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Did you know.....

by **Corinna**

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Posted: **Sun Jun 06, 2010 11:33 am**

... that Dusty was a member of her own fan club? The cheque proves it! 🎁



Re: Did you know.....

by **Cardiff Bluesgirl**

Posted: **Sun Jun 06, 2010 3:36 pm**

THIS IS LOVELY. TO SEE HER WRITING HER OWN STUFF, REMINDS YOU THAT SHE LIVED A NORMAL LIFE TOO. 🎁

Re: Did you know.....

by **Kathy**

Posted: **Sun Jun 06, 2010 4:09 pm**

...And did you know that Dusty's cheque account number is my birthday (well nearly!) 😊😄👍

Re: Did you know.....

by **Corinna**

Posted: **Sun Jun 06, 2010 4:43 pm**

Well spotted, Kathy! 🎁 It is indeed! 😊

Re: Did you know.....

by **SweMaria**

Posted: **Sun Jun 06, 2010 6:26 pm**

Yes, That is lovely! 🎁 Is it from -85?

Re: Did you know.....

by **Cas19**

Posted: **Mon Jun 07, 2010 12:30 pm**

Never seen this before, thank you Cor.

Casx

Re: Did you know.....

by **Corinna**

Posted: **Mon Jun 07, 2010 12:38 pm**

Can't remember where I got it from but I think this is the only time I've seen Dusty sign something with her real name. It's quite cool, isn't it?

Maria, yes I think it says 85. Looks like she kept a British bank account during her US years.

Re: Did you know.....

by **karen**

Posted: **Mon Jun 07, 2010 1:21 pm**

Great to see this ,and like you say using her real name, same bank as me but not quite Bond Street. 🙄😏

Karen.x

Re: Did you know.....

by **daydreamer**

Posted: **Mon Jun 07, 2010 10:20 pm**

I also have a copy of that cheque (maybe I posted it once before) but I can't remember where I got it from either! It came to me along with copies of a couple of birthday cards and letters. I too got a strange pleasure from seeing her proper signature 😊

Re: Did you know.....

by **paula**

Posted: **Mon Jun 07, 2010 10:39 pm**

I wonder what the sum was for?
was/is it common to have the name printed on the check..."Miss M I Obrien"?
wonder what happened to the C & B?...too many names I imagine 😏
paula x

Re: Did you know.....

by **neonouille**

Posted: **Mon Jun 07, 2010 11:17 pm**

Thanks for this, Corinna! 🌹
It's so rare, I'm happy to see the picture.

Re: Did you know.....

by **Corinna**

Posted: **Tue Jun 08, 2010 8:27 am**

daydreamer wrote:

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Then my guess is that I got it from you. 😊👍

Re: Did you know.....

by **allherfaces**

Posted: **Tue Jun 08, 2010 2:10 pm**

Not see before, at least that I can recall.

Very cool.

Interesting cheque says Miss M I O'Brien but she signs it M I CO'Brien.

Re: Did you know.....

by **Corinna**

Posted: **Tue Jun 08, 2010 2:48 pm**

paula wrote:

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I couldn't say who told me but I seem to remember that it's the annual membership fee.

And yeah, where did the C go (B wasn't one of her given names)? Maybe the bank only allows one middle name? 🤔

Re: Did you know.....

by Sarah

Posted: Tue Jun 08, 2010 8:10 pm

That image is fabulous, thank you so much Cor for sharing it! I'm getting a real kick out of seeing Dusty's 'real' signature...

I can't stop looking at it! 😊 It's brought a big smile to my face- thanks again for sharing. 🌹

Re: Did you know.....

by daydreamer

Posted: Tue Jun 08, 2010 8:29 pm

Don't know what happened to the printed 'C' as she obviously used it in her signature. She probably wouldn't use the B anyway as it wasn't a birth name. Isn't it the norm to have names on cheques in the States Paula?

On the same piece of paper that the cheque was copied on was this note from Dusty to Lynne Jackson. Maybe the cheque had something to do with buying of the pictures or postcards.

