa to receive this designation. Today, the Dodge House stands not only as a monument to the great General, business man and railroad builder, but also as a tribute to the historic preservation pioneers who took on what seemed an almost insurmountable project and turned it into the glorious mansion it is today.

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[Heading north on 3rd Street, to the intersection of 3rd and Willow]

We are now traveling along what is referred to as “General’s Row” or “Street of Generals,” because four men who attained the rank of general lived within a three-block area. The homes in this section were built from around 1896 to about 1912, and, as you can see, vary greatly in size and style including Arts & Crafts, Foursquare, Classical and Italianate. This intersection is unique because of the proliferation of multi-generation family homes (and generals!) in this area. Also unique is that there are three homes built in different time periods, housing three different generations of the Folsom family!

The red brick house at the top of Willow was built in **1856** for Jeremiah Folsom, a pioneer newspaper publisher whose family traced their ancestry in the United States back to the landing of the Pilgrims. Jeremiah was married three times and had four children. When he died in 1884, the house remained occupied by the Folsom family. Then in 1906, Jeremiah’s youngest, Ward Folsom, was married and he significantly modified the house. It was moved(!) closer to the street (having previously sat further back on the lot, below the old Council Bluffs High School at the top of the high bluff). He also remodeled the house from its original Greek Revival appearance to a Colonial Revival foursquare, and added paired and tripled round posts to the wrap-around porch. Ward Folsom lived in this house until his death in 1967.



While preparing for the **1906** move/remodel of this house, Ward Folsom built the lovely yellow Colonial Revival/Queen Anne home *immediately north of his property*, for his family to live in during the construction. Agnes Folsom, Ward’s mother, continued to make this her home for the remainder of her life.



In 1893, the Folsom Addition was subdivided so that the lot on the corner could be transferred to Jeremiah’s daughter, Florence Folsom. In 1894, Florence married Frank Everest, a prominent businessman in the real estate and banking industries. Around **1910** they built this stucco and brick Tudor Revival home which was designed by noted local architect, J. Chris Jensen. Florence and Frank’s two sons, George and Frank, went on to become distinguished **generals**: Frank Folsom Everest was one of the youngest soldiers to attain the rank of lieutenant general in the US Air Force, commanding in Europe, Japan and Korea. His brother, George Folsom Everest, served in both world wars and was a brigadier general of the Iowa National Guard.



To the south of the *original* Folsom House, you’ll see a lovely example of the Neoclassical style, with its distinctive 2-story rounded classical porch, exaggerated scrolled pediments over the door and first floor windows, modillion blocks at the eave overhang, cornice returns, and gabled/pedimented dormers. This house is often referred to as the “House of Doctors.” Built in 1902 for Dr. Henry Jennings, the family lived there for 20 years, at which point the original architect – Edward Schoentgen – purchased the house for himself. In subsequent years, the house was also owned by Dr. Arthur Brown and Dr. Francis Richardson, thus leading to the “house of doctors” moniker. On an interesting side note, architect Schoentgen’s son John married Henry Fonda’s younger sister, Jane. Henry’s children – Jane & Peter Fonda – actually spent a considerable amount of time in Council Bluffs during their youth!



Diagonally from the Jennings house, you will see the lovely 1906 home built for Dr. Charles Woodbury and his wife, Nellie. Some of the distinct features of this Colonial Revival home include the broken pediment window detail on the second floor, a hipped roof with an inset hipped dormer, the twin set of triple-round posts on the porch, side windows and transom on the front door, and the Chicago-type windows with fanlights above. Dr. Woodbury followed his father into the dentistry profession, and went on to design more than 100 dental instruments and pioneer multiple techniques. He taught at the Creighton School of Dentistry for more than 40 years, and was referred to by many as one of the greatest men of his day in the field of dentistry.



[Proceed to intersection of Bluff & Willow]

The four homes at this busy intersection are all notable for their pre-1900 construction timeline. On the southeast corner is a colorful Queen Anne-style home was built in **1890** for Henry VanBrunt. It was featured in the 1898 Souvenir Booklet for Trans-Mississippi Exposition held in Omaha that year. A buggy, wagon, bicycle & farm implement manufacturer, VanBrunt came to Council Bluffs in 1868 and was well respected for his business acumen. Local architects Bell & Berlinghoof built this home, featuring a steep hipped roof with steep cross-gabled ells, rounded bay windows, and a canted corner bay. Most of the numerous and varied window types are original, including all of those on the first floor except for the kitchen. The wrap-around porch has recently been restored. The ornate pediment over the doorway is a floral design with swirls and a shield containing the date of construction & initials V.B.



