



NEVER FEAR—WE WILL BE FOUND!

Francesca and Michael are flying to Australia for a month’s vacation to celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary. Suddenly, over the PA system, the Captain announces: “Ladies and Gentlemen, I have some bad news – our engines have ceased to function and we will be attempting an emergency landing. Luckily, I see an uncharted island below us and we should be able to land on the beach. However, you should know that the

odds are that we may never be rescued and we will have to live on the island for the rest of our lives”. Thanks to the skill of the flight crew the plane lands safely on the island. After a while, Michael turns to Francesca and asks ‘Sweetheart, did we pay our Visa and Mastercard bills yet?’ and she replies ‘No, darling, I didn’t have time’. Michael, still shaken from the crash landing, then asks ‘What about the American Express card?’ and she re-

plies ‘Oh, no. I didn’t get to send that cheque either!’. Michael asks ‘One last thing – did you remember to send the installment cheque for Revenue Canada this month?’. She responds ‘Oh, forgive me! I didn’t send that one either!’. Michael grabs hold of her and gives her a big kiss. Francesca says ‘What was that for?’. Michael says ‘Never fear – we’ll be OK – Revenue Canada will find us!’.

DIVIDENDS

‘Thoughtfulness comes in many forms, and is virtually always welcomed by its recipients. Thoughtfulness is a habit – a way of life well worth cultivating’ – William A. Ward.

The thoughtful person is quick to pay a well-deserved compliment, or to send a prompt note of congratulations to someone who has received a promotion, an honor, or special recognition.. Thoughtful people don’t wait for opportunities – they imaginatively create numerous opportunities to make life brighter, smoother, and more enjoyable for

those around them. Our thoughtful attitudes and generous deeds can make many people happy – including ourselves. Being thoughtful is being kind, it is being loving and considerate. It pays unexpected dividends down the road. Today, make sure you go out of your way to be thoughtful and kind – first of all to your own loved ones – and in some way to every life you touch!



Prayer Time

The while she darns the children's socks,
She prays for little stumbling feet;
Each folded pair within its box
Fits faith's bright sandals, sure and fleet.

While washing out, with mother pains,
Small dusty suits, and socks, and slips,
She prays that God may cleanse the stains
From little hands, and hearts, and lips.

And when she breaks the fragrant bread,
Or pours a portion in each cup,
For grace to keep their spirits fed
Her mother-heart is lifted up.

O busy ones, whose souls grow faint,
Whose tasks seem longer than the day,
It doesn't take a cloistered saint
To find a little time to pray.

-Dad

What's so "Punny"?

Why are Christmas trees like bad knitters?

They both drop their needles!

What did one Angel say to the other? "Halo there."

What's a snowman's favourite breakfast?

Frosted Flakes.

What did one Christmas tree say to another?

Lighten up!

What do you call a bankrupt Santa Claus?

Saint Nickel-Less.

Why was the snowman looking through the carrots?

He was picking his nose.

What do you call an obnoxious reindeer?

Rude-olph

What do you get if you eat Christmas decorations?

Tinsillitus

Did you hear about the man who stole an Advent calendar? He got 25 days.

How does the snow globe feel this year? A little shaken.

How does a sheep say Merry Christmas?

Fleece Navidad

What do Santa's little helpers learn at school?

The elf-abet!

Annual Bazaar

Hastings Manor Recreation Department would like to thank all Staff, Residents, Families, Friends, Visitors, Vendors, Volunteers, Community members and Donators for your support and contributions in making the Hastings Manor Annual Bazaar such a successful event! This event wouldn't be possible without the help of all of you. Thank you!



Family Council

Family Council had it's second meeting in November. It was helpful to share conversation and ideas with one another. A few suggestions were put forward to Hastings Manor leadership team, and we hope for a presentation by a Nurse Practitioner in the near future. Our next meeting is Monday, December 19, at 4 pm in the Multipurpose Room. We welcome all family or caregivers. Minutes of the meeting are posted on our new bulletin board, next to the Auditorium.

Helicopter Ride

Walter took his wife Ethel to the state fair every year, and every time he would say to her, “Ethel, you know that I’d love to go for a ride in that helicopter.” But Ethel would always reply, “I know that Walter, but that helicopter ride is 50 dollars and 50 dollars is 50 dollars.”

Finally, they went to the fair, and Walter said to Ethel, “Ethel, you know I’m 87 years old now. If I don’t ride that helicopter this year, I may never get another chance.” Once again Ethel replied, “Walter, you know that helicopter is 50 dollars and 50 dollars is 50 dollars.”

