

## Lucy's Wonderfully Marvelous Licks Is it Time to Change Your Flavor

*Setting--Two LWML friends are traveling together to convention and. It is morning and they are strolling through a quaint little downtown doing some window shopping before getting back on the road.*

**Sally**

I am so glad we found this cute little historical town to stop in. All the shops are so unique. Oooo, I wish that hat shop was open. We could have bought a big purple derby hat to wear at the convention.

**Violet**

Oh, that's okay. I brought my LWML hat that I have had for years. I made it back in the day when the Young Women's Committee did those Purple Hat contests at the retreats. It won 1<sup>st</sup> prize, you know.

**Sally**

We have been walking awhile and I am getting hungry. I was hoping to get a bite to eat before we leave.

**Violet**

Yes, I am getting a bit hungry, too. And I DO need my morning coffee! Hey, I think there is something up ahead. Looks like the owner is opening the shop. Let's check it out.

**Sally** (walking ahead quickly)

Look Violet, it is an ice cream shop! Hurry up!

**Violet**

Ice cream at 9 in the morning! We haven't even had breakfast. We can't eat ice cream now! I need coffee!

**Sally**

Look they do serve coffee, too. Let's go in.

**Violet** (*Very reluctantly*)

I don't knooooow, Sally. My grandmother taught my mom, and she taught me, and I taught my own kids that you should not eat sweets like candy, cookies, cake, and certainly not ice cream, until after lunch.

**Sally**

Oh Violet. You need to live a little! Cease the day! (grabs her arm and pulls her into the shop)

**Violet** (*gazing at the large sign listing all the different flavors*)

Oh my Sally, there are so many different flavors listed. Do you think they have vanilla, I don't see it on the menu.

**Sally**

Why would you want vanilla when there are so many other flavors to try.

**Violet**

Our family has always only eaten vanilla. My grandpa said it was the original flavor made and it is delicious. There is no need to add anything to it. It works on cake, brownies, and apple pie. Why would you want anything different.

**Sally**

You know Violet; sometimes a change from how we used to do things is good. Remember how a year ago our LWML group was struggling. We hadn't had any new members join our society for so many years. In fact, it was so long since we had even a guest that we all just gave up on even inviting other ladies to come. And those meetings were sooooo long. We spent so much time planning events that we have held every year for the past 50 years! It all took so much time that we didn't even do Bible study anymore but had a very short devotion instead. For so many years we were stuck in doing things that really weren't meeting the needs of the other women in our congregation. We just had to do something! So we stepped out in faith, and tried a few new things. Now our LWML meetings focus on Bible study, missions, and often we even do servant projects. We have had more women joining us. What fun it is to really listen to these new members and to make other changes that meet the needs of more of the women in our church.

**Violet**

You are right, Sally. We were stuck in VANILLA and there were so many new flavors out there. I even joined one of the younger LWML groups that started. We meet virtually for book discussion. Because so many moms work, this group meets after the kids are settled for the night. I don't even have to leave my house!

Ok Sally, let's order our ice cream! I am going to get two scoops -- one of Pirates Cove and one of Birthday Cake!!! Oh yes, and let's not forget about the coffee!