

Good evening, Vanners.

Well, as I make my latest trip around the sun, it makes me think of a time many years ago when I was a kid. I used to think about how old I would be in the year 2000. Now 25 more years have passed. Just think about how much has happened in the last 25 years. Just a few off the top of my head 911, Covid., Hurricane Katrina, five presidents and who knows what else I have forgotten. 2024 was quite the year for Bonnie and I. My faith was tested many times last year, but things seem to have worked out so far.

There will be more changes coming. For the museum of Vanning as well. It really is a great time for the museum. As things are really starting to shape up. In and outside of the building. We finally acquired our storage facility, a shipping container that is now on the property ready for any donations that we may get in the future. We are now able to move a few things out of the museum to make room for more displays. I've been hoping to do. For quite some time now.


Looking to the future one of the things that we truly need is your support and your help. We truly are in need of volunteers. There is so much to do around the museum, especially now with the new container. I don't know how to appeal to you, the Vanners that may live in Florida or winter in Florida or just visit. The museum truly takes more to run than just Bonnie and I can do. We are planning a bit of a work party in May. As we have some Vanner friends. Who are painters that plan on coming over and helping us paint the container. It is a bit of an eyesore on the property as is, but we work that out as we plan to paint at the same as the museum.

So, I do a few other news it's coming up on our big renewal time for memberships. April is our big month and if you've got a notification in the mail or online, please consider renewing your membership for another year as your ongoing commitment is very important to our success.

I've also posted some pictures of the last few bricks that we have done for the garden and remember we have lots of room for those to add if anybody is interested in putting a brick in our garden just ask for a form or you can find it online in our website.

So, if you have any questions or ideas please don't hesitate to drop us a line as I love talking Vanning. And if you're in Florida or ever please stop by and see us as we love showing off the museum. Remember this place is for you. This place is about you and our past, so please excuse some of my sentences and grammar as I am using talk to text and it's putting periods and words and letters in places I didn't mean for them to be. As always keep on Vannin and help us to preserve the past as we move into the future.





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