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[Still at the intersection of Bluff & Willow]

On the northeast corner is one of the oldest houses in Council Bluffs; it appears on the 1868 panorama illustration of Council Bluffs. This early Italianate home was built in 1868 for Samuel Clinton and his wife Mary Wheeler who came to Council Bluffs in 1858. In that year our city was a frontier town build into these high bluffs, and the only way to cross the river was on a raft, or by catching a ride on the Lone Tree Ferry. The streets were dirt or mud. Wild turkeys were plentiful. Samuel Clinton's first law partnership was formed with John Baldwin, and Clinton later went on to become a district judge. The house's original brick has been painted, but it retains the bracketed eave overhang, segmental-arched windows and intact rear porch. Later modification included the addition of a shallow rectangular bay window on the front porch, some window replacements and replacement of the shutters and the post on the front porch. In 1892, the house was sold to Thomas Metcalf, owner of a store selling hats, caps, furs and clothing. Members of the Metcalf family lived here for several years. In 1901, it became the family home of Lewis Cutler whose family founded the well-known, long-standing Cutler Funeral Home.



Across the intersection you'll see the Bennett House. John Bennett was one of Council Bluff's earliest settlers, having arrived in 1853. The Mid-Victorian Italianate house has maintained in much of its original condition. The many notable features include an elaborate roof cornice with large flower button-sided brackets and sawtooth design work, an intricate pattern of side set bricks, dentils on the bay window, an ornamental wood canopy above the frosted glass front doors, and an unusual flower and sawtooth design on the door and window lintels. Clover and sunburst cutout designs set off the wraparound porch with turned columns connected by wooden spindles. Three of the four stepped chimneys remain in the original condition. The turret on the east side is typical of the Victorian period. John Bennett also built the Queen Anne house next door in 1900, for his daughter Gertrude. Amazingly, in its 133 years, only three families have lived in the Bennett House.



On the northwest corner is the Wickham/DeVol House, built in 1878. O.P. Wickham and Martin Hughes (who married O.P.'s sister Mary Wickham) founded the Wickham Brickyards, and later went on to create a contracting business credited with the construction of many notable buildings in Council Bluffs and Omaha. (Like Hughes's stately mansion at 903 Third St.). The Wickhams lived here until 1884, when Paul Coleman DeVol became the second owner of this home. Coleman and his **eight** siblings landed in Council Bluffs at age 11, their family having very little money. Paul's first business was a small stand, selling pies, ginger bread, cider and other commodities to emigrants who were on their way west. He built a successful career in metalwork and went on to become the first president of the Iowa Retail Hardware Association. At the time of his death in 1903, he was recognized as a leading citizen of Council Bluffs during its formative years. The home was originally built in the Italianate architectural style. In 1913, Katharine DeVol renovated it to the then-popular Prairie style. The house has a wide eave overhang to the hipped roof. The porches have Craftsman/Prairie School details. Other features include the recessed double entrance door with sunburst motif, a rounded bay window, and Italianate-styled window hoods with a scroll design. The house was converted to apartments many years ago and has been restored to a single family home. The recent addition to the back of the house maintains the integrity of the original architecture.



[Last Stop, the BREGANT HOUSE, 517 S. 4th Street]

This simple Craftsman bungalow was built in 1912 for Jean and Inez Bregant. The Bregants were under 48" tall, and met when they performed on the same Coney Island vaudeville program. They moved to Council Bluffs because Inez's parents owned a grocery store here. When John G. Woodward met them, he immediately hired them to promote his candy products. They became known as the "Candy Kids," and traveled to 20 states promoting the candy. The ceilings and doorways in the house are of average height for when their normal sized friends would visit. Everything else in the house is small for the comfort of its "Little People" owners, including miniaturized features built to suit their diminutive size - - such as a 36" clawfoot bathtub, scaled-down appliances and furniture, and a 40" high fireplace mantel. Their home is tucked in between two very large homes, and is set back on the property, so it's only noticeable if you are directly in front of it. This unique house has been restored by Preserve Council Bluffs and is on the National Register of Historic Places.



Great Fun: **WOMEN'S BRUNCH** January 25th

Helping Gibraltar Ladies Connect and Share

Our first gathering was held at the beautiful home of David and Anna Brooks. It was a bright, sunny morning, and the time FLEW by as we all enjoyed each other's company and the delicious food and beverages! Topics ranged from books and movies to kids to travel to work to just about anything you can think of! From the young working women to our experienced retirees, attendees had great thoughts to share, and very much enjoyed connecting with each other. Plans are in the works for our next gathering, so watch future newsletters for details and be sure to mark your calendar to attend!





