
Subject: Re: Celebrations and Challenges
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Tom knocked on Lena's open door and she looked up and smiled at him. He said, "Lena, do you have a minute? There's something going on out here that you should see."

Curious, she got up and followed him out into the cubicle area. Everyone on her staff was standing around a table where they had a cake and balloons. "SURPRISE! HAPPY BIRTHDAY!" they all shouted.

Laughing, she shook her head. "You didn't have to do dis. You people are too much."

"Oh, come on now. We have birthday parties for everyone in our department. Why would we not have one for our boss?" Louise brought out a box from behind her and handed it to Lena. "Happy Birthday, and many more."

"What on eart?" Lena untied the bow and lifted the lid. She found a plaque inside that read, "To Our Boss on the Anniversary of the Day the World was Graced With Her Presence". It also had the date and the signatures of every one in her department. "Tank you," she said, tears coming to her eyes, "Dis is wonderful. I'll put it where I can see it every day I'm in de office."

Everyone applauded and Tom said, "Okay, Lena; enough with the emotional outburst." He grinned at her. "Time to cut the cake." He held out the knife.

She chuckled and took it from him, moving to the table. A few minutes later everyone had a piece of cake and some coffee, or tea. They ate and chatted, and every once in a while, one or another of them moved off to take a call.

Louise asked her, "Do you have any plans for after work?"

"My family and I are getting togeter at my son's house for a quiet celebration. Since it's on a weekday, de kids have school and de adults have to be at work de next day, it will be small and end early."

"That's good. Often the best celebrations are the small, quiet ones."

The group chatted and celebrated until 9 AM, then Lena went back to her office, followed by more good wishes from her staff. Then everyone got back to work, but the good feeling lasted through the rest of the day.

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