Dear Lynne

There might be
useful for repros

We need some postcard
size ones of the others for
European fans - they give us
envelopes that are designed
for smaller pictures

- These pictures are
an interesting size. However
if you can only do 10x8
and postcards go ahead.

Please keep these originals
Thanks Love Judy

Re: Did you know.....

by Sue

Posted: Tue Jun 08, 2010 10:10 pm

Wow ! This is interesting 😊

I wonder what a handwriting expert might say about Dusty's personality should they examine that note - with the name covered up, of course.....

Sue xx

Re: Did you know.....

by Snowbird

Posted: Thu Jun 10, 2010 7:06 am

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Leigh x

Re: Did you know.....

by **Cas19**

Posted: **Thu Jun 10, 2010 2:27 pm**

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Casx

Re: Did you know.....

by **Corinna**

Posted: **Thu Jun 10, 2010 3:20 pm**

It was indeed interesting and definitely worth reading!

Re: Did you know.....

by **allherfaces**

Posted: **Thu Jun 10, 2010 3:48 pm**

I also found it interesting, Leigh. I've always liked Dusty's handwriting. There's a crispness and artistic flair to it IMO. We should put up additional samples to see if you reach similar conclusions. I have to say, from the samples I've seen, it looks consistent through the years.

Re: Did you know.....

by **daydreamer**

Posted: **Tue Jun 15, 2010 3:53 pm**

I find what you say about the signature "Dusty" very interesting Leigh. I've always thought it was a well thought out signature and it never changed. I used to practice drawing it myself back in the day 🙄

Re: Did you know.....

by **memphisinlondon**

Posted: **Tue Jun 15, 2010 7:51 pm**

It's so great to see Dusty's/Mary's signature on the cheque and to know that she banked in Bond Street. I guess she always did. There's a whole story in that cheque and the way she signs her true name. Little Mary O'Brien banking in Bond Street!

And, what a joy to see the letter too and read Leigh's analysis of Dusty's writing in respect of both items. The analysis seems to me to be spot on. Fabulous!

What a nugget of a thread this is. Thanks Cor, Carole and Leigh. 🙄

Re: Did you know.....

by **Carole R.**

Posted: **Wed Jun 16, 2010 8:50 pm**

Thankyou Leigh.. I found your post reDusty's handwriting completely fascinating.. 🙄

I've always been interested in stuff like that.. 🙄

CR xx

Re: Did you know.....

by **Sue**

Posted: **Tue Jun 22, 2010 3:05 am**

That was fascinating, Leigh, thank you 😊

I agree with what you say about her not simply dashing off her signature. It reminds me of a quote she made, i believe it was sometime in the early seventies; "Even to this day, i have to think myself into the role of Dusty Springfield".

It's almost as if she is doing the same thing here with her signature. Mary O'Brien is signing it but it's Dusty Springfield's name on the paper, and you're right she has put a lot of thought and creativity into it - just like her music. Compare the 'D' on the signature to the one at the top on the 'Dear' (Lynne).

Sue xx

Re: Did you know.....

by **paula**

Posted: **Wed Jun 23, 2010 12:29 am**

you are a girlof many talents, Leigh...thanks for the interesting Dusty handwriting analysis 😊
paula x

Re: Did you know.....

by **mnmcv1**

Posted: **Thu Jun 24, 2010 3:05 pm**

i too love Dusty's handwriting and her signature in particular.

I was so excited when i got her autographed picture, and saw that "D" so fabulously formed.

since it's not her given name, I've wondered if she had that signature down immediately, or if she experimented with it early on...

Re: Did you know.....

by **jeffery**

Posted: **Fri Oct 15, 2010 12:26 am**

QUESTION,...

What brand cigarettes did Dusty smoke, and is there documentation. (perhaps in the bios,...I don't recall.) 🗨️

Re: Did you know.....

by **mnmcv1**

Posted: **Fri Oct 15, 2010 12:38 am**

they were definitely menthol, Jeffery (the kind I smoke and am trying to break free from).
Not sure of the brand, though. Newports? Pall Malls? Dorals?

