Valentines weekend was certainly a wonderful time for the lucky group of Bobby’s fans who ventured to the Hollywood Collectors Show. We have seen members of the Here Come the Brides show there on various occasions and other celebrities who have shared the television screen with our favorite guy. This time and for a worthy cause, Bobby was there on Sunday signing autographs, posing for pictures and just being Bobby. He spent Sunday with the gang raising money for the William H. Parker Los Angeles Police Foundation.

Bobby was also greeted by Brides cast members Bridget Hanley, Susan Tolsky and Mitzi Hoag. See the photo below.

As a special treat, Bobby also received his 20-year LAPD pin at a ceremony that was a big surprise to him. The fan club site is lucky enough to have a video of the event on the web site right now. Thanks to Suzie.

A special thank you to Ginny who took cards and letters to Bobby on behalf of the fans who could not make it. It was very nice of Ginny and Bobby to show appreciation by his writing a note for the ladies and Ginny posting it on Peace Love Bobby.

Georgyne was also there on behalf of Precious Paws raising money for the animals she loves and adores.
Convention 2010

For those of us who like to plan ahead, I wanted to get an opinion or two on which dates to have the convention next year in Los Angeles. Originally it was going to be July 17th, not because we were going to use that song as the theme but because it was an easy date to remember. But in the meantime, another interesting event has been scheduled the following weekend. The Hollywood Collectors Show. Since so many of the ladies like to come to LA to attend that, I was wondering if we would like to change the dates of the convention to that weekend. OR a few days before and then some could attend the convention. I am open to input and suggestions. I have not made any plans yet that can’t be changed. Just a sort of preliminary list of things that we want to do. Among them seeing Walt Disney’s garage with Bobby’s name on the plaque and actually getting to a game show or talk show like Ellen. The theme song for next year’s convention will be LALALA as thought up by Mindy.

Supporting Each Other

With the economy so bad and things being so hard for many of us, the best thing we can do for each other is to stick together and support each other. In the next issue of the newsletter I would like to make a list or donate a page or two of members and their businesses or things that they sell or make. For example, Tina is involved in Scentsy candles and Welcome Wines. I would list her and put some info and even a business card in the NL. This way when we need something, we can keep things in the family and support our sorority of friends.

This time though I would like to let everyone know that Carol Roberts’s husband has written a book called The Male Factor by Gary M. Roberts……available right now! Let’s show our support to them with book sales.

Be sure to email me at ehoffman@att.net with your business, web site or special items that you make and sell!

New Members

Mary Green
Portland OR

Betty McVey
Citrus Heights CA

Kim Jones
Raleigh NC

Judy Roberts
Troy NY

Peggy Kiesel
Clinton UT

The Bolt Brothers had a wonderful support system
You will never look at a cup of coffee the same way again.

A young woman went to her mother and told her about her life and how things were so hard for her. She did not know how she was going to make it and wanted to give up. She was tired of fighting and struggling. It seemed as one problem was solved, a new one arose.

Her mother took her to the kitchen. She filled three pots with water and placed each on a high fire. Soon the pots came to boil. In the first she placed carrots, in the second she placed eggs, and in the last she placed ground coffee beans. She let them sit and boil; without saying a word. In about twenty minutes she turned off the burners. She fished the carrots out and placed them in a bowl. She pulled the eggs out and placed them in a bowl. Then she ladled the coffee out and placed it in a bowl.

Turning to her daughter, she asked, 'Tell me what you see.'

'Carrots, eggs, and coffee,' she replied.

Her mother brought her closer and asked her to feel the carrots. She did and noted that they were soft. The mother then asked the daughter to take an egg and break it. After pulling off the shell, she observed the hard boiled egg.

Finally, the mother asked the daughter to sip the coffee. The daughter smiled as she tasted its rich aroma. The daughter then asked, 'What does it mean, mother?'

