

**1 March 1, 2012** - Thurs. - Walked. Perm. Called Melanie Larsen and she has completed her first series of chemo therapy and the tests show she still has cancer cells, which is very bad. They will wait one month then test her again, and go from there. Called Casey. Called First Financial Bank And learned that the interest had dropped from 5.2 to .45 if I leave my CD with them.....will try to find a better rate somewhere else. Shoveled avalanched snow in breeze way and in front of the garage. Neighbors tell me there has been next to no snow this entire winter. I have nine Thank You cards to write so better get get started.....daunting task for me.

Mar. 2, Fri. - Walked. To Wal Mart for milk and a few items. Took a long nap....wish I wouldn't. Freddy called and told me that Teruni Tooley is very angry at her family and unhappy where she is living. I am so sorry for her but she couldn't continue living alone. Worked on my thank you cards. Watched Phantom of the Opera on TV.....didn't like it. Didn't call Casey.

Mar. 3, Sat. - Walked.. Began reading "The Shape of Mercy" which is about the Salem witch trials. I have 7 thank you notes done. Called Casey. Lisa brought over mail she had saved from right after I had gone to Mesa. Her sister died suddenly at age 53! Her dad has been in the hospital and is in "iffy" shape. Dwight's varicose veins have split open again and he needs another operation.....lots of stressful trouble....sorry, sorry, sorry. I gave her the See's chocolates I bought as a thank you for keeping an eye on my house. Mark called and we had an hour visit.

Mar. 4, Sun. - Fast Sunday. Went to D& G's for dinner. Gwendolyn had told me not to bring rolls so I didn't and the kids were disappointed. She is just trying to make life easier for me, she said. Met Jimmy's new girl friend, Vanessa Villanue, from Peru. Tamara has been called to be Relief Society Pres!! Oh, ouch....she is soo young for that. Wrote two more thank you cards.

Mar. 5, Mon. Walked. To Dr. Black and had 3 teeth in lower jaw filled. He gave me a big discount and it still cost \$300.00. I will use the upper temporary Dr. Thurley had made for me for as long as it lasts, then go from there....maybe it will out last me and if it does that will save some thousands of dollars. Typed on my 2012 journal. Casey called me. Finished "The Shape of Mercy" and found it fascinating. Called First Financial Bank about my second IRA CD and the interest rate went from 2.23 to .2 SICK!

Mar. 6, Tues. - Walked in the park but didn't see anyone I know. Talked with the financial advisor at Granite Credit Union.....will leave my IRA CDs where they are as there is no where better to go. Visited with Frances Maldonado and gave her the See's and had a nice visit. She is a neat lady. Watched News Hour; then Great Performances, Big Band Years: Volcalist/Tony Bennett. He is 95 years old and still has a beautiful voice.

Mar. 7, Wed. - Temple and did three endowment sessions and loved being there. Went to visit Xiomara Bell and gave her their See's. Went to Book Group with Bonita (she drove) There was a big group and it was most enjoyable....I love the R S sisters.

Mar. 8, Thurs. - Up early.....read IRA CD again (and again), and also the papers telling me what Zions Bank has done with my two checking accounts. Walked in the mall, then had my hairdo. Came home and read and read some more.....very frustrated! Took a nap. Went to Zions and got help deciding what to do. Swept out the garage. Casey called.

Mar. 9, Fri. - No walk. Picked up Hunter and drove to Copperhills High where 6 boys and 6 girls had been nominated for king and queen of Homecoming Dance, and this assembly was to choose the finalist. I was to escort Hunter to the stage while someone was reading about him. Each nominee had an

escort. Ricky had asked me to be his escort when he was going to school there, too. So I feel this was quite an honor to do that for two of my grandsons. 😊 I invited Keith over for dinner and an update on his life and activities. He got here at 7:20 and stayed until 12:15. He told me about his renter problems, then about his dating troubles. I feel so sorry for him as he is a very lonely man with very low self esteem and is painfully shy. I would like to be able to help him in some meaningful way.

