

# Penny Tale

## Day #112: Simple Pleasures

**Friday, 10 April 2009**

I woke up at 6:25 a.m. -- **before** the alarm! That's unusual. Anxious to begin a new day ☺

I had numerous chores already completed before Doc awoke and came downstairs. He said: "Let's go for that hike this morning."

My reply: "HUH?" Who is this imposter? The Body Snatchers must have taken my husband!

Two nights ago Doc said: "That was probably good for me to hike with you while we were in Mexico, maybe we should do that around here". My internal thoughts: "Yeah, sure. How many times have I heard that over the years?..."

I was preparing to go for my fitness walk. Doc shocked me by getting ready to go as well! After 28 years it's good that there are still a few nice surprises.

En route to the hiking trail in the nearby foothills, we drove past the local high school. The parking lot was empty! Hmmm... we looked at each other with that spousal, **non-verbal** conversation: "An empty lot". "Yeah, I see it". "Potential Pennies?" "Yeah, I know" "Should we drive through?" "Do you really need to ask?"

After that brief, **silent** discussion, Doc stated: "We aren't likely to find a penny on the hiking trail, so we should look here first".

I was hanging out the window lot searching on my side as he was driving and looking on his side. After a few minutes he spotted something. "Honey, hop out and look ever there. I don't think it's a coin, but check on it". I checked. It was a DIME 😊 (In keeping with our theme of TEN in this new Phase).



I was content and ready to hit the trail. Ten is a nice place to stop. Doc just couldn't resist looking at just a few more parking stalls as we drove to the exit. A penny found. Just for good measure. 😊

We had a lovely 2.5 mile hike holding hands and just enjoying the day. A good, strenuous uphill climb plus a nice view overlooking the area where that new house will someday be built 😊

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