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#### **ANNIVERSARY**

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#### **CAST**

JANET RILEY: An active woman in her 60s.

DAVID RILEY: A couch potato retiree in his late 60s.

## Place:

The living room of DAVID and JANET's home.

#### Time:

Present day.

Setting: The living room of David and Janet's home. Setting can be represented by a small table and a chair.

At Rise: *DAVID* is seated, channel surfing with a TV remote. *JANET* enters.

JANET: David, do you know what day it is next week?

DAVID: Day? You mean like Tuesday? Or Wednesday?

JANET: Not a 'day' day. A special day.

DAVID: Is it Flag Day? Cuz I always forget to put out the flag.

JANET: No, it's not Flag Day.

DAVID: Arbor Day? What is Arbor Day, anyway?

JANET: It's a day to plant trees. I think it's in April.

DAVID: Is it Easter? I love it when the grandkids come over to hunt eggs and you dress up as a bunny. And I love that bunny cake you make with the coconut fur and the licorice whiskers.

JANET: No, it's not Easter! That's not until March or April. 'Tho I think there may still be an egg missing from last year.

DAVID: That's going to smell!

JANET: It's a plastic egg filled with candy.

DAVID: Oh. Well I don't think I'll want to eat that candy.

JANET: If we ever find the egg. I bet the cat's hidden it somewhere.

DAVID: I didn't think the cat ate candy. Now the dog – that's another story.

JANET: Can we get back to the subject?

DAVID: What subject?

JANET: The special day that's coming up next week.

DAVID: Is it one of those made up days, like Secretary's Day or Nurse Appreciation Day? I think I used to take my secretary to lunch on that Secretary's Day.

JANET: Only because I made the reservation and ordered flowers. I bought Mother's Day cards for you to send to your mother, too.

DAVID: Oh, is it Mother's Day?

JANET: No, it's not Mother's Day.

DAVID: National Grilled Cheese Sandwich Day. A grilled cheese sandwich would taste good right now.

JANET: There's a National Grilled Cheese Sandwich Day?

DAVID: Yes. I just read about it. There's also a National Hot Dog Day and a National Chicken Wing Day.

### **END OF FREEVIEW**

# You'll want to read and perform this show!