Mar. 10, Sat. - Slept in. Walked in the park after 10:00 and saw Lynn Christiansen and his doggie. His wife Joy has fractured her hip and has to use a walker to get around so she stays home. DJ Huish got married in the Logan Temple today and there will be a reception up there, then another next week locally. Was washing my Hyundai in the driveway and Keith came and helped me dry it off. He showed me a letter he had written to his girl friend trying to explain his mixed up feelings and actions and asked if he should give it to her. I think he will. Hope it turns out OK. He as here about 3 hours. Reconciled my February bank statement very easily this time....YEA!

Mar. 11, Sun. - Regular meetings. Dinner at L & C's to celebrate Marnie's 19<sup>th</sup> birthday. Good dinner. Played games and visiting. Saw some of Anne of Green Gables.....it is still charming. **Jim Gardner died today just after he had spent the day at church and etc. with his family...nice way to exit!**

Mar. 12, Mon. - My garage door opener died this morning and I couldn't get my car out. Walked out to 4500 So then up to 700 East and did my old route of walking through Old Farm and down to 500 E and home. Got out DEX and spent a couple of hours reading the advertisements for garage opener repairs and etc.

Wrote down half a dozen of them then decided to ask Art Ball if he could recommend someone. He offered to come take a look at it as it might just need a minor adjustment that he could do. So he came over and determined the motor had completely died and I would need a new opener unit. I had no intentions of having him do any more than give me advice, but he had me go to Lowe's and buy one and proceeded to do the instillation. What a wonderful neighbor he is!! Then again he wouldn't take any pay so I asked him if he could use some more cookies and he grinned and said Yes, but not so many as before as he is the only one that eats them. Bless him, bless him, bless him. He will be in CA for a few days so I will bake when he gets back. Doug came to visit today.

Mar. 13, Tues. - No walk as I was making phone calls about my IRAs, my annuity and required distribution and the \$5,000.00 withdrawal. I hate making phone calls ☹. Went and visited with Teuni Tooley in her new apartment. It is a lovely place and her own furniture looks even better there than it did in her own home. She recognized me and we had a friendly visit. She didn't complain to me about being away from her old home, so I hope she is getting reconciled to being there. Got a cute note from Gertrude and she had made me a crochet shamrock pin to wear for St. Patrick's Day.....love her. Keith came to give me an update on his love life and was here for 3 hours. It is a bumpy relationship and I'm not at all sure they would ever be happy with each other. Called Casey.

Mar. 14, Wed. - Temple and did 3 endowment sessions again. To Sunflower Market. To Nebekers to start up their fridge. Raymond called from Karen's where they are staying for the rest of the week. I will see them and Barbara on Friday. Started reading "The Constant Princess" for book group. Tonight was the R.S. Anniversary party and the speaker was author Gale Sears. There was a light dinner of Hawaiian Haystacks and birthday cake. Fun and good evening.

Mar. 15, Thurs. - No walk. Hairdo. Reams, Dollar Store, Smith's. Vacuumed and dusted the entire house. Went to the Republican Caucus at the junior high. Rode with Copier's and Govert is a terrible driver and nearly scared me to death.....I will never ride with them again. This was the first

time I ever attended a caucus and our district had a very good turnout which indicates that more people are involved than usual. I do not consider myself as a Republican but as an independent, having never voted a straight ticket in all my life. It is a very interesting process.

Mar. 16, Fri. - No walk. It was the funeral for Jim Gardner and it was well attended and well done. I went to Subway and bought three 12" subways, and some chips and hurried home and got things ready for lunch with Ray, Kirma and Barbara. I also had grapes, and hulled strawberries dusted with powdered sugar (looked like little Christmas trees with snow), and soda. We all enjoyed the meal. Went into the livingroom and visited for several hours, then had ice cream, of course. I enjoyed having them here. Ray & Kirma came to UT for the wedding of DJ, went to the reception in Logan then stayed over for the reception on Sat and Ray was bored out of his skull. With no car of their own they were pretty much confined to the house and that was hard for him, but much more enjoyable for Kirma, as being in the home is a more natural habitat for women.

