

## 2007 - The Year Gone By.

I made many friends throughout 2007. Most were people who connected through T.U.G. Others from online chats. It was both a challenging and a trying year however.

One of my friends was a woman who was a customer at the store where I am employed. She had some computer related issues and I was able to help. I also helped out around her place; cleaning the garage, the yard, etc. Among the benefits of this friendship were opportunities to attend various of the shows for which Vegas is famous. I've been exposed to judges and politicians. This friend also increased my wardrobe a bit, provided me with new jewelry and some very nice perfumes.

By the end of the year this friendship had become very much a permanent part of my life. I've been her guest at parties and for Halloween where she dressed as a pimp and her boyfriend and I were her prostitutes. The Halloween Party we celebrated was also a wedding anniversary of some dear friends of hers. I danced with many there, including the anniversary couple and pretty near all the women present.

Late in the year, an adopted 'sister' of mine sent me an email. Her husband of many years had passed away. Some time later she moved back to Vegas and lives with her sister not far from me. I hadn't seen her in several years and was very happy to have her nearby.

In my personal and work life, things were also improving. As I became more secure over all, I began to become better adjusted and able to express myself, especially in the work environment. This led to a long overdue advancement toward the end of the year with accompanying status and a good raise in pay. I worked a lot of weird hours during 2007 and largely left my personal history undone. As I decided to add more to it, I discovered this fact and have endeavored to fill in the blanks to some extent. I've left a lot unsaid. Much of that did not really bear saying so nothing of import was lost by the silence.

Overall, 2007 was a growth year, and a generally positive year, for me.