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♥ **HAPPY**
Valentine's
DAY ♥

 **Happy** 
St. Patrick's Day

RECIPE CORNER: Here's something to take the edge off a cold winter day...

Savory Baked Beef Stew *provided by Patti Hannan*

- 2 lbs lean stew beef, cubed
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 2 Tblsp onion soup mix (1 pkg)
- 6 med. potatoes, quartered
- 4 carrots, sliced
- 10-1/2 oz. can cream of celery soup
- 1/2 cup water
- 1/2 cup sherry



Put meat in heavy casserole or Dutch oven; sprinkle with salt, pepper and onion soup mix. Add potatoes, carrots and onion. Combine celery soup, water and sherry; pour over meat. Cover, and bake at 250-300 degrees for 5 hours. Serves 5-6. Patti doubles the soup, water and sherry, as they like more of the gravy.

From the Rock Talk editor: Kate Brewer, Gibraltar resident and author, has graciously volunteered to contribute her creative talents to our newsletter! I know you'll enjoy reading her short stories as much as I do! I can't wait for more! — Cory Peters

Bobbie on a Bad Day

By Kate Brewer

While she stood backstage just out of view behind the cheap red curtain, fighting a wave of nausea made worse by the insufferable heat of the bulky cartoon monkey costume she was wearing, it occurred to Bobbie that certain choices she had made were not, in fact, in her own best interest.

It also occurred to her – a thought accompanied by a rage that rivaled the nausea – that she was not solely responsible for the Technicolor kiddie-themed nightmare she now found herself in.

Her day (Tuesday) began with a white wine hang-over, courtesy of a late-night vent session with a friend from high school that she'd run into at the local watering hole. White wine at a dive bar was never a good idea. If Bobbie was being honest with herself, dive bars in general were rarely a good idea, as almost her entire extended family had issues with alcoholism coupled with notoriously low tolerance. That she had remembered the previous day at all was an unhappy surprise to Bobbie, since she'd been trying so hard to forget.

She had then made the mistake of checking her calls and text messages.

Seven unanswered calls to her ex-boyfriend, the one who fell off the roof one time, and one completed call that lasted all of twelve seconds (just long enough to be told to stop calling, presumably). The text messages were no better – a long, babbling, string of declarations of loyalty to her high-school friend (acquaintance, really), and promises about not letting time get away. No reply.

Undeterred by this latest humiliation, Bobbie got herself together enough to go to her physics class – a decision she lauded herself for, up until she arrived and discovered the lesson was focused on high-pitched noises. On her way back to her car, she ran into another friend of hers (a recent one) who asked Bobbie for a favor. Because she liked this friend, thought it was cute the way his glasses always slid off his face, and because she liked to consider herself a good person, she said yes.

Bobbie quickly came to regret it.

Her friend worked as a 'character' at Chuck E. Cheese and he needed someone to fill in for him that afternoon at a kid's birthday party because his grandmother had slipped on the ice days before and busted her hip and needed someone to administer medicine, make food, and play mahjong with. He and his parents had been taking turns.

As Bobbie agreed to fill in for him through a rather obviously pained smile, he had no way of knowing that yesterday Bobbie had gotten the results of a DNA ancestry test she'd submitted. He didn't know she'd discovered that her biological father, the one who'd been missing from her life since she was a baby, the one her mother refused to talk about for reasons she still didn't understand, who she dreamed of and made up stories about when she was growing up, was in fact a relatively successful local businessman who lived two blocks away. Her friend didn't know – couldn't know – that Bobbie went into his hardware store, before going to the bar, and bought a Kit-Kat bar, and that he didn't recognize her.

Nor did Bobbie's friend have a clue that when Bobbie would don that horrendous costume later that afternoon and peek out at the crowd, she would see her newly-discovered half-brother eagerly awaiting the show at his seventh birthday party, their dad by his side.

The curtain rose. The kids cheered. The aggressively cheerful canned music began. It was all Bobbie could do to shuffle onto that little stage, tears hidden by the perpetual grin on the monkey costume, reminding herself of all that she was – all that she could be – on a good day.

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Please tell us what's important to you in *connecting with your neighbors*:

Quarterly social events Fundraisers Business meetings

Other _____

Please tell us what *issues* are important to you:

Getting to know my neighbors Preserving our brick streets Historic preservation

Better lighting in our Neighborhood More social events Crime / Safety

Other _____