Re: Did you know.....

by **paula**

Posted: **Fri Oct 15, 2010 1:55 am**

I think they were either Newports or Kools (the brands I once smoked many, many years ago)
paula x

Re: Did you know.....

by **allherfaces**

Posted: **Fri Oct 15, 2010 4:48 am**

Salems?

Re: Did you know.....

by **jeffery**

Posted: **Fri Oct 15, 2010 6:04 am**

👍 🎵 CHANG 🎵

That rings a bell. I thought they were Salems.

If she was really hooked she'd smoke anything she could get her lips on. My mom smoked them all. Those mfg. by Raliegh Tobacco Co. had the highest nicotine content. At the peak of my habit I'd get up in the middle of the night to roll a cigarette. When you're really desperate you salvage the half smoked butts from the ash tray, and re-roll them.

Those are REALLY strong. 🤪

For some reason genius favor nicotine. A couple examples: Robert Oppenheimer, Albert Einstein, Sherlock Holmes,... Mary O'Brien ? 🤔

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I support your effort to quit smoking Markus. For me it just happened. In November of '93' I got a chest cold, and just didn't feel like smoking another cigarette. Haven't since.

Around the same time I figured up the annual cost of a pack a day habit.

By todays standard it would be over \$1800.

It's a double edge habit. The chemical addiction, 🤢 and the psychological addiction. Usually it's inculcated into you via peer pressure. (all my friends and associates smoked.) You habituate yourself to having one in your hand, a pack in your pocket, the regular store you stop at to buy them, the ritual of opening a pack, you carry a zippo or a bic.

It's as much a mind game defeating them as any thing. Your mind tells you you're missing something, and you have to overcome that fear of loss.

6 months after I quit my lung wanted to jump out on a cigarette, but I stuck with it. After a year you know that you've done it, and it only gets better from there. In time you won't crave them at all.

Don't be afraid to talk to yourself. Tell yourself the good things.

Very soon after you quit the risk of heart attack drops as well as your blood pressure.

Your sense of smell and taste will improve. You'll save about \$2000 a year.

You're saving one of your family's loved ones.
It's a very hard thing to do. I'm pulling for you! 😊

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by **KajunKween26**

Posted: **Sat Aug 13, 2011 12:22 am**

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Re: Did you know.....

by **jeffery**

Posted: **Mon Aug 29, 2011 9:30 pm**

😁 There's bad rumors, and then there's good rumors.

On my commute to work our local DJ was saying that Berry Gordy was planning on taking his Motown stable to Broadway, (Dianna Ross, the Temptations, Smokey Robinson, etc.) and that he'd already invested \$100 million in the endeavor. Tentative date: Summer 2012. How about that? 🙌

I wonder if Brian or Marcus have the low-down on this event? 🙌

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by **terri**

Posted: **Tue Aug 30, 2011 2:49 am**

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Casx

Yes, quite interesting to me also----- I read an astrological chart of Dusty's once and it was also very interesting-

Thank you for the time you spent on the writing 😊

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That is such a nice and intelligent view of smoking Jeffrey. Very accurate also-- You know you really helped me with your statement about your brain and the loss feeling. It does go away after a bit. The psychological part is my problem. I quite for 4 years- then had a bad life issue and fell back into it's grip. I will quit again for sure- the more people bug me, the worse it is though. I have to decide and do it. I vowed to never preach to smokers if I smoked or not and I have stuck by that. I also don't like to be nagged spiritually about God. I am Catholic with tailored beliefs about a few issues.

ANYWAY----- I like your smoking philosophy----agree 100% and it will come in handy to reread it. ❤️

Re: Did you know.....

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 I haven't tried this yet myself, but I was told that if you have a Google account you can click on *more* then on the fly-out menu click on *more, more*, and in that bunch of stuff on the next menu look for *Google talk*. This service is kinda' like an answering machine. You can leave audio messages (only applies to another Google account) which can be played back. I might try it tonight. 