

Helping the Economy

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The month of May is considered a beautiful time of the year. Usually it brings to mind pretty colors and beautiful flowers. In second grade I remember the Maypole and May baskets. We were having a year-end carnival in school and I was part of the Maypole ensemble to dance around and interlace the ribbon to the Maypole. But the day before the carnival, I fell off the swing in the playground and ended up in the audience with my parents. My knee was wrapped with the biggest white bandage I had ever seen. Never mind the pain!

My dad and two sisters have May birthdays. Also my son-in-law and grandson's birthday fell on the same day in May. Another grandson in Indianapolis was born in May also. Mother's Day and my anniversary were celebrated with Memorial Day. When I consider the cost of these happenings, I think of how much fun it would be to add and total the amount. Acknowledging the prices of today would more than easily triple the sum. Surely we kept the stores busy thereby contributing to the economy.

The other day while I was contemplating my story about the economy, I was looking at my face and I thought of all the cosmetics I could use. Boy, I would certainly be helping the economy for sure!

Everyone is aware of my love of flowers. They can be roses or daisies, no difference to me. A characteristic difference in price throughout the years will certainly be noticeable in the economy. I keep vying for only flowers, although the year my daughter Linda gave me the complete Elvis CD set *From Nashville to Memphis* including a book of his professional life and a sheet of collectable limited-edition stamps were something I treasured. She had already given me the CD set of *The Greatest Masterpieces of the Millennium* (that is the 1900s). Wow, where did the century go? As long as we celebrate Mother's Day, I believe the economy will survive.