



Merry  
Christmas  
and Happy  
New Year!



*We make a living by what we get but we make a life by what  
we give ~ Winston Churchill*

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## And to all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.....

This has been an eventful year to say the least. Many changes have occurred and many more are on the horizon. If you are not ready for change then you are definitely in the wrong spot.

This week most of the Atlanta District EAS employees met with the new acting District Manager. Some of the changes are in the beginning stages and some are in the near future and some maybe a couple of years away.

I went to a public meeting about the closing of one of the area plants. The employees had a meeting earlier with the management members and the meeting I attended had both postal employees and the public. The meeting was not met with a positive outlook from either group. Negative opinions were voiced by many.

This has been a very good experience for me to be allowed the opportunity to serve as the president of this great organization of postmasters. I have met many of you at meetings, talked with many of you on the phone. The knowledge I have gained from this is more than I ever dreamed. I will always treasure the past few years I have spent in different offices of NAPUS. You have become an extended family to Larry and me. Larry enjoys the meetings as much as anyone attending, I think.

All of the executive board has been very faithful to their duties and I would like to say how much I appreciate them. A good executive board to guide the direction we need to go as a viable organization is of utmost importance. I pledge my support to Louise and the incoming board. I take away much more from having served with this board than I ever imagined.

The fall meeting was very informative and always the fellowship is outstanding. We need to focus on the future of the postal service and how we can obtain the most support from staying an active member in the NAPUS organization. The midwinter conference will be here soon and after the leadership; these are two meetings in the beginning of the year that is important. Congress may be your best friend so it would be helpful to know that they know you and what doing the right thing means to you.

During the holidays take time to have a family life after all the time we have seems so short for quality time with our families. This Thanksgiving our family; our sons and their families went on a family trip to Pigeon Forge and it was great having all of our family. One of our daughters-in-law said it was similar to the Walden's (you know good night John Boy) type stuff. When we have the whole family it is quite a treat.

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!  
Jeanne -State President 2011*



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Georgia Chapter NAPUS

Fall Conference

The Blue Ridge Lodge/Comfort Inn & Suites

November 4-6, 2011

RECEIPTS

|                             |                  |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Georgia Chapter NAPUS       | \$1000.00        |
| Atlanta Postal Credit Union | 500.00           |
| Vendors                     | 250.00           |
| Hospitality Room (Tips)     | 20.00            |
| Registration                | <u>2340.00</u>   |
| <b>Total Receipts</b>       | <b>\$4110.00</b> |

DISBURSEMENTS

|                            |                  |
|----------------------------|------------------|
| USPS (Postage)             | 363.55           |
| Meals                      | 2238.06          |
| The Blue Ridge Lodge       | 232.14           |
| Printing for mailout       | 786.45           |
| Door Prizes                | 25.00            |
| Refunded Registration      | 50.00            |
| Hospitality Room           | 101.81           |
| Return to Chapter          | <u>312.99</u>    |
| <b>Total Disbursements</b> | <b>\$4110.00</b> |

*Sincerely,  
Tammy Cantrell  
Secretary -Treasurer*



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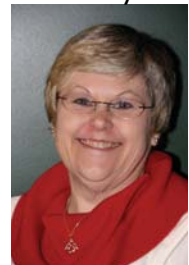
## **10 MISSING....**

...and then there were 8 missing when I realized that Ola was home with Ray who was recovering from two strokes and other health issues and Miss Ruby who stayed home because it was homecoming at church and her Mother was celebrating her 90+ birthday. So I thought harder and remembered receiving a couple of emails the week before. Both couples had prior commitments that they couldn't change so we're down to 4 missing. Now what am I talking about? There were only 10 less at the fall conference than there were at the state convention in June at Tybee Island. But I can account for 6 and could probably account for the other four if I thought long and hard.

