

# **ANOTHER “FOLKSY” MORNING WATCH**

About three shy kids-Boonie, Norman Vincent Peale and me (Janny)  
for the week of March 21, 2021

*Follow along, it's all over the place, but I do not know how else to tell it.*

This story starts in a little town called Highland, Ohio. The Methodist minister of the church there was a Reverend Peale, and the village physician was Dr. Eugene Judkins, my grandfather. Dr. Judkins had delivered all of the Peale children, except Norman. (I'm not totally sure why not Norman) However , he did grow up in that area, and one of the kids he grew up with- (a few of you reading this will know her as

Evelyn Weeks.) Anyway, Evelyn told me that when Norman was young, he was anything but the” Positive Thinker” he later became. (For those who may not know, Rev. Peale wrote the famous book, “The Power of Positive Thinking”, and then started the whole Positive thinking movement which I guess you could say our camp has always been a part of.) A side to that, a fellow called Donald Trump gives Rev. Peale credit for turning him from a shy introvert into-well you know --kinda like CAMP and some of you! :) (but that's another story for another time-- or not.)

The other two folks in this story are: BOONIE who was initially withdrawn because of a learning disability and also a speech defect but later on, with no therapy, became the Boonie you all knew and also a professional speaker. -- and then Me. Whoever knows why I was so shy-- I just was. Until I knew I had to overcome it, and so I did! (mainly at CAMP)

Here's where all three came together in this story: Boonie was to be the Keynote Speaker at a National Convention at the World Trade Center in New York City, and Rev. Peale was also on the program. I attended, and following their presentations, I nervously approached Rev. Peale and introduced myself as. “Janice Judkins Brizius,” whereupon, he stopped everything else, took both of my hands in both of his and said, “Judkins is a famous name in my family's history, did you know that?” OHHH WOW I did, but I didn't know he did! (He made me feel super proud.)

Just three shy kids who found out- “CAN DO-

With the Lord right beside me-CAN DO!”

