



Donna's



Humorous Updates

Best of April to December, 2009





Donna on . . . Travel

APR 262009

Just spent 2 hours stuck on tarmac in Chicago next to 3 children and a man who clearly ate a raw onion before boarding



MAY 192009

Thinking about the time I flew and a man behind me asked a flight attendant (mid-flight) if she could roll down his window. Still laughing!



JUN 202009

At the beach, sweating, sunburned, sand everywhere, eating junk food. Does it get any better than this?



JUN 212009

Want to know if God is real? Look at the ocean. No more questions.



JUL 32009

At the beach with 9,000 other people - but it doesn't matter, because we're at the beach! And because my husband did the grocery shopping. He was afraid I would clock somebody so he made me stay home :(.



JUL 302009

Donna Highfill is wondering how to help airport staff smile more and glare less . . .



AUG 132009

Donna Highfill is pulling everything together for the long trip to Missouri. West Virginia always freaks me out. Not because of the usual reasons, but because the roads are so steep . . .



AUG 312009

In Indiana it is illegal to ride public transportation for at least 30 minutes after eating garlic. I like that law. . .



Donna on . . . Bad Habits

APR 292009

Just saw a man flossing his teeth in his car at a stoplight. Let's all remember that being inside a car does NOT make us invisible :).



MAY 52009

Donna Highfill is finding out that watching Law and Order SVU and drinking a Coke is not the best way to prepare for bed. . .



JUN 72009

Donna Highfill is trying to read a book she can learn from but really wants to pick up her People magazine.



JUN 162009

Donna Highfill stopped working long enough to floss her teeth, only to get dental floss stuck in her teeth and walked around looking like a demented dental patient until she could find more floss to get the other floss out.



MAY 12009

Talked to a lady convinced she has swine flu cuz she went to petting zoo yesterday. I laughed - then got as far away from her as possible.



MAY 42009

New info states that humans can transfer swine flu back to pigs. So, who will speak for the pigs? Should we wear masks to protect them?



DEC 232009

Almost hit this morning by a guy in his car, on his cell phone, smoking a cigarette AND reading a document while going 45 mphI almost threw him three oranges so he could add juggling to his repertoire!



Donna on . . . Television & Movies

APR 292009

Law & Order is starting with an ALMOST dead person at the beginning. I'm all confused now.



JUN 292009

I think there should be a Bachelorette for women 45 and older. Do you know how brutal a rose ceremony would be with women and hot flashes?



JUL 122009

I am waiting to watch 3:10 to Yuma with my daughter and husband. Westerns are great but there's so much dirt. I keep feeling like I should dust people off or wipe down the bar or something . . .



JUL 292009

Ahh, Ghost Hunters. What is better than plumbers who now "flush out" ghosts?



AUG 52009

Watching SYTYCD - and I really want to dance. What if I opened a dance club for Baby Boomers - we could all dance and then have naptime and then dance some more and then have healthy snacks and there would be no fluorescent lights - only soft lights that make us look younger. Anybody in?



AUG 82009

I am thinking that I still wants Mary Poppins umbrella. Remember the talking one? Wasn't it a parrot? Maybe that's why I got my parrot years ago. And maybe that's why I (oddly) held my parrot over my head when it rained. He never did like that.



AUG 262009

In Fantasia, the sorcerer's name is Yensid - Disney spelled backwards. I would be Llifghih. Not as impressive :(.



Nov 102009

I was just thinking about Rin-Tin-Tin and Lassie and which dog was cooler. I vote Rin-Tin-Tin - Lassie seemed a little whiney.



Donna on . . . Animals & Insects

APR 282009

Donna Highfill is wondering what the odd bumps on her boxer's head really are . . . and is sorry she touched them in the first place.



MAY 132009

I just saw a mouse wedge itself into the tread of a car in front of me, ride a mile in the tire, and jump out at the next stoplight. Impressive.



MAY 162009

Watched Preakness -- amazing -- controversy over gender in horse racing. Are male horses saying "I can't believe I got beat by a girl?"



MAY 202009

Donna Highfill is fighting an aggressive moth that just flew in the back door and is so big you can see the fuzz on his face . . .



MAY 252009

Donna Highfill is wondering why the rooster in our neighborhood crows 24 hours a day. What happened to the whole crowing at dawn deal?



JUN 82009

Donna Highfill is wondering why squirrels are thought of more favorably than rats when they're both rodents.



AUG 112009

I just found out that Thomas Edison, inventor of the lightbulb, was afraid of the dark? See, fear IS a good motivator :). Maybe this means I have a future in pest control . . .



