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Random Thoughts

Christmas gift suggestions: To your enemy, forgiveness. To an opponent, tolerance. To a affiend, your heart. To a customer, service. To all, charity. To every child, a good example. To yourself, respect. Oren Arnold

I like long walks, especially when they are taken by people who annoy me. Fred Allen

Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future. John F. Kennedy

Just a reminder:

We will be showing Arthur Christmas at the Movie Mill on Saturday December 8th @ 9:00 AM

Please RRVP to Mary by Monday December 8th.

Did you know...

Xmas, the abbreviation for Christmas is derived from the word XPIΣΤΟΣ.

Translated as Christos, it is Greek for Christ. Greek is the language in which the whole New Testament was written.

Originally, Xmas was an abbreviation where the X represented the Greek letter chi, which is the first letter of Christ's name.

Canadians are expected to spend 15% more on the holidays this year compared to last, BMO projects. Respondents to the bank's annual survey plan to spend an average of \$1,610 this holidays season, up from \$1,397 in 2011. Roughly \$675 of that will be spent on gifts.

Tis the Month Before Christmas

Tis the month before Christmas, we're all going nuts;
With so much to do, there's no ifs, ands or buts.
Buy presents, hang tree lights, pop cards in the mail,
Send gift packs, thread popcorn, find turkeys on sale.

Decorations need stringing up all through the house.
And you haven't a clue what to buy for your spouse.
School concerts, receptions, open houses with friends,
Long lineups, short tempers, tying up the loose ends.

With all our mad dashing, we're reeling from shock;
Let's stop for a minute and really take stock.

It's crassly commercial, the cynical say;
If that's true, that our fault-it's us and not they.

Take time for yourself-though hard as that seems—
Enjoy your kids' laughter, excitement and dreams.

Take a moment out now, don't get overly riled,
Instead make an angel in snow with your child.

The shortbread can wait, and so can the tree;
What's important to feel is a child's sense of glee.
The holidays aren't about push, rush and shove;
They're for friendship and sharing and family love.

Hear the bells, feel the warmth, light up with the glow
Of a message first sent to us so long ago:
Peace, love and goodwill, and hope burning bright.
Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night!

'Twas the Night Before...

For a multitude of variations on the theme
of the famous Christmas poem go to:

http://www.appleseeds.org/twas-night vers.htm

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At our recent client dinner held on November 7th, we were able to raise \$1,910 for the Ronald McDonald House in Calgary. As many of you know, this is a charity that means a lot to me and my family. The Ronald McDonald Houses across Canada are currently serving more than 10,000 families of children who are seriously ill and being treated at nearby hospitals. Ronald McDonald Houses provide a very special home away from home. I am seen here delivering our donation to Alyssia Premji at the Calgary Ronald McDonald House.

They were very appreciative of your outstanding generosity.

