The weekend was coming, but Fran was not enthused. She felt like she and Bill were in a rut. She wanted to think of something new to do with Bill and their friends.

An idea popped into her mind. What if, instead of watching Netflix or getting pizza, they hosted a cards night for their friends?

She called Kevin and Rick and invited them for a poker night. Rick said, “That sounds fun! We have not played cards in so long that you will have to teach us the rules.”

Fran was eager to prepare for the night. She borrowed poker chips from her dad. She bought two new decks of cards. She made ham and swiss cheese sandwiches and
bought nuts, chips, soda, seltzer water and other snacks. She even found a green tablecloth to put on her table.

She went an extra step and made a playlist of songs so that there would be background music playing while they played cards. She had fun remembering old favorite songs she thought Bill and her friends would like to hear.

Bill could see that Fran was having fun planning for the night, and he became enthused too. Bill remembered that when he was a child his grandparents and parents loved playing cards. He hoped that the evening would be a knock-out for Fran’s sake.