Mar. 17, Sat. - No walk. Washing. To Nebekers and took off the dust covers from everything. Put food in the fridge for the first few days. Dusted and vacuumed. Wiped up the kitchen, hall and pantry floors.

Wiped up the kitchen counters. Bea, Leah and I used to do much more before Nebs arrived, such as cleaning windows inside and out and cleaning all the big sliding mirror doors and etc. But I just can't do all that by myself, so did what I could. I was there about 4 hours. I am a wimp and was tired out. Picked up Barbara and we went to DJ's wedding reception which was well attended and nicely done. Their refreshments were very unusual as they hired Leatherby's to hand dip ice cream into cones shaped like little dishes.....there were 4 flavors of ice cream, then 3 choices of syrup toppings, nuts, whipped cream and cherries...very delicious, then also cake but I didn't eat any of that. We stayed and visited with Ray & Kirma, some of their other grandkids, and with Barbara's Brad and Sharon. Fun time together. Nebekers arrive home about 9:45 and I saw them unloading on my way home from the reception but didn't stop.

Mar. 18, Sun. - Regular meetings.....only it was Ward Conference and the whole stand area was filled with Stake personnel.....I have never seen that many come before.....very impressive. Chose to stay home for the rest of the day. Had a long talk with Casey. Jimmy is now engaged and they plan to marry on June 2<sup>nd</sup> !!

Mar. 19, Mon. - Casey and I went to the mall to walk as it is too cold outside, but the doors were not open until 8:00, which is the time we are through, so we went back to Nebs and just talked. To Smith's for some vegetable oil, then made cookies.....3 1/2 dozen for Art Ball, 2 dozen for Keith, 1 dozen for Doug and Sarah. Doug came for his usual visit and brought Sarah with him as she wanted to come and deliver a present she had made for me. She had taken 12 little wooden hearts, painted them red, put magnets on the back, and with white paint had written "I love Grandma".....very cute! She also wrote me a most lovely letter saying very nice things about me and how much she loves me.....*special*, and a keeper. I put the little magnets on the fridge along the bottom of the freezer door where they show up well and are close to the picture of Sarah and me hugging. Neat! Doug took his lunch stuff and sat in front of the fire place. I was busy baking cookies and had to finish so Sarah stayed in the kitchen with me. We did a lot of talking about serious things even when the cookie job was finished, and it was a good bonding experience for both of us. They were here about 3 hours.

Mar. 20, Tues. -Mall closed to walkers until 8:00 and this will go on until mid-April. Didn't write down what we did during our time together this day and can't remember. Cassie Catmull brought her darling little daughter, Ella, over for a short visit. She brought me a pint of her homemade soup. I told her I had

been over to their house 3 times since returning from Mesa but they were never home.....I gave her the See's thank- you chocolates. Went to the Holiday Library where AARP is furnishing free tax help for seniors. The man that helped me seemed almost as confused as I am. After muddling along for some time he told me that I really don't need to file any tax return at all as I don't have enough money. I told him I thought everyone HAD to file but he insisted that there is a break-off point and if a person's income is below that figure you don't have to file. He could tell I was uncomfortable with that so said he would go check with the tax guru that knows EVERYTHING, so he did, and guru agreed with him. To help me feel safe in not filing he wrote his name and telephone number down and said if anyone from the IRS contacted me I could call him and he would take care of it.....hope that is so as I didn't file. I do know that the government considers me a poverty stricken person! I don't *feel* poverty stricken, so that is nice. Drapers came HT/VT and did their usual good job.

