

# BLAINES WORLD

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## 1. Reflections

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A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I:

(1) Enjoyed THE SULTAN'S WIFE, a funny folkfare for the whole family at the Attic Salt Theatre Company. You can still catch it through Feb. 18. For more information, please click:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/180006342600303/>

Kudos to Marci Bernstein for both writing and directing this play. Pictured, l-r: (front row) Christy Montesdeoca and Mike Yow and (rear row) Cynthia Greenfield, Blaine Greenfield, Haven Volpe, Candice Burchill and Meg Liner.





(2) From there, we went for a tasty dinner to the Smoky Park Supper Club where we received excellent service from Morgan.



(3) During the week, we also gave a thumbs up to the food at Shogun Buffet.



(4) And had a fine dinner at the Fatz in Asheville.





B. WPVM/FM invites you to listen to the BLAINESWORLD show from Wed., February 7, 2018 ... .Guest (first half): Stephanie Hickling Beckman, Managing Artistic Director, Different Strokes! Performing Arts Collective; for more information: <http://www.DifferentStrokesPerformingArtsCollective.org> ... .Guests (second half): Megan Martell and Jasper Adams, both with PechaKucha; for more information: <https://www.pechakuchaavi.org/>

Pictured, l-r: Stephanie Hickling Beckman, Blaine Greenfield, Jasper Adams and Megan Martell. To listen to the show, please click: [Here](#)



C Condolences to:

(1) Jean Settembrino Dolan and family on the passing of Edmund Kozak, Jean's godfather.

(2) Lisa Zaglin and family on the passing of Russell R. Pellizzeri, Lisa's uncle.

D. Congratulations to Suzannah Tebbe Davis on being chosen as the Keynote Speaker for the 2018 Annual Western Women's Business Conference on June 21, 2018, in Asheville.

E. Reminders:

(1) Get your tickets while they still last for ...

PechaKucha Night Asheville  
Friday, February 23 at 7:30 p.m.  
Grove House, 11 Grove St., Asheville

The event includes a presentation from me on "The Platinum Rule (A Better Alternative to the Golden Rule)." My friend, Tina FireWolf, will also be presenting.

If you can join me, and I hope you can, you'll be attending an evening of fascinating presentations from Asheville's most creative and interesting people, all following the beautifully simple PechaKucha 20x20 format: 20 images, shown for 20 seconds each.

PechaKucha means "chit-chat" in Japanese, and four nights a year, it's where folks get together to share their ideas, works, thoughts, holiday snaps and passions. Don't tell them I said it, but it's like a TED Talk ... just more fun!

For tickets, please click:

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Doors open at 7 p.m., and the program begins at 7:30. If there's a sell out, which is often the case, there will be seating room ... so arrive early to claim your seats. Free parking is available in the lot across from The Grove House while supplies last.

Note: Special thanks to Barrie Barton, pictured below, who has graciously helped me with my presentation. For more information on how Barrie could help you, please click:

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(2) There's still time to enter ...

\*\*\*\*\* CONTEST #4 \*\*\*\*\*

One lucky reader will win a copy of the official Super Bowl LII program (featuring the Eagles and Patriots) ... To enter, send an email to: [bginbc@aol.com](mailto:bginbc@aol.com) and put CONTEST #4 in the subject line, then include your snail mail address in the body of the email. All entries must be received by 9 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 12, 2018.

This month, it goes to the fine folks at 828 Beer Soap Company. Their soaps smell great, and they lather up so well that you can even use them instead of shaving cream. We were impressed that they even delivered a recent order! That's Cynthia below, along with Laura Treadwell Weas--one of the company's owners. Not pictured: Juliet Matthews, the other co-owner.

For more information about the company, please click:

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## 2. FYI

Using Amazon has gotten even better for me! I just got an Amazon Prime Rewards Visa Signature Card, which means I save an additional 5% on all Amazon purchases. I don't think you can beat that!