My question to YOU is, and I'm repeating what I heard an MPOO say, "Do they not care enough about their jobs to attend a NAPUS meeting to find out what's going on?" We arranged for someone to be there to discuss and answer questions on the DUO process. Then we had someone from Human Resources to answer questions on what it means to you and what you need to do. Then we had our very own National Vice President to give you information and advice on what you should and shouldn't do. Then there was "Our Own" Sammy Reese and J.J. Smith who gave us all advice on closings and consolidations. Do you know what you can and can't do as a Postmaster if they try to close your office? Do you know who to call? Do you realize that if you, as Postmaster, become involved in the effort to keep your office opened, you can get into BIG trouble? Do you realize that without your Congressman and Senators you are going to have a very hard road to travel if they try to close your office?

I received several calls the week before the conference from my fellow Postmasters who wanted to know if they needed to go to the meeting. My answer to them as well as to you is, "Are you worried about your job?" "Have you been DUOed?" "How close are your routes to your neighbor's routes?" "What kind of shape is your building in?" "Is the lease close to time for renewal?" "What kind of revenue are you generating in your office?" I could go on and on. We were told that 4000 more offices will be added to the "recommended" closing list soon. Will your office be on that list? Are you worried yet? If you're worried, it's pass time to be at this NAPUS meeting but if I were you, I'd be planning now for the next meeting which will be the first full weekend in February. Hopefully it won't be too late. Are you aware that as of December 1, 2011 the definition of Postmaster will change? I don't know about you, but I'm worried and I attend every NAPUS meeting. I might be late because I don't have anyone to work in the office but you better believe, I'm on my way. I'll be there because I want to know what I need to do to save my job. I hope that when you read this, you'll call your neighbor and make plans for the next meeting because you need to be worried if you aren't.

**Judy Miller**  
**2nd VP, Conference Chair**



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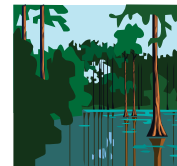
# GEORGIA NAPUS MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

February 3-5, 2012

Hawthorne Suites by Wyndham  
1323 E King Ave  
Kingsland GA 31548

Reservations: 912-882-4170  
Group Name: GA NAPUS  
Group Rate: \$89.00 (Includes Breakfast)

All rooms are King or Two Queen Suites & include a sleeper sofa, full kitchen with the exception of an oven.



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POSTMASTER/OIC, SPOUSE OR GUEST \_\_\_\_\_ \$50.00  
RETIREE, SPOUSE OR GUEST \_\_\_\_\_ \$40.00  
DAY REGISTRATION (Includes Lunch) \_\_\_\_\_ \$20.00  
FIRST TIMER --- YES OR NO ---

**\*\*Postmarked NLT January 13, 2012\*\***

Mail registration and fee(s) to:

Tammy Cantrell, 116 ABB Helton Rd, Cleveland GA 30548-3700

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Office: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse or Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please include me in the following meals (for head count purposes).

Friday Night – Yes – No    Saturday Lunch – Yes – No    Saturday Night – Yes – No

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## **2012 Georgia NAPUS Mid-Winter Conference**

Welcome to our corner of Georgia! Kingsland & Saint Marys central location near the coast is close to Cumberland Island National Seashore, Laurel Island Links Golf Course, the Okefenokee Swamp National Wildlife Refuge, Brunswick and The Golden Isles of Georgia, and a host of other natural wonders & exciting adventures! Kingsland and Saint Marys are located off of the I-95 Interchange at Exits 1 & 3.

Come and see why we love Kingsland & Saint Marys; where the meandering rivers wind through dense marshlands – where challenging golf quietly exists among tidal creeks and marsh grass – where river shores and lakes are brimming with wildlife. Come explore the nature that abounds here. Walk on the beach with wild horses and enjoy the true beauty of nature and wildlife as you experience the magic of Cumberland Island. Or, glide by sleeping alligators and native birds on a guided boat ride through the Okefenokee Swamp. Our area remains one of Georgia's best-kept secrets.

Leave the Post Office stress behind and come and unwind and enjoy the area. Kingsland & Saint Marys are quaint little towns with wonderful specialty shops, restaurants, and educational attractions such as the Naval Submarine Museum and Cumberland Island National Seashore Visitors Center.

The conference will be held on February 3-5, 2012 at Hawthorne Suites by Wyndham. All rooms are king or double queen suites at the group rate of \$89.00.

