




**BEST WISHES FOR**

The very best of Holiday Wishes to all our friends.

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**Health to You**



In the days of the Saxons, "wassail" was a popular greeting meaning "health to you." It later became a Yuletide drinking toast, and cups of hot wassail were given to visiting Christmas carolers.

Here is the recipe for a cherry bowl which will help extend a hearty welcome to your Christmas guests.

**CHRISTMAS WASSAIL**

2 quarts sweet cider  
6 whole cloves  
1 three-inch stick of cinnamon  
6 whole allspice  
1/4 cup light brown sugar  
Juice of 6 oranges  
(16 to 20 punch cups)

Simmer the cider, spices and sugar for 15 minutes. Let stand for 12 hours. Then add orange juice. Strain, reheat and serve.

Serve wassail hot from a large bowl and green cherries, orange slices or small baked apples floating in it. Place the bowl on a holly-trimmed tray.

**St. Francis Gave Much to Christmas**

Some 400 years before Saint Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, performed the many acts of generosity and kindness which made his life a great legend and gave him the "Santa Claus" character we know today, another Saint—St. Francis of Assisi made other contributions to our celebration of Christmas.

St. Francis lived in the small Italian village of Garcia. In the year 1200 A.D., St. Francis arranged the first manger scene in a cave near the monastery where he lived. The scene was typical of that at Bethlehem. There was a manger filled with hay, an ox and an ass. St. Francis and his followers celebrated mass at the cave and sang hymns in honor of the Christ Child.


Himself a lover of music, St. Francis believed that the early chants (written in Latin) were too theological to be popular. He felt that Christmas music should be religious, yet should be more in keeping with the festivity spirit. He is generally credited with being the influence behind the more modern Christmas carols, which spread from Italy to France, from there to Germany; then to England and elsewhere.

**WHITE HOUSE TREES**

President Theodore Roosevelt, an ardent conservationist, once disapproved of Christmas trees and for several years forbade any being brought into the White House.

But one year his sons, Archie and Quentin, smuggled one in and set it up in Archie's room. After the discovery, Gifford Pinchot, a great forester and conservationist, soothed T. R. by explaining that supervised and careful harvesting of Christmas trees — as thinning — was good for the forests.

Ever since, the White House has had an indoor tree.



May all the joys of the Yuletide season be yours in great abundance!

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**CHANDLER'S GARAGE**  
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**WHERE TIME STARTS**

The starting point of time is the admiral's date line, which curves east and west of the 180th meridian in such a way that it lies always in the ocean.

First to welcome each New Year are the residents of the Chatham Islands, New Zealand, just east of the line.

From its starting point, the New Year moves westerly at the speed of 1,000 miles per hour.

**AMERICAN CAROLS**

Three of our loveliest Christmas carols were written by Americans.

In 1849, Edmund H. Sears composed "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" and in 1859 Dr. John Henry Hopkins Jr., composed "We Three Kings of Orient Are." "O Little Town of Bethlehem" was written in 1868 by Phillips Brooks.

**Christmas Tree, Though Beautiful, Potential Killer**

Your Christmas tree is a beautiful and necessary Christmas decoration. It's also a potential killer. Decorative as it may be, your holiday tree is filled with pitch and resin—among the most combustible substances known.

Here are some suggestions that will eliminate the dangers of a tree fire in your home this holiday season:

Choose a small tree. It's less dangerous than a big one. Don't set it up until a few days before Christmas. Until then, keep it outdoors. Place it in the coolest part of the house, well away from fireplaces and radiators. And don't let it block an exit.

Stand it in water, or use a live tree planted in a tub. Never use cotton or paper for the decorations on or around the tree. Do not put electric trains under the tree. Use only electric lights, never candles, and see that wires are not frayed. Be sure that wiring sets for lights show they have been tested for safety. Provide a switch some distance from the tree for turning tree lights on and off. Don't plug or unplug them beneath the tree. Throw away all gift wrappings as soon as the presents have been opened. Don't let them pile up near the tree.

Don't leave the lights burning when no one is home. If needles near the lights turn brown, move the lights. When needles start to fall, take the tree down and discard it.

For happy holidays, see that children get at least their usual amount of sleep.



May you share abundantly in the many joys of Christmas!

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**Evergreens Mourning Symbols for Finns**

Evergreens are never used as decorations in the homes and churches of Finland because the Finns regard them as symbols of mourning.

At Christmas most homes where there are children suspend a "heaven" from the living room ceiling. Such "heavens" consist of a cord framework covered with straw and different colors of paper ribbon, etc., and decorated with paper stars and silhouettes cut in various designs. The effect, when reflecting the firelight and the candles' glow, is mysterious and fascinating.

Candles are used profusely in the churches; the altars are banked and the windows are filled with them, so that before dawn on Christmas morning the churches beckon approaching worshippers like brilliant lanterns.

**Egyptians Pioneers in Study of Time**

The Egyptians were probably the first to develop any "exact" method of calculating time—about 4,000 B.C. they devised a "solar" calendar.

The Christian era begins on January 1, in the middle of the fourth year of the 194th Olympiad, the 753rd year of the building of Rome and in the 4714th year of the Julian period.

The Jewish calendar reads 5721 in relation to 1856 A.D., since according to Jewish dogma and tradition the Creation antedated the birth of Christ approximately 3,761 years. The Jewish calendar was adopted during the 15th century.

Use of the notation A.D. (year of our Lord) was inaugurated in 679 by Charles III of Germany.

**PARADE OF FIREMEN**

Firemen have always been popular heroes in Japan because the construction of Japanese homes makes them fire hazards. So an annual feature of New Year's Day is the annual *denomeshiki*—parade of the fire brigades.



Season's Greetings

As Santa said to the reindeer, "It's a real privilege to serve so many wonderful people." We are proud and thankful for the privilege of serving you, and we wish you a very happy holiday.

**LEAGUE'S DAIRY**  
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**Season's Greetings**

May you have...

- the happiest of holidays, warm
- with the joys of friendship, and bright
- with the delights found
- in the traditional festivities of the season.

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