

## 13 Things You Should Know About Me

1. **If my life were a Book, the Title would be:** *Adventures of the New Marian*

2. **Favorite Saying:** "Life is a journey, not a destination."

3. **Best Childhood Memory:** Getting my first all white kitten, Prince, when I was 7, followed by Princess, after my family moved to the "country." Current cat is Miss Cali.



4. **Favorite Food:** Chocolate. Did I say anything chocolate? Students tell me chocolate is not a food. Where'd they learn that?

5. **Biggest Pet Peeves:** Ignorance and people sitting on counters where food is prepared

6. **Favorite Things to Do:** playing with grandchildren, scrapbooking, journaling, nature photography, reading, traveling, hiking, and bike riding

7. **Highlight of my Week:** Encouraging and talking with people at our church's food bank, providing food, and connecting them with resources

8. **Biggest Change:** Growing up, I didn't want children, yet I became a parent and child development educator. I took Child



Development at Sacramento City College & the instructor's teaching and content changed my career & life's passion.



9. **Favorite Sports Teams:** Fresno State Bulldogs (my alma mater). My husband competed for the Bulldogs Track & Field Team. Other favorite team: Oregon Ducks (I'm a Duck-in-Law).

10. **Weirdest food I've cooked & eaten:** Rattlesnake. My first year teaching, 12-year-old Cassie asks, "If I bring in rattlesnake for our home economics class, can we cook it?" Thinking she's joking, I give the okay. Valuable lesson learned at age 19: ask more questions before giving your final answer.

11. **Meanest thing I ever said:** "I can't same the same about you," after my boyfriend, (now husband) tells me, "I Love You," for the first time.



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12. **Most Unexpected Experience:** Joined the Central Valley P.T. Cruisers Car Club after I bought my P.T. Convertible. Went on road trips and drove in the Cruiserfest Parade in Downtown Modesto during Graffiti Week.

13. **Little Known Fact:** I'm actually not a city girl; I grew up in the country. My brother & I raised registered rabbits for show and meat through El Dorado County 4-H. Our dad built us a 150 cage rabbitry with an automatic watering system and worm beds under the cages.