Her mother explained that each of these objects had faced the same adversity: boiling water. Each reacted differently. The carrot went in strong, hard, and unrelenting. However, after being subjected to the boiling water, it softened and became weak. The egg had been fragile. Its thin outer shell had protected its liquid interior, but after sitting through the boiling water, its inside became hardened. The ground coffee beans were unique, however. After they were in the boiling water, they had changed the water.

'Which are you?' she asked her daughter. 'When adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond? Are you a carrot, an egg or a coffee bean?

Think of this: Which am I? Am I the carrot that seems strong, but with pain and adversity do I wilt and become soft and lose my strength?

Am I the egg that starts with a malleable heart, but changes with the heat? Did I have a fluid spirit, but after a death, a breakup, a financial hardship or some other trial, have I become hardened and stiff? Does my shell look the same, but on the inside am I bitter and tough with a stiff spirit and hardened heart?

Or am I like the coffee bean? The bean actually changes the hot water, the very circumstance that brings the pain. When the water gets hot, it releases the fragrance and flavor. If you are like the bean, when things are at their worst, you get better and change the situation around you.

When the hour is the darkest and trials are their greatest, do you elevate yourself to another level? How do you handle adversity? Are you a carrot, an egg or a coffee bean?

May you have enough happiness to make you sweet, enough trials to make you strong, enough sorrow to keep you human and enough hope to make you happy. The happiest of people don't necessarily have the best of everything; they just make the most of everything that comes along their way. The brightest future will always be based on a forgotten past; you can't go forward in life until you let go of your past failures and heartaches.

When you were born, you were crying and everyone around you was smiling. Live your life so at the end, you're the one who is smiling and everyone around you is crying.

You might want to send this message to those people who mean something to you (I JUST DID); to those who have touched your life in one way or another; to those who make you smile when you really need it; to those who make you see the brighter side of things when you are really down; to those whose friendship you appreciate; to those who are so meaningful in your life.

Sent to me by Amy Sherman
Ways to Save Tip...

Make your own vinegar! Read on...it is easy and there are so many uses. Why pay all that money for chemical cleaners you don't need. Hope this helps in some way and is beneficial as a cost cutting measure!

**How to Make Vinegar**

Making vinegar is so easy it can be done by accident. We could even say that most of it is made without our cooperation or awareness. Making good vinegar, consistently, is another story. That requires a little effort. But the effort pays well. Vinegar can be made from almost anything which contains sugar or starch. It is made from many different things; fruits, grains, roots even wood. It can be made directly from sugar but is best made by first converting the sugar into alcohol and then turning the alcohol into vinegar. The conversion from starch is a little trickier, but the process shares a lot of similarities. To make vinegar the simplest way you need to find yourself; A container with a spout (e.g. a sun tea jar) The spout is not mandatory but it sure makes things easier. The container should also have a wide mouth to let in air as well as a way to keep out flies. (Air is very important!) You will be visited by vinegar flies! They are my assistants. The container should be glass or stainless steel for best results. Aluminum and iron is definitely out. Some plastics can work, some are dangerous because they react with vinegar. So, for now, I would skip plastics. Some fresh fruit juice. (Even the frozen variety will do). But I would stay away from the bottled ones because they add chemicals to keep the juice from turning to vinegar. (See how easy it is to make vinegar.) A starter culture. Notice I said "starter culture". Don't make a big deal about getting a "mother", it will probably ruin otherwise good vinegar. What you need are the bacteria which make vinegar. Check the home brew stores or pick up a bottle of unpasteurized, unfiltered vinegar. I have had great success with Braggs Apple cider vinegar. The vinegar in the culture keeps out the other molds and bacteria until the vinegar bacteria have had a chance to take firm control of the juice.

