FUN! FUN! FUN!

Maybe my idea of fun and pleasure is not particularly your “cup of tea.” Perhaps what I like to do for fun would not interest you at all. In today’s world, there are so many activities and things going on, that it is sometimes hard to decide what is fun and what isn’t.

There are cheap ways to have fun, as well as, expensive ways to entertain ourselves. And, have you ever noticed that so much of what we like to do for fun changes as we grow older?

No, I cannot go out and carouse all night and get up in the morning bright- eyed and bushy-tailed. I am finding out that I feel better if I end my day by 11 p.m.

So, I would venture to say that what I found fun and amusing as a teenager, is no longer appealing. My brain may be telling me it is fun, but my internal body clock tells me otherwise.

I remember when my kids were young, one of our favorite activities to do was to go camping. We had a pop-up camper with a big tent and would head out each weekend, meet friends and neighbors, sit around a bonfire at a lake and call it “fun.”

Today, I would much rather stay in a hotel with running water, a shower, TV, and the comforts of home. However, I do know older people that go camping and still actually have fun.

Some people have fun going to and following sports events. I used to be an avid Cincinnati Reds fan. I could quote the stats of each player and would stay up late and listen to them when they played on the west coast.

Today, I still like the Reds, but it is not my idea of fun to sit up all night and listen to them. Those late nights now get to me.

Some people find it fun to jog or walk. I hate to say this, but my favorite place to walk is in an inside mall. That way, I keep comfortable and can stop at all the stores and shop while I walk.

Another activity I find fun is going to flea markets, bake sales and auctions. I have never ever learned the art of sensible bidding and tend to look at it as more competitive than fun.

It is a lot of fun to “get a bargain” and find items you just can’t live without.

When I asked people what their idea of fun was, one gal told me, “Going to the library.” She is quite the book browser and loves the atmosphere of a library.

One thing I have found that works for me when doing something that is not fun, is to reward myself with something after an ordeal is over. If I have to go to the doctor or dentist and I am dreading it, I usually plan to do something afterwards that will make me feel better.

I may reward myself with an ice cream cone, chocolate or even a shopping excursion. It makes a lot of things go a little easier and is a fun thing to look forward to.

Fun can be described in so many ways by so many people. One thing I think is fun is to get a box of assorted chocolates and throw away the map.

It is so much fun to bite on each one to see what flavor they are. I mean who cares if they are my chocolates? My least favorite kind is lemon and nine chances out of ten, that is the very kind I get.

My idea of fun would certainly be boring or funny to some people, but trying new ventures, products, and eating candy without a map means a good time.

What do you like to do for fun? Have you ever eaten a box of chocolates without the map? What is the most fun thing you have ever done in your life?

Let me know and I'll give you a Penny for Your Thoughts.