**Tentative Agenda Check [ganapus.com](http://ganapus.com) for agenda updates prior to conference.**

### **Friday, February 3, 2012**

Golf – Laurel Links Golf Course (registration and info on website)

2:00 Registration

4:00 Executive Board Meeting

6:30 Dinner

### **Saturday, February 4, 2012**

8:00 Registration

8:30 Business Session

12:30 Lunch

7:00 Dinner



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*JOIN IN AND WELCOME THE NEW 2012*

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*IF YOU ARE NOT ALREADY  
INVOLVED, NOW IS THE TIME.*

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## ENLIGHTENED PERSPECTIVE

written by Andy Rooney, a man who has the gift of saying so much with so few words. Enjoy.....

- I've learned.... That the best classroom in the world is at the feet of an elderly person.
- I've learned.... That when you're in love, it shows.
- I've learned.... That just one person saying to me, 'You've made my day!' makes my day.
- I've learned.... That having a child fall asleep in your arms is one of the most peaceful feelings in the world.
- I've learned.... That being kind is more important than being right.
- I've learned.... That you should never say no to a gift from a child.
- I've learned.... That I can always pray for someone when I don't have the strength to help him in some other way.
- I've learned.... That no matter how serious your life requires you to be, everyone needs a friend to act goofy with.
- I've learned.... That sometimes all a person needs is a hand to hold and a heart to understand.
- I've learned.... That simple walks with my father around the block on summer nights when I was a child did wonders for me as an adult.
- I've learned.... That life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes.
- I've learned.... That we should be glad God doesn't give us everything we ask for.
- I've learned.... That money doesn't buy class.
- I've learned.... That it's those small daily happenings that make life so spectacular.
- I've learned... That under everyone's hard shell is someone who wants to be appreciated and loved.
- I've learned.... That to ignore the facts does not change the facts.
- I've learned... That when you plan to get even with someone, you are only letting that person continue to hurt you.
- I've learned.... That love, not time, heals all wounds.
- I've learned.... That the easiest way for me to grow as a person is to surround myself with people smarter than I am.
- I've learned.... That everyone you meet deserves to be greeted with a smile.
- I've learned.... That no one is perfect until you fall in love with them.
- I've learned... That life is tough, but I'm tougher.
- I've learned.... That opportunities are never lost; someone will take the ones you miss.
- I've learned.... That when you harbor bitterness, happiness will dock elsewhere.
- I've learned.... That I wish I could have told my Mom that I love her one more time before she passed away.
- I've learned.... That one should keep his words both soft and tender, because tomorrow he may have to eat them.
- I've learned.... That a smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks.
- I've learned.... That when your newly born grandchild holds your little finger in his little fist, that you're hooked for life.
- I've learned.... That everyone wants to live on top of the mountain, but all the happiness and growth occurs while you're climbing it.
- I've learned.... That the less time I have to work with, the more things I get done.

*Proud to be a Postmaster!*

*Robin Bugg*

*Editor*



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***Correction to typographical error in Article 5 of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Georgia Chapter that was printed in the July/August edition of Around the Cracker Barrel. (okay, sorry I made a mistake)***

## **ARTICLE 5**

### **Officer's Expenses (As printed)**

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*What a GREAT conference.....WOW at the districts support! Now this was a great informational time for us all...if you missed it, please mark your calendar's for February. How can you complain if you don't take a stand!*





# 2011 FALL CONFERENCE BLUE RIDGE





*A good snapshot  
stops a moment  
from running  
away.  
~Eudora Weity*



*Making memories is what life is all  
about.....*



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*Louise Nix*



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## Obituaries

### *Thinking of You*

Please remember these families as they mourn the loss of a loved one:

- \*\*Mother of Darlene Swancey, Postmaster of Hoschton.
- \*\*Walter McCall, Retired Postmaster of Sandersville.
- \*\*Della McFarland Paradise, Retired Postmaster of Stephens.
- \*\*Martha "Katherine" Collins, Retired Postmaster of Oconee.
- \*\*James Burroughs, Retired Postmasters "Hasbeens".
- \*\*Father of Todd Ledford, Postmaster of Acworth.
- \*\*Mother of Deborah Squire, OIC Avondale Estates.