Mar. 21, Wed. - Casey and I went to the temple and the ordinance workers who recognize her were happy to see she had returned. To Sunflower Market, and to Sear's. Came home and spread the chemical that is supposed to kill cane borers on the ground around the raspberries, and worked it into the soil. Hope it works. Cleaned up leaves and etc from around that area. Bishop Brewer came by on his way to a meeting, for a 15 minutes visit, which was nice of him. He is so young, but I'm sure he will do a good job. Watched News Hour; SLC a Downtown Story; then "Krakatoa" and "Survivors of the Fire Storm"..... all on PBS.

Mar. 22, Thurs. - Went for a small walk in the park. No hairdo as Melanie was sick. Doug rode his bike over for lunch and visit.....here 2 ½ hours. Keith came over and I gave him the cookies I'd saved for him (in the freezer). He invited me to go to Hale Theater with him and Laraina (sp?) to see Zorro on Apr 9<sup>th</sup>. This is very nice of him and I hope she doesn't mind my being there. Started reading "The Greater Journey" by David McCullough. This is about Americans with high aspirations who set for Paris in the years between 1830 & 1900, ambitious to excel in their various lines of learning. Paris was way ahead of America in almost everything. Talked with Gwendolyn about having my house deep cleaned but came to no conclusions.

Mar. 23, Fri. - Short walk. Hair cut and styled.....will have an awful time with it as my perm is gone, gone, gone as it was too soft and didn't last. One of those learning experiences. Went to Sweet Tomatoes and bought salad dressing for Casey. To Dollar Store for birthday cards. To Library return books. To Zions Bank to set up a savings account for some money taken from an IRA CD that will be liquid. News Hour; Washington Week in Review; Need to Know.

Mar. 24, Sat. - Kay in too much pain to walk so we just talked. Went to an open house surprise birthday celebration for Duane Millard.....he is now 70 years old. It was held in their lovely home located in The Hollyhocks at the end of 6<sup>th</sup> East. Lots of people from the ward were there along with dozens of his other friends and associates. The buffet luncheon was extra special, of course. Got to see or meet some of their children and grandchildren. I enjoyed it very much. Went to Tracy Nielsen's and picked up the loaf of whole wheat bread I had ordered. She sells it every so often to raise money to help keep her son, Matthew on his mission. She is an excellent cook.

Mar. 25, Sun. - Regular meetings. Had a surprise release of the Relief Society Presidency.....anyway, it was a surprise to me. New leaders: Pres. Cindy Snow, First Councilor Glenda Millard, Second Councilor Brandi Turnbow, Secretary Jenny Compton. Susan Dalley was called as one of the Gospel Doctrine teachers, which was what she was doing before being in the R.S. Presidency.....she is a very good teacher. Went to visit Teuni Tooley. Chose to spend the rest of the day at home. Wrote a thank you note to Jack Proseilo to thank him for the beautifully carved "Comfort Bird".

Mar. 26, Mon. - Too windy and cold to walk. Just sat and talked and looked at nature from the car. Kay brought home from Mesa a big paper cutter which she gave me and I will appreciate having it. Doug came and had lunch and a good visit in front of the fireplace. Here three hours. Then Keith came and replaced the smoke alarm and it works just fine. He then checked the light fixtures in the kitchen. Then he gave me an update on his girlfriend. He was here 2 ½ hours and made himself late for a Family Home Evening he goes to out in the Sandy area, I think. Watched Antiques Road Show.

