

A FREEBIE from Jane Jarrow, just for you...

In December, 2013, I started a new venture. I wanted to be able to ruminate on issues, speculate about things *I* think are important, draw some parallels and make connections in the listserv traffic I see coming across my screen... all without boring the heck out of people who aren't at all interested in my ramblings.

I used to do an online newsletter on a subscription basis. I think it was useful to folks, but I didn't really feel comfortable in talking about topics of MY choosing. I felt like I needed to make sure that every issue was "usable" in some way to the people who had paid good money for it. Obviously, the answer was not to charge for things this time. That way I could talk about whatever I wanted without guilt!

So I set up a private distribution list, to serve as my own, personal, virtual soapbox. **This is NOT another listserv.** The list is set up so that no one but me can post to the group as a whole (although folks are welcome to write back to me and talk/ask about what I write!). It's just a once-a-week posting on whatever strikes my fancy. No obligation on my part as to how much or how little gets said. No obligation on YOUR part to read it!

I call this venture "The Last Word (for the last week!)" and it is a regular Friday offering. Over the last three years there have been 156+ posts on topics ranging from a DSS-themed Christmas poem, to discussions about the use and abuse of various accommodations, to the philosophy of DSS work, to my experience as the parent of a kid with a disability, to... a whole lot more!!!! You will find a link to a "Last Word Sampler" that gives you three of my favorite posts from Fall, 2016, to give you an idea of how the posts read.

You get the idea. Sometimes I get serious. Sometimes I use my Friday offering to vent. Sometimes I poke fun at myself (or others!). But my mother always said that I had been vaccinated with a phonograph needle. I LOVE talking – and this is the virtual equivalent of having an ongoing audience to speak to. At the moment, more than 500 people are reading my posts every week (and you'd better believe THAT was good for my ego when I checked out the numbers!). Want to join us?

If you are interested in signing on for my private, weekly offering, just send a post to me at JaneJarrow@aol.com and tell me you'd like to "listen in", and we'll get you signed on to the listserv.

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