

Happy Holidays!

I'm a HUSBAND HERO! (*Editor's Note: Oh, no ...*) I always announce my Husband Hero moments in a loud voice so Misuzu will hear and be proud. "Honey, Husband Hero remembered to take out the garbage." Or, "Husband Hero saves the day ... I found an abandoned cup of coffee in the microwave" (*Bill is the only coffee drinker in our house*) Misuzu, however, never acknowledges these moments



although there is ample opportunity. Almost daily! I suspect my heroics take her breath away and she is at a loss for words ... a very unusual state for a woman (*DID HE ACTUALLY WRITE THAT? HUSBAND HERO has lost his mind. He probably needs some rest and perhaps medication too. Wait! Is husband so devious? He says stupid things and hopes to be fired as letter writer ... oh, husband ... wife too smart ... but old dog has learned a new trick!*)

Shige, 23, works at a University of Florida lab near Marineland. I don't know what he does ... I think it has something to do with fish or fishy behavior. (*Bill does not listen very well*) *OK, he probably told me, I just can't remember.* He studied bridge and has become a good player; he also became a bridge director and occasionally directs games when time permits. He has applied to graduate school for next fall and plans to study biosensors ... your guess is as good as mine (*I suspect their guess is better, sweetheart!*) Shige is happy.

Nari, 21, continues his pursuit of knowledge and wisdom at the University of Central Florida. He is an anthropology major and hopes to graduate next August. He is doing research into computer-human interfaces with his new Kinect hardware and new Kinect-enabled software which runs on his research computer called the Xbox. (*You are not fooling me Bill ... I know it is not educational software and hardware*) Research projects make Nari happy.

Misuzu, age unknown but much younger than husband, is doing well. Her neck problems may ultimately require surgery but for now, her daily exercises plus physical therapy, massages, medications and special back rest all help make her life near normal. (*If only Husband Hero could be near normal*) On a recent visit to her doctor, I jokingly asked if I could be ruled out as being a pain in her neck ... the doctor paused, eyed me carefully, considered my question for a long while and then wrote in Misuzu's chart. No doubt something like – "husbands are not a pain in the neck!" (*What do you think the doctor wrote?*) Misuzu continues to enjoy playing bridge a couple of times a week at our club. Misuzu is happy thanks to HUSBAND HERO.

Bill, 66, listens carefully to his wife and sons, actively participates in the **HIP** (Husband Improvement Program), and listens to his wife some more. (*He is in the dog house*) He finally learned how to use his Smartphone. (*Phone too smart for husband... he tried to return it*) When not busy with his heavy load as Husband Hero, Bill enjoys bridge, basketball and working on websites. He loves watching Embry-Riddle basketball (9-1, #5) ... a talented, hardworking team with wonderful team chemistry, great coaching and dedicated to getting better ... GO EAGLES! Bill is happy but not too smart.

Love,
Bill, Misuzu, Shige and Nari