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Christmas is almost here! And as of today it's starting to look it.
Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow!

Our Christmas party was, as always, a very fun time. Thank you Mary Jane and Amanda for hosting (MJ, your house looked beautiful)

Our January meeting will be January 10th. Site to be determined soon. Sarah Jonson, Northern Maine Community Director, is trying to arrange her schedule so she can be our guest speaker that evening. More details will follow.
Hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday season. And best of luck for the New Year.

Yours in Fellowship,

Dawn



Membership Information

Angel Howe: President
Amanda Schools: Vice President
Mary Jane Cleary: Secretary
Stacey Perry: Treasurer
Amanda Mitchell: New Member
Tracy Levesque: New Member
Amanda Dunn
Bobbie Jo Landry

Carol Curtis
Dawn Halkyard
Julie Bradstreet
Julie Folsom
Kim Dube
Marcene Long
Sharon Leighton
Vicki Hagerman



Committee Information

Education: Angel
Public Relations: Stacey
Membership: Julie B
Nominating: Vicki
Scholarship: Amanda D
Website/Newsletter: Dawn

Scrapbook/Camera: Amanda S
Safety: Mary Jane
Audit: Chair: Julie F
Co-Chair: Amanda D
Fundraising: Angel



Meeting Information

September: Angel
October: Lincoln
November: Angel & Julie B
December: Mary Jane & Amanda S
January: Dawn & Marcene
February: Vicki and Julie B

March: Houlton location
April:
Industry Night: Committee
May:
June: Lincoln

CHILDREN'S SAFETY ZONE

Christmas Safety Tips

Christmas Tree Safety

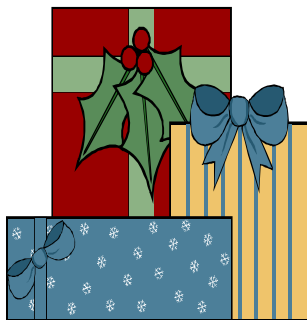
Consider an artificial tree (they are much safer and cleaner).



- A real tree should not lose green needles when you tap it on the ground.
 - Cut 1 inch off the trunk to help absorb water.
 - Leave the tree outside until ready to decorate.
 - The stand should hold at least 1 gal. of water.
 - A 6' tree will use 1 gallon of water every two days.
 - Mix a commercial preservative with the water.
 - Check the water level every day.
 - Secure the tree with wire to keep it from tipping.
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- Keep tree away from floor heaters, fire places, or other heat sources.
 - Use only UL-listed lights, and no more than 3 strands linked together.
 - Use miniature lights--which have cool-burning bulbs.
 - Turn off the Christmas lights when you sleep, or if you leave your home for very long.
 - Never use candles, even on artificial trees.
 - Clean the tree stand to improve the tree's water intake, use one capful of bleach to a cup of water.
 - Dispose of the tree properly.

NEVER BURN A REAL TREE IN THE FIREPLACE.

Home Safety



- Install a smoke detector or new batteries in the one(s) you have and TEST it.
- Use only outdoor lights outside your home.
- Examine light strings each year, discard worn ones.
- Fasten the bulbs securely and point the sockets down to avoid moisture build up.
- Connect no more than three strands together.
- Never use indoor extension cords outside.
- Avoid overloading wall outlets and extension cords.
- Keep outdoor electrical connectors above ground and out of puddles and snow.

- Unplug light string before replacing a bulb. Review the original package to verify proper wattage and voltage.
- When connecting light strands, wrap a plastic bag around connections and tie ends with teflon tape.
- Never use electric lights on a metallic tree, use colored spot lights.
- Make sure trees hung with X-mas lights are not touching power lines.
- When using candles, place them a safe distance from combustibles.
- Place candles in sturdy containers. Remember, hot wax burns kids.
- Extinguish candles prior to going to bed.
- Dispose of fireplace ashes into a metal container until cold.
- After parties, check around and under sofa and chair cushions for smoldering cigarettes. (Provide lots of ash trays)
- Install at least one carbon monoxide detector in your home.
- Have an operable fire extinguisher readily available.

"Safety" gift ideas

Put together a gift basket containing one or more of the following items:

- Three smoke detectors and batteries.
- A quality fire extinguisher.
- A flashlight and batteries or light sticks.
- A first-aid kit.
- A carbon Monoxide detector.
- A mobile phone.
- A second floor escape ladder.
- "Emergency kit"- energy bars, water, battery radio, flashlight/light sticks and a first-aid kit packed in a small travel bag.



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Calendar of Upcoming Events

December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
18	19	20 Hanukkah 	21 Winter Solstice	22	23	24 Christmas Eve
25 	26 Candy Cane Day 	27	28	29 Tick Tock Day 	30	31 New Year's Eve 

January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 	2	3 Drinking Straw Day 	4 Tom Thumb Day	5	6 Three King's Day 	7
8 Bubble Bath Day 	9	10 Meeting 	11	12	13 Blame Someone Else Day	14 Dress Up Your Pet Day
15	16 Nothing Day	17	18 Winnie the Pooh Day	19	20 Camcorder Day 	21
22	23 National Handwriting Day	24	25	26 Peanut Brittle Day	27	28
29 Puzzle Day 	30	31				



COLLECT

Take us, O God, under Thy divine protection

Make us to act as Thy messengers for peace and contentment, for harmony and understanding.

Grant that we may see more clearly the point of view of other men and women in all lines of insurance.

Realizing the highly competitive nature of our business, teach us to respect competition at all times.

Keep us free from pettiness and unwise discrimination.

Let us do our work willingly, honestly and thoroughly, giving service graciously at all times.

Teach us, O Lord, to know and to realize that by Thy grace we can live in perfect peace with one another.

And grant that through this organization we may become closer in friendship and understanding.

Amen