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### Happy Nylon Stocking Day!!

This is a fun and unusual celebration that many people don't quite know what to do with. What is it? Why do we celebrate it? Who started it anyway?

I don't know, and don't care about, the answers to half those questions, BUT: it's a fun and irreverent time just to enjoy one of the luxuries of modern technology. I always get my legs waxed a day or two before because the feel of nylon stockings on freshly waxed legs is heavenly. Some people use this day to reorder a supply of stockings and pantyhose for the upcoming summer season. Others use it as an excuse to buy a new sexy garter and instigate some crazy sex with their SO. Whatever you do today, you should luxuriate in the sensual pleasure of smooth nylon against your soft skin.

Some popular religions would have us believe that enjoying physical pleasure, especially if it's connected with sex, is bad or wrong. Others say it's OK but should be done secretly and we shouldn't admit to it in public. That's all non-sense. We have evolved the capacity to receive exquisite enjoyment from sensual pleasure because it's healthy and good for us. It improves our physical and mental health.

Dawns do not follow oppressive religious strictures which were concocted thousands of years ago by patriarchal despots. Our customs are based on the best science and research. I'm not aware of any research that specifically shows that wearing nylons makes you a better person, but there are millions of people who do enjoy it quite a lot. And for those people it does make their life a bit better and happier.

If you're one of the people who do not enjoy it, that's OK too. The reason we put so many celebrations on the calendar is so that everyone can find plenty of things to celebrate. Some people consider nylons to be demeaning and to objectify women, as if we are no more than pretty things to be ogled and raped (either physically or visually). There is plenty of reason for this feeling, and Dawns do not want in any way to condone the objectification of women. You should never feel that you must conform to some standard of physical appearance to be beautiful and worthwhile.

You are intrinsically beautiful, valuable and worthwhile, no one can give you that or take that from you. If you choose to wear nylons, heels, and a short dress then it should be for yourself, and because it brings enjoyment to you. And if you choose not to do that, then whatever you wear, or don't wear, should be purely because those things promote your own feelings of well being.

Dawns own our own sexuality and we do not shrink from acknowledging that we are sexual animals. It is important to our happiness, more so than being necessary for the perpetuation of the species. We do not allow anyone to make judgments about how we will express our desires or display our passions.

On this nylon stocking day I invite everyone to reflect on those things that bring you joy in life, and to appreciate how much more comfortable nylon is than wool; or just to ignore all that and go do something fun and irreverent!