OCT 132009

Carpenter bees rock. Each summer they drill a hole in the railing of our wooden deck and move in. In the fall, they move out and fill the hole back in. How nice is that?



Donna on . . . *Animals & Insects (cont.)*

OCT 14 2009

Saw two bald eagles in a field eating something dead. The eating part was a little unsavory, but man they make bald look good . . .



NOV 8 2009

I am wondering why there are no fewer than 12 vultures circling my house! Has my career died?





Donna on . . . Food & Cooking

JUN 24 2009

I saw an ad for "Hell's Kitchen" and realized that's what every kitchen in the world is to me . . .



JUL 16 2009

Donna Highfill is thinking about how great her life is and wondering where she hid the Oreos



JUL 22 2009

Donna Highfill just had her bacon/egg/cheese biscuit fall apart in her hands. I think I was gripping it with too much enthusiasm . . .



AUG 13 2009

I ate a Tuna sub for lunch. I will miss those fish when they're extinct.



OCT 10 2009

I am having a hard time relaxing, and wondering if the bag of candy corn I ate has anything to do with it . . .



OCT 13 2009

Just dropped a greasy piece of bacon onto my dress pants & instinctively caught it between my knees. I'll be impressive in my a.m. meeting.



NOV 16 2009

Donna Highfill is yearning for s'mores. And the smell of a campfire. And my cool little Girl Scout pan that opened up and had all of my utensils in it.



DEC 7 2009

Went through a fast food line today and received a smile, a coke with the cup wiped clean, and a "thank you." I almost passed out from joy.



DEC 9 2009

Triscuits rock.



Donna on . . . Fitness & Diet

JUN 9 2009

Donna Highfill is going to watch more fitness videos tonight while she snacks on the couch.



JUN 14 2009

I am remembering why the word "diet" has the word "die" in it.



JUN 23 2009

Donna Highfill has lost 5 lbs and is trying VERY hard not to eat to celebrate!



JUL 21 2009

Someone just told me I looked like I was losing too much weight, and I'm choosing to believe them. Let me have this moment.



SEP 10 2009

There is something about dieting that makes me lick the spoon of my breakfast yogurt as if I will never, ever eat again . . .



NOV 3 2009

I am wondering if I eat one chocolate chip at a time . . . how many it takes before there are REAL calories. They're tiny little chips, you know. Although I've been eating them for about 2 hours.



DEC 10 2009

I guess you have to get off the couch to have something interesting happen to you. Something you can share. Well, I got nothin'. It's me and the couch, baby.



DEC 28 2009

Dreaming of the homemade beef stew at home. Yes, my husband made it - that's why I'm dreaming of it. My beef stew would be more of a nightmare :).



Donna on . . . Work

JUN 62009

Thinking about years ago when I waitressed - I tripped over a baby (in car seat on the floor). Baby was fine; mother wasn't so happy!



JUL 12009

Realizing that for the third time this week I'm correcting the wrong version of a document, which means I will be working all weekend. I'm going to grow my own food, make my own clothes, and give up this ridiculous thing called work :).



JUL 72009

Donna Highfill is trying to ignore the mirage of thousands of followers on Twitter, and remember that she has to make money :).



JUL 162009

Donna Highfill misses the sound of typewriter keys.



AUG 52009

Listening to AOL Radio - Classical Station - and the "Hallelujah Chorus" just came on. Should I stand up or what??



AUG 262009

A man is standing outside my office window with his face pressed against the glass. My back is to him but I see him in my monitor. Should I turn around?? Wait, there he goes. Who WAS that? Let me get the Windex.



AUG 302009

Having information overload. Suddenly I want to be on the front porch with Andy, Opey & Aunt Bee, sipping tea and playing the guitar.



OCT 292009

Donna Highfill is remembering all those lonely days in cubicles in the early 80's where there was no internet to read and no Facebook friends. You would literally stare at your cloth cubicle wall and wonder how much dust was in it since they were never vacuumed. Ah, the good ol' days.



Donna on . . . Work (cont.)

Nov 52009

I am sitting at O'Charley's looking for a man in an orange shirt. I feel like I'm in a spy movie.

DEC 122009

Okay, if Microsoft shuts down my computer in the middle of anything for another update I'm going to make Mr. Potter in "It's a Wonderful Life" look like the nice guy . . .



Donna on . . . Family

JUN 292009

I think her 19 year old SPCA cat is some kind of spirit . . . she never ages. And she's mean. But I love her. And I'm a little afraid of her. . .