Please notify Robin Bugg of any families that we need to be thinking of.  
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*True compassion is love in action*

### *Donations to the Scholarship Fund*

Bob Randolph in memory of Nick and Dorothy Randolph and Wallace and Edith Allred.

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## The War Continues

The war is on, as usual, and no end is in sight. Postmasters and postmasters retired, we need to talk with our representatives in Washington, in congress, and the senate to inform them of our concerns. If you watched the broadcast on c-span of the senate homeland security and governmental affairs committee on s1789, you would feel disgusted. I could not digest some of the comments and questions some of the committee members discussed and voting on the amendments. We need to communicate to our respective senators and congressman in Washington and their local office as well. Our career and lively hood hinge on some of these topics being discussed in those committee meetings. Let us get in gear and show some concerns. We can do it together.

Sincerely,  
David  
2011 Postmaster Retiree  
President



## DATES TO REMEMBER

### Mid-Winter Conference

Feb. 3 - 5, 2012 - Kingston, GA  
Hawthorne Suites by Wyndham

### Leadership Conference

Washington DC  
March 24-29, 2012  
March 16-21, 2013  
March 15-20, 2014

### State Conventions

June , 2012 - Lake  
Blackshear  
June 9-12, 2013 Sea  
Palms, St. Simons  
Island

### National Convention

Sept. 1 - 6, 2012 - Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
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# Form 1187

## Request and Authorization for Voluntary Allotment of Compensation for Payment of Employee Organization Dues

### SECTION A—All New Members Complete

Your title determines whether you also complete Section B or C

|   |                        |                               |                               |
|---|------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| USPS Employee Identification Number (EIN):    | Social Security Number | Date of Birth                 | Gender<br>Male ___ Female ___ |
| Name of Employee (PRINT Last Name, First, MI) |                        | Home Telephone<br>( )         |                               |
| Home Address (Street and Number/PO Box)       | City                   | State                         | ZIP+4                         |
| Personal E-Mail Address                       |                        | Total Years of Postal Service |                               |

### SECTION B—Postmasters Only Complete

|                        |  |                            |
|------------------------|--|----------------------------|
| Post Office City/State | ZIP Code   | Post Office Finance Number |
| Post Office Level      | Postmaster's Direct Post Office Telephone<br>( ) |                            |

### SECTION C—(Check One): Officer-in-Charge Associate PMR—Only Complete

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Post Office City/State  | PO Finance Number of OIC Detail                           |
| Date of PM/OIC Appointment  | Post Office Telephone Number<br>( )                       |
| Former Postmaster at this Office has<br><input type="checkbox"/> Retired Date / / | <input type="checkbox"/> Detailed to (Title and Location) |
| Home Payroll Office Finance Number  | Employee Designation Code                                 |

### SECTION D—For Use by the Employee Organization

|  |  |      |
|--|--|------|
| <b>P</b>   | Mail completed form to:<br>National Association of Postmasters of the United States (NAPUS)<br>8 Herbert Street<br>Alexandria, Virginia 22305-2600 |      |
|  | I hereby certify that the regular dues of this organization for the above-named member currently are established at \$_____ per calendar month.    |      |
| Signature and Title of Authorized Official   | <input type="checkbox"/> NAPUS Membership Chair<br><input type="checkbox"/> NAPUS Chapter Secretary-Treasurer                                      | Date |
| Member submitted as: <input type="checkbox"/> Withholding <input type="checkbox"/> Cash (attach check/money order) |  |      |

### SECTION E—Authorization by Employee

I hereby authorize the above-named agency to deduct from my pay the first pay period of each month the amount certified above as the regular dues the (UN-P) **National Association of Postmasters of the United States (NAPUS)** and to remit such amounts to that employee organization in accordance with its arrangements with my employing agency. I further authorize any change in the amount to be deducted that is certified by the above-named employee organization as a uniform change in its dues structure.

