NO MATTER WHAT OUR KIDS AND THE NEW GENERATION THINK ABOUT US WE ARE AWESOME !!!

Our Lives are LIVING PROOF!!!

To Those of Us Born 1925 - 1955:

At the end of this email is a quote of the month by Jay Leno.

If you don't read anything else, Please read what he said.

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TO ALL THE

# KIDS WHO SURVIVED THE 1930's, 40's, and 50's!!

First, we survived being born to mothers who may have smoked and/or drank
While they were pregnant.

They took aspirin, ate blue cheese dressing, tuna from a can, and didn't get tested for diabetes.

Then, after that trauma, we were **p**ut to sleep on our tummies in baby cribs

Covered With bright colored Lead-based paints.

We had no childproof lids on medicine

bottles, locks on doors or cabinets, And, when we rode our bikes, We had baseball caps, Not helmets, on our heads.

As infants and children, we would ride in cars with no car seats, no booster seats, no seat belts, no air bags, bald tires and sometimes no brakes..

Riding in the back of a pick- up truck on a warm day was always a special treat.

We drank water from the garden hose and not from a bottle.

We shared one soft drink with four friends, from one bottle, and no one actually died from this.

We ate cupcakes, white bread, real butter, and bacon. We drank Kool-Aid made with real white sugar.

And we weren't overweight.

WHY?

Because we were always outside playing...that's why!

We would leave home in the morning and play all day, as long as we were back when the streetlights came on.

No one was able to reach us all day ...

And, we were OKAY.

We would spend hours building
Our go-carts out of SCPAPS and
then ride them down the hill,
Only to find out

We forgot the brakes. After running into the bushes a few times, we learned To Solve the problem.

We did not
Have Play Stations, Nintendos
and X-boxes. There were
No video games,
No 150 channels on cable,
No video movies
Or DVDs,
No surround-sound or

CDs,
No cell phones,
No personal computers,
No Internet and
No chat rooms.

WE HAD FRIENDS
And we went

#### Outside and found them!

We fell out of
trees, got cut,
Broke bones and
Teeth,
And there were
No lawsuits
From those accidents.

We would get
Spankings with wooden spoons, switches,
ping-pong paddles, or just a bare hand,
And no one would call child services to
report abuse.

We ate worms,
And mud pies
Made from dirt,
And
The worms did
Not live in us forever.

We were given
BB guns for our 10th birthdays,
22 rifles for our 12th, rode horses,
made up games with sticks and
tennis balls, and
-although we were
Told it would happen-we did not put out
very many eyes.

We rode bikes
Or walked to a friend's house and knocked
on the door or rang the bell,
or just Walked in and talked to them.

Little League had
tryouts
And not everyone
Made the team.
Those who didn't
Had to learn
To deal with

# Disappointment. Imagine that!!

The idea of a parent
Bailing us out
If we broke the law
was unheard of ...
They actually sided with the law!

These generations have
Produced some of the best risk-takers,
Problem solvers, and
Inventors ever.

The past 60 to 85 years
Have seen an explosion
of innovation and new ideas.

We had freedom, Failure, success and responsibility,

### and we learned How to deal with it all.

If YOU are
One of those born
Between 1925-1955,
CONGRATULATIONS!

You might want to share this with others who have had the luck to grow up as kids before the lawyers and the government regulated so much of our lives for our own good.

While you are at it, forward it to your kids, so they will know how brave and lucky their parents were.

Kind of makes

## you want to run through the house with scissors, doesn't it?

The quote of the month by Jay Leno:

"With hurricanes, tornados, fires out of control, mud slides, flooding, severe thunderstorms tearing up the country from one end to another, and with the threat of bird flu and terrorist attacks, are we sure this is a good time to take God out of the Pledge of Allegiance?"

For those that
prefer to think that God is not
watching over us...
go ahead and delete this..
For the rest

of us.... please pass this on.