JUL 92009

Donna Highfill is listening to her daughter's phone buzz every 2 minutes with messages from friends and realizing her phone is stone silent. Not a good sign.



JUL 182009

Donna Highfill is supposed to be shopping with her daughter for college but she's still asleep and I want to watch ESPN a little longer so I'm not waking her up. Yes, I'm a woman that values ESPN over shopping. Leave me alone.



AUG 102009

Already starting to get my daughter ready to go back to school. No matter what their age, packing your child up to go somewhere away from you feels unnatural. I get sad every time. I hate being sad!! So then I get mad. It should be a pleasant trip.



AUG 132009

Did you know there is an average of 50,000 spiders for every acre of green area? Don't tell my daughter. She'll never go outside again.



AUG 192009

Okay. One daughter now set up in her apartment. Bought our last item at 10:00 tonight. We have said our goodbyes and I hit the road in the a.m. to drive home with a refrigerator, shoes, and a variety of other items that didn't make the cut. All of us rejects are driving home together!



AUG 202009

In Lexington KY - on the trek home. Tired and hungry enough to eat a horse (my apologies to the thoroughbreds of KY)

MAY 182009



Donna on . . . Family (cont.)

My husband broke his entire front tooth off today while eating. He is perty!!



AUG 212009

We are driving thru WVA again. No jokes, I promise. My poor husband is trying to talk with his broken tooth and sounds like Cindy Brady!



AUG 212009

Home sweet home. Even the dog's gas can't take away the glory of sitting on my couch watching football!



AUG 242009

My husband and dog are both asleep on the couch . . . I tried to take a picture but it won't download. It looks like this - man sitting up in blue shirt, head dropped over his chest, eyes shut - boxer lying on his lap, eyes shut. That's pretty much it.



SEP 272009

A day of rest has calmed my mind but not my dog.



OCT 152009

My 20 year old cat just walked by and bit me - again. She's done it for 18 years. She's lean, she's mean, and she's here for the long run!



Nov 252009

A week of thanks . . . today I am thankful that my daughter is home, my great nephew was born safely, my niece is doing well . . . and I'm grateful for the memory of Tang. Remember the orange drink? I loved that stuff.



Nov 302009

I am working on a story for a client with my Boxer strewn across my lap. I can . . . almost . . . reach my Coke. OH, so close.



Donna on . . . Age & Me

JUL 152009

Donna Highfill is trying to find the beauty in middle aged spread . . .and focus on her wisdom. Mind over middle - my new motto!



MAY 182009

Last night the name "Erasmus" came up in four different dreams. Found out he was a martyr who was tortured in a variety of lovely ways but kept surviving. I don't know whether to be inspired or terrified :).



JUL 262009

Wondering why my hair was ridiculous the day of my photos and looks awesome today for my trip to Kroger.

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AUGUST 42009

Busted a knuckle doing a Taekwondo workout – take that middle age!



SEP 62009

I was sitting pondering that humorous novel I always wanted to write, so I wrote 5 pages and then found out I'm really not all that funny. . .



OCT 292009

Donna Highfill is sure that sweats are a good look.



NOV 192009

I just shut my own index finger in the drawer of my desk. That hurt.



NOV 222009

Donna Highfill has learned that wearing your favorite football team's jersey impacts nothing.



DEC 42009

Donna Highfill just fell off her clog while walking to the back of the office.



Donna on . . . Miscellaneous

JUL 102009

Spent the morning in traffic court. Fascinating place. The judge had one goal of "hurry up", and the attorneys walked around constantly apparently in search of a good suit. :)



JUL 242009

Getting ready to shoot my video. Combing my mane and checking my teeth . . . now off to the races!



AUG 142009

Had a dream last night that Godzilla was in my house while I hid under a bench with my dog and worried about what mascara to buy. If anyone would like to interpret, it's all yours!!



AUG 312009

Donna Highfill . . . means well.



SEP 172009

I am going to Barnes & Noble for inspiration. I hope it's not Harry Potter day or something . . .



OCT 282009

Donna Highfill is wishing she would quit sleeping with one arm thrown over her head which keeps creating muscle spasms all day. I must be dreaming of school and I'm sucking up to the teacher by trying to answer every question . . .



DEC 12009

Did you know giraffes can't cough? It must be like waiting for an intelligent thought from some people. Just takes too long to get there.

DEC 312009

The sound of the ocean mixed with firecrackers - tonight it works for me . Happy New Year everyone!!