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Holiday Party:
Thursday
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5:30 pm
Mary Andrews' home



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A girl was visiting her blonde friend, who had acquired two new dogs, and asked her what their names were. The blonde responded by saying that one was named Rolex and one was named Timex.

Her friend said, "Whoever heard of someone naming dogs like that?"

"HELLOOOOOOOO.....," answered the blonde. "They're Watch dogs."

January Birthday:
 Joyce Humphreys (1/22)

The Prez says...

There's something magical in the darkness of the early mornings in Winter. The first peak out from under the covers to check the temperature in your house...cold nose, warm heart, child of Minnesota temperature gauge. Any additional coolness factor in the house is usually the first indication we've got a bone chiller outside. So, with a sigh and quick little shiver, you literally all but jump out of bed and armor up! Warm slippers, a big ol' comfy robe or sweater and get the coffee a 'brewin'! Next on the agenda, a quick peak outside...has Jack Frost scrolled boldly upon the glass of your windows, or are the still under the cover of dark, landscapes glowing in a new coat of white?



There's something especially personal and energizing about the quiet time of pre-dawn, before everyone else stirs. You're rested, the mind is clearer, the sense of home that envelopes you with a sense of security, of blessing, makes you feel downright good deep down to your core! It's just you, your warm cup of java, your thoughts of life, love and the day ahead. What a peaceful, self meditating kind of feeling and sense of moment in time it is. Definitely precious your/me time to make up your mind that your day is going to be just wonderful! And, adjust your attitude to a smile, give yourself that ever important little pep talk to get the proverbial ball rolling on the positive! Carpe Diem! (Or, if you have a house full of kids about to get up for school - to get into the I CAN DO THIS MORNING WITH AWESOMENESS frame of mind.)

As the dawn creeps your way, you get a few minor chores done in a leisurely fashion - feed the birds who will soon be gracing your little bird and suet feeders outside your window. Figure out dinner, perhaps fire up the crock pot for a wonderfully aromatic meal upon turning the key in the door come the end of the day. Perhaps feeding the pets, taking a few minutes to dish them some daily morning lovin's before you head off to work. Your day getting into full swing soon enough...sigh, indeed, early mornings and me-time, they are a gift!

For those of us who celebrate the holiday season there's a bonus to be had...to the delight of this ol'girl lighting the Christmas tree is my first course of action in the morning. A flip of a switch, the sound of the plug sliding into the outlet ...and Viola! the lights come on and the pre-dawn darkness of the room becomes....M-A-G-I-C! Beautiful glowing, happy lights and the slight movements of little ornaments from throughout the years - what could be better?! The perfect view to share with your ever so beloved of favorite mugs and your nectar-of-the-Gods coffee, tea or whatever wonderful and warm bevie floats your boat. So many happy thoughts, a swelling of love and joy... of memories past, of special to-do things on your list headed the way of friends, loved ones this year. And, just perhaps, even towards a stranger in need through an area holiday pro-

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Hostess, Mary has all the mainstays, please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Mary is an incredible hostess, this will be a fun evening for everyone!

Please bring an item for the auction.

Some members expressed a desire to donate warm winter wear again. If you wish to bring warm mittens/gloves/hats/socks to go to those without, that is entirely up to you. Susan will see to it that they get delivered to the charity of your choice.

Directions to Mary Andrews' home at 34089 Unger Drive, Grand Rapids.

Take 169 S from Grand Rapids. Turn right onto Shadywood Rd [467] (the Country House is on the left). Go 1 mile. Turn left onto S Crystal Springs Road [250]. Go .4 miles, take the 2nd Unger Drive, NOT the first one! To the right. [466] 34089 will be on the left. Second driveway – log home - sits back from the road - (park as close as you can to the house) will have lights on - let yourself in!

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The Prez says... *Continued*

gram... as the holiday spirit fills your heart and overflows with the blessings and gratitudes of your life.


Three cheers for the peace and quiet of early morns and the magic they give us... should we just choose to wake up and smell the coffee.

Best Wishes for a special season of love, gratitude and blessings and a Very Happy and Prosperous New Year!

Warmly,

Susan Jordahl-Bubacz

Grandma used to say... "All happiness depends on a leisurely breakfast." "Faith is the bird that feels the light when the dawn is still dark." Granny and Henry David Thoreau, "We must learn to reawaken and keep ourselves awake, not by mechanical aid, but by an infinite expectation of the dawn." Finally, Granny and Emily Dickenson, "Not knowing when the dawn will come I open every door."



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Wishing you a
Joyous Holiday Season
 and a New Year filled with
 Peace and Happiness

[Signature]

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From all of us at
 The Timberlake Lodge

Mary + Mike Jones

Wendy Vung

Dusty Gould

Suzanne Larson

*Card received from the staff
 at TimberLake Lodge where
 we held THE Craft show in
 November.*

Our Legacy:
 Preserving ...Living ...Sharing

Silly Signs

- On a BBQ restaurant: "House of Grill Repute."
- On a rodeo gate: "Bronc riders needed immediately. Big bucks possible!"
- At a golf course: "Putt an end to your troubles."
- On a tire company: "Our tires will give your car good traction on wet roads. We skid you not!"
- At a taxi company: "We drive away all our customers."
- On an oil rig: "We do a fuel day's work."