Mar. 27, Tues. - Walked a little. Drove to Rancho Market to check it out. It is located on 33<sup>rd</sup> So and 9<sup>th</sup> East. We hoped it would be like the Mexican Market in Mesa but it isn't. We didn't buy anything. Kay gave me the chair that Don used at his computer in Mesa. It is a much better and more comfortable chair than the one I was using. That one is very old.....I think Mer got it when the Distributors Inc. moved to CO and he used it there, then used it here when he practiced his accordion. Keith likes old well made things and wants the chair if no one else does, so he is welcome to it. I pruned the rose bushes trying to follow the instructions printed for growing roses in Utah. We shall see how they respond as I cut them way back. Keith came and replaced the fluorescent tubes in the light over the kitchen sink. He tried to reprogram the old garage door openers to work with the new lifter but couldn't because they were too old, even though they were made by the same company. He called Comcast to learn why I don't get channel 11 on my TV when I used to. I have basic cable and he just has an old TV using rabbit ear antenna and he gets 11. He talked to them over an hour and they finally looked into what they offer at the basic level and 11 was not there. The next level would cost \$20.00 more a month, but it wasn't included there either. The third level would cost over \$60.00 a month and it was included there!! The man said I would have to have a converter box to get it at the basic level. This is really crazy. Anyway, Keith hooked me up with a converter box and rabbit ears so I now have both cable and antenna if I want them, but I think I will just cancel the cable as I almost never use any station that is not covered by antenna. Mark has been paying that bill ever since he had Lori set us up with cable so Mer could have more stations to watch, but he never made any use of them. She had us at the third level which was about \$55.00 per month. After it was evident that Mer wouldn't benefit by having it I had Mark drop it to the basic level and that has been \$20.00 ever since and that is an unneeded expense for him. Keith was here and I fixed dinner for us and we were eating when Chris, Lori, Randy and Charlotte came to do some outside work for me. After dinner Keith continued working on the converter box and antenna set up. Chris loosened the dirt in my north flower bed, Charlotte and Randy dug up weeds where the tams used to grow; they cut back the ground cover between the house and the lilacs; they cleaned out the leaves under the front fence. Lori cleaned all the outside windows, squirted down the ceiling and walls of the breeze way and the front of the garage and also the front porch.....bless all of them for their loving help! ☺ Lori also brought me a pint of her vegetable beef soup. Keith was still here when they left and was here nearly 7 hours. He is so generous with his time and service.

Mar. 28, Wed. - Temple. Smiths. Jana came to teach Casey how to use her sewing machine that has many special features. Then she was going to visit for awhile and they called me to come join them, which I did. We had only been visiting a short time when Dick, Ina May and Eric Johnson came by to welcome the Nebs back home. After some time Jana had to leave and get Jackie's car back to Bountiful so we didn't get to visit as we planned, which was too bad as Jana is returning to WA the day after General Conference. The rest of us did more visiting (not Don as he chose to stay out in the family room for some dumb Don reason), and when they left I came home and took a nap. Ate the soup Lori gave me for dinner. Picked up Larene Roberts and we went to the Chamber Music program featuring the Modigliani Quartette at the Libby Gardner Hall. They were fantastic! The best I have ever heard and it thrilled me. They were playing on instruments built during 1500s and 1700s and they were beautiful to see and hear. Those instruments do not belong to the players but are furnished by wealthy people or organizations. A delightful evening.....compliments of Michelle Bartmess who gave the tickets to me.

Mar. 29, Thurs. - Kay couldn't walk and it was too cold to sit in the car so we visited in front of the fireplace at my house. Hairdo. Went to Reams, Wal Mart and Smiths. Went Visiting Teaching to Jeannie. Doug came for two hours. Watched Great Performances: "The Thomashefskys", which brings to life the words and music of the American Yiddish theater beginning in the 1880s. Very good program.

Mar. 30, Fri. - Short walk, but any length is better than nothing. Keith came and did more things on the TV converter switch. Visited, and was here 2 ½ hours. I pitched in and did housework getting ready for company, as most women do. Watched Washington Week in Review; Need to Know; Great Performances: San Francisco Symphony. Frances M brought me a little tasty Greek Easter Bread.....she is so nice!

Mar. 31, Sat. - Short walk. Made two big potato casseroles for tomorrow and put them in the fridge. Scrubbed the kitchen and utility room floors while listening to conference. Chris, Hunter, Randy, Alex, Doug and Jimmy here after Priesthood Meeting for ice cream, then setting up tables and chairs for tomorrow's dinner. I had sent an email to Conrad reminding him of Priesthood Mtg and after-Conference dinner and inviting him to come but he did not, too bad.