## A Menu of Possibly Pleasurable Activities Shelby Steen

Here are many different ways in which people sometimes enjoy themselves. Underline some options that you have enjoyed in the past or might enjoy in the future.

Take a drive to see something new Relax and read the newspaper Help your child with homework Plant something to watch it grow

Go for a walk Take a nap

Build something from wood Feed the birds or ducks Hang a hummingbird feeder Enjoy a special dessert

Go for a run

Get up early to watch the sun rise

Walk a dog Play frisbee Sew something

Have a relaxed breakfast

Spend an hour in a favorite store Have a makeup demonstration

Visit a shopping mall

Add one new item to your wardrobe Pamper your feet in a basin of warm water Massage your feet with a cooling lotion Write a letter to someone who helped you

Work on a quilt

Prav

Visit an old friend Cook a favorite meal Lie on the grass

Go out for a special meal Rent a funny movie

Play tennis
Try a new recipe

Go to a yard sale or garage sale Have your own yard sale

Go skateboarding or rollerblading Go roller skating or ice skating

Have coffee with a friend

Visit a museum Walk along the water

Visit someone who is homebound

Walk or ride a bicycle path

Buy a small gift for a friend or child Find a place for a moment of solitude

Make a pizza
Visit the library

Play a card or board game

Buy thick fluffy new bath towels

Put fresh sheets on the bed Hunt for bargains at a thrift store Trade backrubs for 20 minutes

Take a relaxing hot bath

Indulge in your favorite childhood treat

Enjoy one perfect flower in a vase

Compliment someone

Babysit for someone who needs relief Send a care package to a student Call someone special in your family

Write to an old friend

Go to a movie, perhaps with a child

Make a big bowl of popcorn Have or give an oil massage Listen to your favorite music Read a book you've heard about

Bake a batch of cookies Make some food for a friend Add an item to your collection

Hum or sing

Listen to a favorite CD Write in a diary or journal

Ride a motorcycle

Play golf or miniature golf Clean out your purse

Read old letters you have kept

Read poetry
Write poetry

Start a memory box

Read your favorite children's book

Rearrange the furniture

Call a friend who makes you laugh

Bake biscuits or tortillas

Daydream a little

Enjoy the quiet of an early morning

Have lunch with a friend

Roll down a hill

Polish your nails a new color

Grow (or shave off) a beard or mustache

Try a new hairstyle Enter a contest

Search your family history

Volunteer to be a coach

Paint a room

Wash and wax your car

Lie under a tree and watch the sky

Do some gardening

Take a class

Play a musical instrument (or learn to)

Visit a wildlife refuge

Visit (or volunteer at) the zoo

Go horseback riding

Look at maps for places to visit

Cover a bulletin board with family pictures

Meditate

Go camping

Search the Web

Take a creek walk - the stream is your path

Pick fresh fruit or berries

Make homemade ice cream

Read a favorite magazine

Go to a demonstration in a store

Play tennis

Go to a gym and work out

Go to a sporting event with someone

Spend an hour alone with your child

Be creative - try out a new kind of art

Make a family scrapbook

Build a swing in a tree

Refinish old furniture

Call someone you'd like to talk to

Send a card to a someone you care about

Wash your windows

Have a picnic in the park

Find a good spot and watch the night sky

Go fly a kite

Go dancing

Sing in a chorus

Go downtown

Go to an open house

Have dinner at a romantic restaurant

Give and receive a foot massage

Visit an aquarium

Ski or play in the snow

Build a fire

Work on a car or truck

Plan a holiday or trip

Smile

Find shapes in the clouds

Draw a cartoon

Roast hotdogs and marshmallows

Cut, chop, or carve wood

Go for a swim

Listen to a favorite radio station or program

Frame a picture

Put your feet up S

kip stones across water

Go to the mountains

Ride a train

Go to a talk or concert