### Just remember these as you travel for the Holidays...

A DC airport ticket agent offers some examples of 'why' our country is in trouble:

- 1. I had a New Hampshire Congresswoman (Carol Shea-Porter) ask for an aisle seat so that her hair wouldn't get messed up by being near the window. (On an airplane!)
- 2. I got a call from a Kansas Congressman's (Moore) staffer (Howard Bauleke), who wanted to go to Capetown. I started to explain the length of the flight and the passport information, and then he interrupted me with, I'm not trying to make you look stupid, but Capetown is in Massachusetts.

Without trying to make him look stupid, I calmly explained, "Cape Cod is in Massachusetts, Capetown is in Africa "his response -- click."

3. A senior Vermont Congressman (Bernie Sanders) called, furious about a Florida package we did. I asked what was wrong with the vacation in Orlando. He said he was expecting an ocean-view room. I tried to explain that's not possible, since Orlando is in the middle of the state.

He replied, 'don't lie to me, I looked on the map and Florida is a very thin state!" (OMG)

<b>December Birthdays</b>
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Frank Tanzella Dec. 4th

Wendy Mitchell-Mathews

Dec. 7th

Troy Mashburn Dec. 20th

### **Rotary Anniversary**

George Donovan
Bill Slobodkin
Bob Fedor
Bill Schaefer
Kip Janes
Dec. 1 - 42 years
Dec. 1 - 33 years
Dec. 1 - 31 years
Dec. 1 - 26 years
Dec. 31 - 12 years



# SEMINOLE SMOKE SIGNALS



**ROTARY 2015-2016** 

Club Number 4289

**December 9, 2015** 

**PRAYER FOR TODAY**: Thank you, Father, for the beauty of our world. Open our eyes so that we never miss a moment of the wonder surrounding us. Amen.

PROGRAM THIS WEEK: Laurallyn Segar, Eckerd

**Community Alternatives** 

PROGRAM LAST WEEK: Harry Gross, Gulf Coast Dental

Outreach

PROGRAM NEXT WEEK: Brent Douglas, Eckerd College,

**Christmas Music Program** 

## **Upcoming Events:**

Dec. 23rd: No Meeting Dec. 30th: No Meeting

#### **Rotary Club of Seminole Officers 2015-2016:**

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FROM: Patty Lewis, Human Resources Director

TO: All Employees DATE: October 1, 2014 RE: Gala Christmas Party

I'm happy to inform you that the company Christmas Party will take place on December 23rd, starting at noon in the private function room at the Grill House. There will be a cash bar and plenty of drinks! We'll have a small band playing traditional carols... feel free to sing along. And don't be surprised if our CEO shows up dressed as Santa Claus! A Christmas tree will be lit at 1:00 PM. Exchanges of gifts among employees can be done at that time; however, no gift should be over \$10.00 to make the giving of gifts easy for everyone's pockets. This gathering is only for employees!

Our CEO will make a special announcement at that time!

Merry Christmas to you and your family,

FROM: Patty Lewis, Human Resources Director

TO: All Employees DATE: October 2, 2014 RE: Gala Holiday Party

In no way was yesterday's memo intended to exclude our Jewish employees. We recognize that Hanukkah is an important holiday, which often coincides with Christmas, though unfortunately not this year. However, from now on, we're calling it our "Holiday Party." The same policy applies to any other employees who are not Christians and to those still celebrating Reconciliation Day. There will be no Christmas tree and no Christmas carols will be sung. We will have other types of music for your enjoyment.

Happy now?

Happy Holidays to you and your family,

Patty

FROM: Patty Lewis, Human Resources Director

TO: All Employees DATE: October 3, 2014 RE: Holiday Party

Regarding the note I received from a member of Alcoholics Anonymous requesting a non-drinking table, you didn't sign your name. I'm happy to accommodate this request, but if I put a sign on a table that reads, "AA Only", you wouldn't be anonymous anymore. How am I supposed to handle this?

Somebody?

And sorry, but forget about the gift exchange, no gifts are allowed since the union members feel that \$10.00 is too much money and the executives believe \$10.00 is a little chintzy.

REMEMBER: NO GIFTS EXCHANGE WILL BE ALLOWED.

FROM: Patty Lewis, Human Resources Director

To: All Employees

DATE: October 4, 2014 RE: Generic Holiday Party

What a diverse group we are! I had no idea that December 20th begins the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, which forbids eating and drinking during daylight hours. There goes the party! Seriously, we can appreciate how a luncheon at this time of year does not accommodate our Muslim employees' beliefs. Perhaps the Grill House can hold off on serving your meal until

the end of the party or else package everything for you to take it home in little foil doggy baggy. Will that work? Meanwhile, I've arranged for members of Weight Watchers to sit farthest from the dessert buffet, and pregnant women will

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Gays are allowed to sit with each other. Lesbians do not have to sit with Gay men, each group will have their own table.

Yes, there will be flower arrangement for the Gay men's table.

To the person asking permission to cross dress, the Grill House asks that no cross-dressing be allowed, apparently because of concerns about confusion in the restrooms. Sorry.

We will have booster seats for short people.

Low-fat food will be available for those on a diet.

I am sorry to report that we cannot control the amount of salt used in the food. The Grill House suggests that people with high blood pressure taste a bite first.

There will be fresh "low sugar" fruits as dessert for diabetics, but the restaurant cannot supply "no sugar" desserts. Sorry! Did I miss anything?!?!?

Patty

FROM: Patty Lewis, Human Resources Director

TO: All F **Employees** DATE: October 5, 2014

RE: The F Holiday Party

I've had it with you vegetarian pricks!!! We're going to keep this party at the Grill House whether you like it or not, so you can sit quietly at the table furthest from the "grill of death," as you so quaintly put it, and you'll get your f salad bar, including organic tomatoes. But you know, tomatoes have feelings, too. They scream when you slice them. I've heard them scream. I'm hearing them scream right NOW!

The rest of you wierdos can kiss my \*ss. I hope you all have a rotten holiday!

The B\*tch from H\*ll!!!

FROM: Joan Bishop, Acting Human Resources Director

DATE: October 6, 2014

RE: Patty Lewis and Holiday Party

I'm sure I speak for all of us in wishing Patty Lewis a speedy recovery and I'll continue to forward your cards to her.

In the meantime, management has decided to cancel our Holiday Party and give everyone the afternoon of the 23rd off with full

Happy Holidays!

Joan

And you wondered what happened to all of those Company Parties???