I understand that this authorization is a monthly deduction. It will become effective the first pay period of the calendar month, which includes the first day of the month, following its receipt in the employee organization's headquarters office: NAPUS, 8 Herbert Street, Alexandria, VA 22305-2600.

I further understand that revocation forms — *Standard Form No. 1188*, "Revocation of Voluntary Authorization for Allotment of Compensation for Payment of Employee Organization Dues" — are available from my employing agency and that I may revoke this authorization at any time by filling such a revocation form or other written revocation request "Certified Mail" directly to the employee organization's headquarters office: NAPUS, 8 Herbert Street, Alexandria, VA 22350-2600. Such revocation will not be effective, however, until the first full pay period following March 1 or Sept. 1 of any calendar year, whichever date first occurs after the revocation is received in the employee organization's headquarters office.

|                       |      |
|-----------------------|------|
| Signature of Employee | Date |
|-----------------------|------|

### SECTION F

Check this box to signify you've read and understand the terms in Section E this form. (online submissions only)

**Yes, at the same time I join NAPUS, I'd like to join NAPUS Federal Credit Union and also receive a NAPUS FCU Visa card, if I qualify! After I've received my Credit Union account card in the mail, I understand I may call PostalEASE (1-877-477-3273) and set up a payroll allotment to NAPUS FCU. The CU's routing number is 254074934.**

Who/what most influenced your decision to join NAPUS? \_\_\_\_\_

Revised 07/07

**NAPUS NATIONAL OFFICE FOR PROCESSING**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name (as it should appear on your badge): \_\_\_\_\_

Post Office You Represent(ed): \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Time Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Fee:**

| <i>(Please circle fee that applies)</i>   | 9/10/11<br>to<br>12/31/11 | 1/01/12<br>to<br>4/30/12 | 5/01/12<br>to<br>7/31/12 | After 8/01/12 |
|---|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| Postmaster / Spouse/Guest   | \$150                     | \$200                    | \$225                    | \$250         |
| OIC/Associate   | \$150                     | \$200                    | \$225                    | \$250         |
| Postmaster Retired/ Spouse/Guest<br><i>(Postmaster Retired Luncheon Included)</i> | \$130                     | \$175                    | \$195                    | \$215         |
| Children (17 and under)<br><i>(Includes child's meal at the Grand Banquet)</i>    | \$75                      | \$75                     | \$75                     | \$75          |

**Are you planning on attending the NAPUS Annual Golf Tournament?** Yes No

For \$90 per golfer, this will include transportation to and from the Coffee Creek Golf Course, range balls, cart and green fees. Provided with this offer is a Continental breakfast prior to the start and a lunch after the tournament. Prizes will be awarded.

**Payment:**

Check payable to NAPUS # \_\_\_\_\_ Cash

NAPUS-FCU Visa American Express  
 Visa/MasterCard

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Card Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_



**Convention Fee:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Additional Tickets for the  
 Postmasters Retired Luncheon  
 @ \$25 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Golf Tournament Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount Included** \$ \_\_\_\_\_



Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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**2012 SOUTHERN OFFICERS CONFERENCE**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ State Representing \_\_\_\_\_

**Early Registration Fee \$99 – Postmarked by November 1, 2011**  
**Early registration postmarked by November 1<sup>st</sup> will be entered into a drawing for \$100 gift certificate**  
**November 1, 2011 until March 1, 2012 fee is \$115.00**  
**March 1, 2012 until June 25, 2012 \$130.00**  
**On Site \$135**

Flying \_\_\_\_\_ Driving \_\_\_\_\_  
If you will need transportation from/to the Charlotte Douglas Airport (CLT)  
Please complete the information below:

Airline & Flight Number \_\_\_\_\_ Date & Time of Arrival \_\_\_\_\_  
Date & Time of Departure \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone Contact # \_\_\_\_\_

The North Carolina Chapter is very excited to host this year's SOC (Thursday, July 26<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup>) in Concord at the Embassy Suites, 5400 John Q. Hammons Dr. NW, Concord NC. The room rate is \$115. Be sure to mention that you are with the NAPUS/SOC when making your reservations. The number is 1-704-455-8200. The room block will be held until June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Check-in time is 3:00 and check-out is 12:00. The hotel offers full cooked to order breakfast, a spacious 2 room suite with a separate living room and nightly manager's reception.

