

The Birthday Birds –

It was 2001 in Amite Louisiana at the Corner Bar. There was a crowd growing in the back bar around a big square board with numbers on it. It was my 40th birthday and I was visiting from Florida. Some of my cousins were there – Jeannie, Suzie, Sharon and my Aunt Shirley and Mom. It was a fun family event.

I was instructed to buy a number on the board because some fun was about to happen. As a gambler, I eagerly put my \$20 down. Then all of a sudden the crowd parted and out walks a man carrying a live chicken. He gently places the chicken on the board. As the chicken walks around the board, the crowd cheered and the next thing I know “the drop” happens and the crowd cheered louder. Money is passed to the winner of “The Chicken Drop”.

Fast forward to 2002 in New Orleans Louisiana for Cousin Jeannie’s 50th birthday and after a day & night of drinking we were reminiscing the “Chicken” birthday and we came up with the generational bird birthdays. Below is what we came up with that night and we have had many fun birthday milestones ever since. – Lisa Whittington

1 – 19 yrs



Chickadee – Just a little spicy!

The 60’s



Peacock – Still beautiful and strutting your stuff!

The 20’s



Turkey – ‘Cuz you are one!

The 70’s



Swan – Graceful and elegant!

The 30’s



Road Runner – Always on the go!

The 80’s



Owl – Wise because you’ve been around so long!

The 40’s



You’re no spring chicken anymore!

The 90’s



Eagle – Above all you’ve seen it all!

The 50’s



Flamingo – Still vibrant and ready to party!

100 yrs



Dove – Peaceful and loved!