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This week's topics:

1. Where is the worst place you have been stuck for a long time?

2. What do you do to get rid of stress?

3. What three words best describe you?

4. What's your favorite way to waste time?

5. What is something popular now that annoys you?

6. Who is your favorite entertainer (comedian, musician, actor, etc.)?

7. Draining the swamp. - Congress Should be limited to Max 6 Year terms. Good idea? Why?

8. Where is the most beautiful place you have been?

9. How much time do you spend on the internet? What do you usually do?

10. Did you vote? Any second thoughts yet? Why or why not?

11. Whatever else, maybe a topic for next week?

and responses:

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#3 Drinks too much....works out daily...enjoys life daily...bed by nine...up at four...drinks too much...don't trust democrats...say your prayers...love this country...drinks too much...reads fiction novels...lost 30 lbs...drinks too much...always votes conservative...loves the Pack...hikes a lot.....drinks too much.

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1. Where is the worst place you have been stuck for a long time. - Susan. Okinawa - Chuck. Law school

3. What three words best describe you? - My wife Susan - Loving/Compassionate/Polite

4. What's your favorite way to waste time? - Don't

5. What is something popular now that annoys you? - Both. Now popular music and dancing

6. Who is your favorite entertainer (comedian, musician, actor, etc.)? - Susan. Barry Manilow, Chuck. Bobby Darin RIP 1973

7. Draining the swamp. - Congress Should be limited to Max 6 Year terms. - Ain't gonna happen. Charlie Spees used the Roman Empire as precursor to the sausages we have there today. Greater problem is unelected bureaucrats kept in place in regulatory agencies created by 135 years of unconstitutional legislation

8. Where is the most beautiful place you have been? - Susan. Jamaica in 2005, Chuck. No sense of aesthetics

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WHERE IS THE WORST PLACE YOU'VE BEEN STUCK FOR A LONG TIME? -- A three week training school in Chicago. I have never liked that city.

WHAT DO YOU DO TO GET RID OF STRESS? -- I watched my Mom bury two sons and a husband before her 37th birthday. You don't know "stress" until you've been a young broken-hearted mother, alone, jobless, and with three remaining young kids relying on you for their survival. If you ever feel overwhelmed think about how bad life COULD be. As long as the people closest to you are alive and healthy there is nothing you can't work through.

WHAT IS SOMETHING POPULAR THAT ANNOYS YOU? -- Smart phones. I and about 6 other people in the world are the last ones with flip phones. What annoys me is to be at any gathering (particularly family gatherings) or standing in line somewhere and see over half the people sucking on their smart phone pacifiers. I should probably get one just to see what all the fuss is about.

DRAINING THE SWAMP VIA TERM LIMITS -- I've always thought we voters were to blame for the "swamp". We feel more comfortable voting for the incumbent because he/she is a known quantity. OK, it's our fault, so what are we going to do about it. Term limits is the best solution. We've done it for the Office of the President via the 22nd amendment to the constitution. The same should be done for Congress. Furthermore, term limits would help neutralize the seniority system, the real culprit in our representative form of government. My Representatives and Senators from Idaho may have more power in Congress than those from your state or vice versa. Why? Because the seniority system may give them preference for key assignments such as chairmanships, etc.. This is not what the Founding Fathers intended.

THE MOST BEAUTIFUL PLACE I HAVE BEEN -- It's a tie among about 25 high mountain lakes. The Canadian Rockies receive honorable mention.

DID YOU VOTE? -- I did vote and the guy I voted for got his butt kicked by a 78 year old political hack with one foot in the dementia ward. I've said that Trump is his own worst enemy. His mean-spirited obnoxious behavior cost him the election. No other Republican would have lost to Biden. On the positive side, despite the fact that there are over 71 million P.O.'d people who voted for Trump, we won't be seeing any rioting, burning, or looting. That wouldn't be the case had Biden lost. If Trump is successful in turning the election around in the courts there won't be enough plywood in the country to board up all the windows!

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#2: Have a small camp fire at sunset, drink a beer and try to contact old friends.
#3: Curious, Friendly, Bullshitter
#4: Cleaning up the woods, cutting brush and clearing dead trees. Only do this after a freeze to avoid ticks. I also like to take things apart to see how they work and recycle the materials.
#5: The folks that get very extensively tattooed.
#7: The trouble with term limits is that it also gets rid of the good politicians. (is "good politicians" oxymoronic?)
#11: I'm pretty healthy physically but am losing my memory. We need to get past Covid 19 and have a class reunion.

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I guess since the pandemic most of what we do is wasting time. Since last October, I have probably read 150 books, done jigsaw puzzles, and binged on tv shows: Longmire, 800 Words, Dolton Abby, Suits, Fargo to name a few. We have had some driveway parties, social distanced, and played golf. You may say I'm social, generous (make cookies to give away) and try to be kind.

ADDENDUM

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No nursing home for me.... I'll be checking into a Holiday Inn!
With the average cost for a nursing home care costing $188.00 per day, there is a better way when we get old and too feeble.
I've already checked on reservations at the Holiday Inn. For a combined long term stay discount and senior discount, it's $59.23 per night.
Breakfast is included, and some have happy hours in the afternoon.
That leaves $128.77 a day for lunch and dinner in any restaurant we want, or room service, laundry, gratuities and special TV movies.
Plus, they provide a spa, swimming pool, a workout room, a lounge and washer-dryer, etc.
Most have free toothpaste and razors, and all have free shampoo and soap.
$5-worth of tips a day and you'll have the entire staff scrambling to help you.
They treat you like a customer, not a patient.

There's a city bus stop out front, and seniors ride free.
The handicap bus will also pick you up (if you fake a decent limp).
To meet other nice people, call a church bus on Sundays.
For a change of scenery, take the airport shuttle bus and eat at one of the nice restaurants there.
While you're at the airport, fly somewhere. Otherwise, the cash keeps building up.
It takes months to get into decent nursing homes. Holiday Inn will take your reservation today .

And you're not stuck in one place forever -- you can move from Inn to Inn, or even from city to city.
Want to see Hawaii ? They have Holiday Inn there too.
TV broken? Light bulbs need changing? Need a mattress replaced? No problem..
They fix everything, and apologize for the inconvenience.
The Inn has a night security person and daily room service. The maid checks to see if you are ok. If not, they'll call an ambulance . . . Or the undertaker.

If you fall and break a hip, Medicare will pay for the hip, and Holiday Inn will upgrade you to a suite for the rest of your life.

And no worries about visits from family. They will always be glad to find you, and probably check in for a few days mini-vacation.
The grand-kids can use the pool.
What more could I ask for?

So, when I reach that golden age, I'll face it with a grin.

PS: Most HIs are near golf courses and they nearly always give senior discounts