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Hello, thanks for taking the time out of your day to read my letter. I'm L. Jerry Barbee and I live at 2536 S. 18th Street, Lafayette, IN, 47909. MY phone is 1-765-474-3582, Cell: 765-543-7873. My E-Mail is jerryb24@aol.com. The reason I've sent you this letter is to tell you about my Ink Pen Collecting Hobby. And I would be very thankful for all the help you could give me to reach my goal.

In 2001 I had to retire on Med-a-Care due to all the problems I had with my back and other health concerns. Since 1984 I had had several major surgery on my back, one was over 9 hours long. While visiting several Doctors I noticed some neat ink pens at the front desk and if I could have any and that's how my hobby started. I now have over 10,000 different ink pens and I'm trying to get to 18,000 to 20,000 to establish a new North American Continent Record for the Guinness World Book of Records.

Along with Ink PEN Collecting I also enjoy writing poems & short stories, collecting match books, they are hard to find anymore, photography, Coca Cola items, NASCAR, gardening. I want to keep my mind and body active so I don't just dry up and blow away. Believe it or not, this happens to a lot of retired people who don't keep busy. I've also have taught Sunday School for over 30 years.

Although life has thrown me a lot of curve balls. An Aorta Aneurysm, open heart surgery to replace a bad valve and do one by-pass, removal of a infected enlarged Gall Bladder, in Jan. 2014 stints put in both legs. Then in 2013 I had double Pneumonia. Then back to April 2014 I was in the hospital for about 7 weeks because one of the stints collapsed due to a blood clot. Then on top of that I got Pneumonia again and E-Coli in my left kidney and in my blood system, and a bad infection in my leg with a sore 2x5x1/2 inch deep. The Doctors thought I might not make it. But with my Faith in God and His helping hands I pulled through it. After 3 months of home nursing twice a week and home Physical Therapy to learn to walk and to do normal things, again I'm able to walk around the house with no help, however when I go outside I still need to use a cane. Sorry about being long winded, soemtimes it's hard to stop writing.

Anyway, I have categories for universits & Collages, for Doctors & Hospitals, for Motels, Hotels, Resorts, Casinos, for Chamber of Commerce, for Military, Police, Fire, for General Business. I would like to have one for State and Federal Government. Any thing you could send me I would be very grateful. Pens of Governors, state and federal Senators and House Memebers, or any you have that you don't need or want, even if they don't write anymore. Any ones with writing on them. I like the saying, NEVER SAY NEVER, and I'll keep going as long as I can. I sure thank you for any and all help you give to reach my goal.

Again thank you very much. I would like to leave you with this thought of mine. Always be like the Rose. It starts out as a bud and then overnight it opens into a beautiful flower and as you walk by it sort of smiles at you to jump start your day. Then you can greet everyone with a smile and a kind word to make their day and yours much better, and that smile will keep getting passed on down the line. Thanks so much,

Jerry

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