This time the helicopter pilot overheard the couple’s conversation and said, “Listen folks, I’ll make a deal with you. I’ll take both of you for a ride; if you can both stay quiet for the entire ride and not say a word I won’t charge you! But if you say just one word, it’s 50 dollars.”

Walter and Ethel agreed and up they went in the helicopter. The pilot performed all kinds of fancy moves and tricks, but not a word was said by either Walter or Ethel.

The pilot did his death-defying tricks over and over again, but still there wasn’t so much as one word said.

When they finally landed, the pilot turned to Walter and said, “Wow! I’ve got to hand it to you. I did everything I could to get you to scream or shout out, but you didn’t. I’m really impressed!”

Walter replied, “Well to be honest I almost said something when Ethel fell out but, you know, 50 dollars is 50 dollars!”

SHARPEN UP

A pencil maker told the pencil 5 important lessons just before putting it in a box.

1. Everything you do will always leave a mark.
2. You can always correct the mistakes you make.
3. What is important is what is inside you.
4. In life, you will undergo painful sharpenings which will only make you better.
5. To be the best pencil, you must allow yourself to be held and guided by the hand that holds you.

We all need to be constantly sharpened! This parable may encourage you to know that you are a special person, with unique God-given talents and abilities. Only you can fulfill the purpose which you were born to accomplish. Never allow yourself to get discouraged and think that your life is insignificant and cannot be changed and, like the pencil, always remember that the most important part of who you are.

December Birthdays

Allen (Elm)	Dec 1st	Betty (Pine)	Dec 29th
Alberta (Cedar)	Dec 1st	Hazel (Cedar)	Dec 30th
Shawn (Maple)	Dec 1st	Barbara (Elm)	Dec 31st
Mary Ellen (Elm)	Dec 5th	Kimberly (Oak)	Dec 31st
John (Beech)	Dec 5th	Natalie (Cedar)	Dec 31st
Elizabeth (Cedar)	Dec 8th		
Shirley (Pine)	Dec 17th		
John (Birch)	Dec 19th		
John (Maple)	Dec 20th		
Miriam (Spruce)	Dec 21st		
Grace (Birch)	Dec 23rd		
Jana (Maple)	Dec 26th		
Nancy (Maple)	Dec 29th		

Happy Birthday!!



Thoughts on Life

However good or bad a situation is, it will change.

Don't take yourself so seriously, no one else does.

Don't audit life. Show up and make the most of it now.

Growing old beats the alternative of dying young.

Your children get only one childhood.

All that truly matters in the end is that you loved.

Get outside every day. Miracles are waiting everywhere.

If we all threw our problems in a pile and

saw everyone else's, we'd grab ours back.

Envy is a waste of time. Accept what you already have, not what you need.

The best is yet to come.

No matter how you feel, get up, dress up, show up.

Yield.

Life isn't tied with a bow, but it's still a 'gift'.

God loves you because of who God is, not because of anything you did or didn't do!

December Word Scramble

MBCEDEER

YAOLSHDI

SOWN

LMAFIY

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WHTEAR

ERET

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GETROTHER

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EVEIEBL

GLAEN

TSEOLINRUO

RLCSAO

STGIHL

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STFAE

*Answers for Puzzles Found on Page 8

December

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Q O O D N K O C H R A T N A S N G

Gingerbread House
Christmas
Nativity
Dreidel
Advent
Sleigh
Holly

Feliz Navidad
Mistletoe
Stocking
Holiday
Eggnog
Wreath
Jolly

North Pole
Hanukkah
Chimney
Menorah
Latkes
Elves
Santa

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Hastings Manor Mitten Tree

Please help us keep our community warm this winter by donating hats, mittens and gloves to be placed on the Mitten Tree.

All donations will be given to the Belleville Fire Fighters Toy Drive

Mittens will be collected
until December 18th

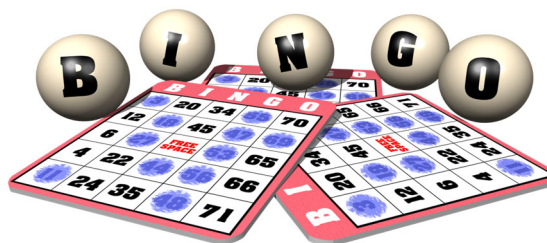
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Lion's Club Bingo Winners!

Lynn	\$10
Delores	\$10
Janet	\$10
Rita	\$20
Voula	\$10
Anne	\$10
Ian	\$10

Congratulations to all winners!



Word Scramble Answer Key: December, holidays, snow, family, poinsettia, wreath, tree, giving, together, friends, present, reindeer, Santa, believe, angel, resolution, carols, lights, stocking, feast