For more information, please click:

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On top of that, every time I shop at Amazon, a donation is made from Amazon to a charity of my choice; in my case, that is the Dementia Society of America. For more information on how you can have Amazon do the same for a charity of your choice, please click:

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FYI, part 2

To read each of the following contributions in full, please click:

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(1) Ed Nasta: Pizza for Breakfast. (2) Jimmy Buffett Does Not Live the Jimmy Buffett Lifestyle.

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### 3. Joke 1

The sad part is that it's still early. Guess I'll just have to try something different next month--like jumping to conclusions! (Thanks, Chris Field-Funk, for posting.)



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### 4. Joke 2

It's amazing how obsessed everyone's become with their phones, playing with them all the time--at restaurants, movies, etc. ... The other day I was at a funeral when the person next to me asked, "Rabbi, what's the WiFi password at the cemetery?" ... I told him, "Have some respect for the dead!" ... "Thank you, Rabbi," he replied. After a pause, he then asked, "Is that all lower case?"



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### 5. Clips/Websites

A. Check out these clips at your convenience:

(1) Mark Beloyan: The Manslater (Woman Language Translator)

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(2) Kay Galvin: This prima flamenco dancer is absolutely brilliant: Antofñita La Singla, 1965

[Here](#)

(3) Chris Oaks: Cups and balls

[Here](#)

(4) Becky Gautreaux: Odell Beckham Jr. Eli Manning Super Bowl Commercial 2018

[Here](#)

(5) Jacqueline Snow: Beethoven for Elephants

[Here](#)

(6) Ed Nasta: 15 Times The Simpsons Predicted The Future

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B. I love to learn, especially if I don't have to write papers or take exams. If you're like me, check out:

Personal Growth, which promises to help you to "Keep Learning. Keep Growing." For more information, please click:

<https://medium.com/personal-growth>

Among the courses that looked interesting to me were the following:

15 Top Rated Language Learning Course.

17 Top Rated Career Courses to Help You Get the Job You Want

13 Keys to Success You can Learn from the Monk Who Sold His Ferrari

The Scientific Way to Harness Timing for Peak Mental and Physical Performance

C. BLAINESWORLD, the website, remains up and running . . . to view it, please click:

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D. Are you on Facebook? In the unlikely event we have not yet connected as friends there, please feel free to send me an invite by clicking:

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## 6. Technology tip

I like using Google Chrome for browsing the internet. But sometimes, it doesn't work as I think it should. So on those rare occasions, I'll switch to another browser; e.g., Internet Explorer or Mozilla Firefox.

For a review of the best browsers, please click:

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## 7. Joke 3

FOR SALE ... I'm looking to sell a snowman in need of repair. Asking only \$25 obo. Bucket included. ... Hope to find this fella a good home! (Thanks, Evelyn Blau, for sharing.)



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### 8. A quote I like

"It'd be good to lose some weight. ... So, rather than one large late-night snack, I'm getting several moderate late-night snacks. This necessitates more trips to the kitchen. ... More exercise! Yay, me!"--Henry Stryon

Note: Henry, pictured below, also writes a great blog, "Advice for Everyone (and other stuff)." To subscribe to it, please click:

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### 9. Thought for the day



I can relate. But what I've started doing lately with Cynthia ... we tell each other where we put something. That way, we double the chances of being able to eventually find it. (Thanks, Leslie Daniel-Jack, for sharing.)



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## **10. Advance planning department**

To read about each of the following events in full, please click:

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### A. NC event

David Joe Miller: PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF STORIES ON CHURCH STREET WITH CONNIE REGAN-BLAKE ~ DAVID JOE MILLER ~ and ~ MARVIN COLE!

### B. PA/NJ event

Join librarian Margaret Montet in the Zlock Performing Arts Center at Bucks County Community College on Thursday, February 15th at 1:30 p.m for her entertaining presentation on the Harlem Renaissance.

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**PS.** Make it a wonderful week!

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