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Here Come the Holidays!

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR/PRESIDENT

As the leaves have set to turning, or fallen from their trees altogether, I am set to wondering about the changes we make all year long, but especially in the fall and winter.

I, personally, begin to go into hibernation mode where I lower my gears and prepare for a slower pace. My driving slows down thanks to snow and slush and ice, the abundance of local fresh fruits and vegetables slows down, and even the days slow down a little. About the only things that speeds up are my need for exercise (due to serious cabin fever which sets in early) and the snowfall.

As for my thinking, it slows a bit, too. No longer am I thinking about learning to do that kayak roll or identifying flowers and trees. I'm not thinking about all the errands that I can run when the weather is better. So perhaps this is the perfect opportunity to take advantage of this winter pause and think about all things relevant in life.

Hobbies are relevant in the winter. Where would we be if we couldn't pick up that hammer and nail and do a little redecorating? And how about our sports? Saturday college football and Sunday NFL football watching are hobbies many of us share (GO BROWNS)!

Chores, though sometimes tedious, are relevant in the winter. If you are like my husband and I, on those extra snowy days we drag out our snowblower, fire it up, and start clearing the drive, a difficult chore at times,

but a relevant and necessary one.

Then there is the chore of cutting firewood. Does anyone do that anymore? If so, there is the task of honing the axe and finding the wedge to split the trees into manageable, burnable logs.

There is the chore of staying warm. Whether you light a fire in the fireplace or crank up the furnace, it takes effort to stay warm. Personally, I prefer the treadmill to warm me up. It's there whenever I need it and just like that fire, the machine gets my blood pumping and gets my feet warm.

The other thing that seems so relevant during the fall and winter months is family. Where would we be without our loved ones to snuggle up to and take the chill off and to feel warmed by their very presence? Our loved ones cover for us when we need to step back and take a breath and they step back when we need to shine forth on our own.

So as we go back to the topic of change, ask yourself, how can I be better at my chores, my hobbies, and the way I treat my family? How can I step up the game a little and improve my relationship skills? Changing seasons, changing habits, they are inevitable. May your family thrive this season with all the blessings of the holidays and all days.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Laura Acierno (10)

POSTCARDS

Seattle, WA: Dana Huth (12) recently made a trip home to the Northeast Ohio area. She reports her trip was not nearly long enough (a long weekend) but she did get some action in before having to travel back to her new home with Neal in Seattle.

Dana was able to lunch with her mom and **Sally and Hank Huth** (11). After lunch, while Hank went back to work, Dana, Sally, and her mother **Karen** had a “girls day out,” shopping and site-seeing. They had a very nice break for wine and cheese in the Wooster area, (**Lon Johnson’s** (9) old stomping grounds. In fact, Dana and clan stopped at Wooster College to take some photos to send to Lon. To top it off, they all went to a reindeer farm where all the reindeer were white! Dana says it was a great day and one she will always remember.

Also while in town, Dana gathered with her immediate family for a Mexican dinner feast where she says she thoroughly enjoyed hearing about **Carol’s** new adventures. Dana reports her nephew (and Godson) **Grant** had a very good football season and homecoming dance where he was chosen as the junior representative for homecoming court! Congratulations Grant! **Madison**, one of Dana’s other nieces, is busy with her German studies and recently got a perfect score on one of her tests! You go, girl!

As for being in Seattle of late, Dana says she and Neal have had an opportunity to do a lot in their new home city. They have been kayaking, have walked many trails, and taken several bike rides from their home to Washington vineyards (Personally, I want to know who the designated rider is...). On top of all this, Neal has made friends with the owners of a whiskey company and has even started brewing his own whiskey. Dana says it sure would be great if some of the Huth clan could come by their way for a little “taste-testing.” (Did I say *little?*).



Hank, Sally, Karen, and Dana Huth enjoying a lunch break in town.

Dana and Neal’s new address is:
2452 196th Ave. SE
Sammamish, WA 98075

Vancouver, BC, Canada: Tim Huth and Lisa Andres (2) have recently undertaken a huge new project called IgnitePlay. It is an online social game that makes it easier for women to get better and exercise more. They are looking for early testers of their program and will be starting in about one month. If you are interested in being a tester, please contact Lisa or Tim at lisaandres@igniteplay.com.

Tucson, AZ: Recently, **Jan Huth** (6) fell ill with pneumonia and so she has packed her bags and headed for the sunny southwest to live with her son and daughter-in-law, **Eric and Yvonney**. We wish you the best Jan and will sure miss you at our Huth Reunion meetings!

Green Bay, WI: John and Karen Vuilemin (3) are now both AARP Driver Safety Program instructors and are getting ready for classes. John is also playing bridge several times each week as they are basking in the glory of their Green Bay Packers!

Sunrise Florida: Speaking of football, **Joseph Barnick** (10) got to chat with the Miami Dolphins cheerleaders who are affiliated with his father **Jeff’s** company.

