

2014 – Baby shower, Medicare, Healthcare and Voting

As my 65th birthday loomed on the horizon, it was time to look into health care. I signed up with the same provider my sister uses. When I contacted them, I made sure to discuss the various options AND to determine how they would deal with Rosaliy as a client/patient. Aside from all the legal issues, it was important that I be able to use their services without having to wear male attire.

They were very good about the whole thing and assured me that there would be no difficulty with me arriving as Rosaliy. I did make it clear that I had no intention of reverting to male attire just to see a doctor.

It was easy to enroll in the program and I was treated with the utmost respect and courtesy. I was assigned a primary care physician, and given an appointment at the office for my initial visit. On the day of that visit, I had the usual tests and was advised to contact my primary care physician and schedule an initial appointment. I subjected the doctor's staff to the same questions and was assured that they also had no difficulty with my dress and appearance. That initial visit also went very well.

Before the visits, however, I was contacted by the provider to appraise me of the fact that there was to be a birthday party celebrating April birthdays on the day of my initial visit an hour before that. At the party, we had cake, cookies, beverages and we played bingo. All of us present won at least one game.

Also in April, I attended my first baby shower. Had a lot of fun. Refreshments were available and I took quite a few pictures. During the gift opening, we played the baby game. We all were given a pacifier necklace made of life savers and gummies on a ribbon. Anyone who said “baby” at any time while the gifts were being opened, lost their necklace to the first one to call them on it. I, another lady and one of the guys, each came away with 2 necklaces. All in all it was great fun.

Today (May 24, 2014) marked the opening of early voting for the Nevada elections. For the first time I went to the polls as Rosaliy. I had a nice chat with the two ladies checking in voters. Asked if I was going to file a new voter registration, I said no because I wasn't changing anything other than my mode of dress. The ladies were very cool about it and we even discussed what I might wear in November for the general elections.

All together, it has been a very good couple of months for me. Even my pharmacy added '-Rosaliy' to my listed name so I can check on prescriptions as Rosaliy.

I consider myself very fortunate in that I have been generally accepted everywhere I go as Rosaliy without hastles or issues of any kind. It is really great to be, and be accepted as, the person I am. I could wish it for everyone else.