A dark place. You could also paint your jar or cover it. The object is to keep out the light. Light will slow the vinegar production or even kill your culture. A warm place. The precise temperature is not so critical but it does make a difference on how fast your vinegar is made. If you feel comfortable at that temperature, most likely the vinegar bacteria will be happy also. OK, we have a vinegar culture, a container to put it in, some food for it and lots of warm air available to it. Pour about one quart of the starter into the container. Pour about the same amount of juice into the container. Put the mix into a warm dark place. Keep checking it until it is as strong as you like it or it seems to be losing strength. Bottle it in small bottles. Leave it for at least six months before using. (You could use it right away but, this will make it smoother)

**Household Uses for Distilled Vinegar**

**Cut Flower preserver**: Fresh cut flowers can be kept blooming longer by adding two tablespoons of vinegar, plus three tablespoons of sugar to each quart of warm water. The stems must be kept in three to four inches of the nutrient.

**Cutting grease**: A few teaspoons of distilled or spirit vinegar will help to cut the grease.

**Decal removal**: Old decals can be easily removed by sponging on distilled vinegar. Allow the vinegar to soak in for a few minutes and then wash off.

**Dish washing magic**: Chalky deposits are often left on dinnerware washed in dishwashers. To remove the deposits, place the affected pieces in the dishwasher. Put a cup filled with vinegar on the bottom rack and run the machine for five minutes. Stop the machine and refill the cup, whose contents have been replaced with water, with vinegar. Repeat this cycle and follow by a complete cycle with dishwasher detergent.

**Dust reducer**: Sponging away grease and dirt with a sponge dipped in distilled vinegar will keep exhaust fan grills, air-conditioner blades and grills dust free.

**Electric irons**: To remove burn stains from an electric iron, mix 1 part salt with 1 part vinegar and heat in a small aluminum pan. Use this mix to polish the iron as you would silver.

**Leather cleaning**: Leather articles can be cleaned with a mixture of distilled vinegar and linseed oil. Rub the mixture into the leather and then polish with a soft cloth.

**No-frost windshields**: Distilled vinegar will help to keep frost off of the windshields. A solution of 3 parts vinegar to 1 part water wiped on the windshield should do the trick.

**Nylon hose preserver**: Nylon hose will look better and last longer if 1 tablespoon of vinegar is added to rinse water when washing.

**Onion odor removal**: To quickly remove the odor of onions from your hands, rub your hands with distilled vinegar.

**Chrome and stainless steel polish**: Chrome and stainless steel can be polished by wiping with distilled vinegar.

**Clean dishwasher**: 1/2 cup of distilled vinegar added to the rinse cycle of dishwashers will help keep drain line clean and odorless.

**Clogged drain**: A clogged drain may sometimes be opened by pouring in a handful of baking soda, followed by a half cup of vinegar, down the drain pipe.

**Grass killer**: Unwanted grass can be eliminated from sidewalks and driveways by pouring distilled vinegar on it.

**Paint brush softener**: Soak the paint brush in hot vinegar, then wash out with warm, sudsy water.

**Sparkling glassware**: One-half cup of distilled vinegar added to a gallon of rinse water will remove soap film from glassware and make it shine.

Be sure to check the internet for dozens and dozens for more uses for vinegar!
Hollywood Collectors Show
Photographs

02/15/2009
The fan club website may be periodically unavailable until we finish renovations. Suzie is redoing the whole site updating old information and adding new and exciting things. She has always done a terrific job and I appreciate all the time she takes to maintain the site for us.

We recently changed domain hosts to godaddy. I hope everyone takes the time to check out the changes.

As always, we appreciate Ginny at www.peacelovebobby.com. The place where all the Bobby Babes hang out for the most current and up-to-date information!

I would like to invite everyone to spend the weekend at my house in PA. I have plenty of room and we can send Ed to his mom’s for the weekend! We can eat, party, watch videos, laugh, sing...ok drink...Let’s spend some time together! It’s been awhile since some of us have seen each other. Only a 10 hour drive from the Metro Chicago and Detroit area (oh well...maybe a tad further to Chicago)

I live an hour from New York City, Hershey PA and Philadelphia, and how can we forget Mount Airy. Open to suggestions on how to spend this weekend.

Just know....I do have a few cats..maybe 5 but our house has 4 floors! Plenty of room for everyone!

Hope to see all my friends July 17th weekend!!