



MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR 2009!!

Editor's note:

My apology for not publishing a newsletter last month. With the cancellation of our only meeting and, as a result, lack of news, it seemed wise to refrain from the expense.

DINNER / BOARD MEETING Nov. 20th

Severe weather (primarily just east of us) caused an executive decision to cancel the meeting. Our cook, Pat, expresses her thanks for not asking that she attempt the trip from Watford in such inclement weather.

DINNER / BOARD MEETING Dec. 18th

This was our annual Christmas meeting and spouses attended as usual. We were treated to a turkey dinner with the trimmings, enjoyed by all.

We received a letter requesting help to make a home safe for a large needy family who had been unable to secure funding elsewhere. We donated \$ 271.20 to cover the actual cost of repairing/replacing some windows which were deemed unsafe for the children.

ZONE MEETINGS:

January 11th - Breakfast Meeting Huron Shores 9:00 a.m.

April 9th -Dinner meeting Bridge Tavern

BONSPIEL

The Optimist Club of Moore is hosting a bonspiel Sat. Jan 10, 2009 at Heritage Heights in Petrolia. If you would like to get a team together, or want more info, please call the editor—I have registration forms.

INN OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Hal Reid reported on the annual Children's Christmas Party which we help to sponsor. This year there were over 400 children registered to attend, an increase of almost 100 from last year! Thanks to the generosity of our community and some additional assistance from Operation Christmas Tree (Ron Skreptak & the Moore Optimists) all 400 children received a wrapped Christmas gift along with some clown entertainment and lots of cakes and cookies. Children got a chance to sit on Santa's knee and receive a picture with Santa on the spot. Some excellent news coverage from CTV news appeared on the TV as well.



SMILE !!!

THE LAW OF THE GARBAGE TRUCK

One day I hopped into a taxi and we took off for the airport. We were driving in the right lane when suddenly a large black car pulled out of a parking space right in front of us. My taxi driver slammed on his brakes, skidded, and missed the other car by just inches! The driver of the other car whipped his head around and started yelling at us. My taxi driver just smiled and waved at the guy. I mean, he was really friendly.

So I asked, "Why did you just do that? This guy almost ruined your car and sent us to the hospital." This is when my taxi driver taught me what I now call: The Law of the Garbage Truck.

He explained the following: "Many people are like garbage trucks. They run around full of garbage, full of frustration, full of anger, and full of disappointment. As their garbage piles up, they need a place to dump it, and sometimes they'll dump it on you. Don't take it personally. Just smile, wave, wish them well, and move on. Don't take their garbage and spread it to other people at work, at home, or on the streets."

"The bottom line is that successful people do not let garbage trucks take over their day. Life's too short to wake up in the morning with regrets, so... love the people who treat you right, and pray for the ones who don't."

Remember... you cannot always choose what happens to you in life, but you can always choose how you react to it. We live by choice, not by chance.

NOW GO OUT AND MAKE IT A WONDERFUL DAY!



January 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Let our New Year's resolution be this: We will be there for one another as fellow members of humanity, in the finest sense of the word. Goran Persson				1 HAPPY NEW YEAR !!!	2 Happy Birthday Doug Mason	3
4	5 Ladies Meeting Olive's London Rd. 12:00 noon	6	7	8	9	10
11 ZONE MTG. Huron Shores 9:00 a.m.	12	13	14	15 ***** DINNER MTG NAVY CLUB 6:30 p.m. *****	16	17
18	19 Happy Birthday Jeff VanHuizen	20	21	22 Happy Birthday Vic Wardell	23 Happy Birthday Jack Smith	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31