There is so much to experience in Concord. There are over 100 area restaurants; Concord Mills shopping outlet; several family attractions including Great Wolf Lodge, Carowinds, the Billy Graham Library, White Water Rafting and it is minutes from Charlotte.

Thursday night we will kick off the conference with pizza. Friday night we will enjoy dinner at the NASCAR Race Track. You will have a free afternoon on Saturday. Saturday night will be our banquet and entertainment. Dress casual and come enjoy the North Carolina hospitality!

Secretary/Treasurers need to bring 33 copies of the resolutions that were passed at your state convention.

Return registration form and fee to:

**NC NAPUS**  
C/o Linda Carter  
1976 US Hwy 401 S.  
Warrenton, NC 27589  
C (919) 323-6595, H (252) 257-4336



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*ENDING THE YEAR WITH A LAUGH.....HOPE YOU ENJOY AS  
MUCH AS I DID.....*

This is even funnier when you realize it's real!  
Next time you have a bad day at work think of this guy.  
Bob is a commercial saturation diver for Global Divers in Louisiana  
He performs underwater repairs on offshore drilling rigs.  
Below is an E-mail he sent to his sister.  
She then sent it to radio station 103.5 on FM dial in Indiana, who was sponsoring a worst job  
experience contest.  
Needless to say, she won.  
Read his letter below...

Hi Sue,

Just another note from your bottom-dwelling brother. Last week I had a bad day at the office.  
I know you've been feeling down lately at work, so I thought I would share my dilemma with you to  
make you realize it's not so bad after all.

Before I can tell you what happened to me, I first must bore you with a few technicalities of my job.  
As you know, my office lies at the bottom of the sea. I wear a suit to the office. It's a wet suit.  
This time of year the water is quite cool. So what we do to keep warm is this. We have a diesel  
powered industrial water heater.

This \$20,000 piece of equipment sucks the water out of the sea. It heats it to a delightful  
temperature.

It then pumps it down to the diver through a garden hose, which is taped to the air hose.

Now this sounds like a darn good plan, and I've used it several times with no complaints.

What I do, when I get to the bottom and start working, is take the hose and stuff it down the back of  
my wet suit.

This floods my whole suit with warm water. It's like working in a Jacuzzi.

Everything was going well until all of a sudden, my butt started to itch. So, of course, I scratched it.

This only made things worse. Within a few seconds my a\*# started to burn. I pulled the hose out  
from my back, but the damage was done. In agony I realized what had happened.

The hot water machine had sucked up a jellyfish and pumped it into my suit. Now, since I don't  
have any hair on my back, the jellyfish couldn't stick to it, however, the crack of my a\*# was not as  
fortunate.

When I scratched what I thought was an itch, I was actually grinding the jellyfish into the crack of my  
a\*#.

I informed the dive supervisor of my dilemma over the communicator.

His instructions were unclear due to the fact that he, along with five other divers, were all laughing  
hysterically. Needless to say, I aborted the dive.

I was instructed to make three agonizing in-water decompression stops totaling thirty-five minutes  
before I could reach the surface to begin my chamber dry decompression.

When I arrived at the surface, I was wearing nothing but my brass helmet.

As I climbed out of the water, the medic, with tears of laughter running down his face, handed me a  
tube of cream and told me to rub it on my butt as soon as I got in the chamber.

The cream put the fire out, but I couldn't s\*!# for two days because my a\*# was swollen shut.

So, next time you're having a bad day at work, think about how much worse it would be if you had a  
jellyfish shoved up your a\*#.

Now repeat to yourself, ***'I love my job, I love my job, I love my job.'***

Whenever you have a bad day, ask yourself, is this a jellyfish bad day?

May you NEVER have a jellyfish bad day! !!!!

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*Let's us do together what we cannot do  
alone.....*

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