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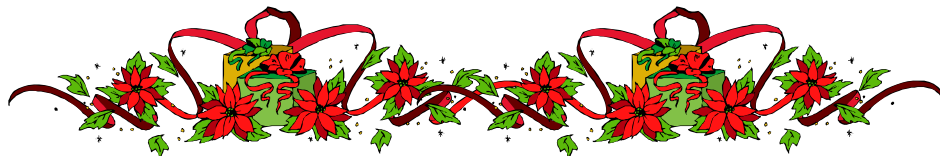
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Dixie Shaw was our guest speaker for our November meeting. Dixie is our contact for the Catholic Charities of Maine and the clothing drive we are sponsoring. Dixie was very informative.

The clothing drive is ongoing through the month of December so please remember to donate your old clothes!

We had a good show of support for the March of Dimes Pink and Blue Jeans campaign. This year we will be donating \$600 to the cause!

Our Christmas party is coming up on December 6. Hope to see everyone there!



*Dawn*

2011-2012 Officers

President: Angel Howe  
Vice President: Amanda Schools  
Secretary: Mary Jane Cleary  
Treasurer: Stacey Perry

## Membership Information

Angel Howe: President  
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## 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

Insurance Association of Greater Houlton  
Minutes of Meeting  
November 15, 2011  
Mars Hill Office

Members Present: Amanda S. Dawn, Julie F. Tracy, Julie B., Angel, Ginger, Stacey, Kim, Sharon, Mary Jane.

Guest Present: Dixie Shaw

The meeting was called to order at 6:12 with the reading of the Collect.

Treasurer's Report: Stacey

Minutes: No corrections.

Old Business:

\*Blue Jeans for Babies – March of Dimes. The final amount collected was \$558.77. It was decided to send an additional \$41.23 making the final donation to the March of Dimes \$600.

\*Ink cartridges were collected for Kid Kare America.

\*Stacey has asked Kate for clarification on what is expected of our association for Mini Board. There hasn't been a response so Angel advised to contact Laurel which Stacey will do.

\*Clothing Drive-Donations have been coming in regularly for the drive. Items are being delivered to Catholic Charity every week. This is still an ongoing project and Mary Jane can be contacted if there are any questions.

\*The training class that was held in November was very successful. Everyone agreed that it was very beneficial to our association.

\*There was discussion regarding incurrent. The scholarship and use of the company van are acceptable as all members could use them.

New Business

\*Christmas Party will be on December 6 at Mary Jane's home. Amanda S. and Mary Jane will be hosting. It will be potluck with a Yankee swap.

\*Community Service projects for Christmas. There was discussion that each office will take an angel from the tree and purchase the gifts. If anyone knows a service member please give the

names to Dawn and we will purchase 4 \$20 calling cards. It was discussed that next year we may adopt a unit in the military and provide care packages.

\* Vicki is working on last year's taxes.

\* Angel passed out information regarding record retention. We now have clarification on how long certain items need to be retained.

\* Fundraising will need to take place for Industry Night 2012. Mary Jane will speak with Chris regarding the possibility of having a breakfast at the Houlton office for employees. This hasn't taken place for a number of years.

\* Dawn will prepare the scholarship information for each school and will forward the information to each office.

Guest Speaker:

Dixie Shaw from Catholic Charities was the guest speaker. She explained that they have a food bank located in Caribou. They provide food for 25 food pantries in Aroostook County each month. Each pantry gets a pallet of food. There are 3 requirements for food pantries to obtain food: 1. They need to pick up the food. 2. They must not discriminate. 3. Monthly reports need to be done showing number of people served. Catholic Charities has operated a Thrift Store in Caribou for 10 years. They opened a Thrift Store in Presque Isle 2 years ago. 100% of the profit goes to food for the food pantries in Aroostook County.





Catholic Charities has started a recycling program for clothing. They received grants for a location in Monticello. They purchased a bailer and a forklift. The clothing is collected, bailed and shipped to other countries. They are paid by the pound for the shipment. They have recently shipped their first load of clothing and received \$8,000 in profit that was used to purchase food. They collect clothing, shoes, purses and belts. The amount paid per pound is higher for shoes. As of November 15<sup>th</sup> we have collected 10 containers. 66 containers are needed for a full truck load.

Members had brought cereal to the meeting which was given to Dixie for the food bank.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Jane Cleary, Secretary

# NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
13 International Tongue Twister Day	14	15 America Recycles Day 	16	17 Angel's B- Day 	18	19 Have a Bad Day Day
20	21 World Television Day	22	23	24 Thanksgiving 	25 Flossing Day	26
27 National Day of Listening	28 Tracy's B-Day 	29	30			

# DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Amanda S. B-Day 	3
4 National Cookie Day 	5	6 St Nicholas Day	7	8	9 National Salesperson Day	10
11	12 Poinsettia Day 	13	14	15	16 Chocolate Covered Anything Day	17
18	19	20	21 Crossword Puzzle Day	22	23	24
25 	26	27	28	29	30 Bacon Day 	31

# Community Service 2011

## ~Thanksgiving baskets~



Lincoln



Mars Hill/Presque Isle/Caribou



Houlton



## March of Dimes:

We raised a total of \$600.00 this year! We had 4 participants: All F.A. Peabody locations, Gallagher Insurance, Randy Lincoln Agency, and Paradis Shop N' save in Houlton (Photo location).



## Catholic Charities of Maine

Dixie Shaw of Catholic Charities of Maine is pictured above with our cereal donations.



## Safe Winter Driving Tips

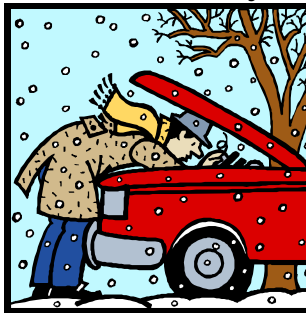


Winter is a great season for vacations, offering wonderful opportunities for weekend getaways, downhill and cross-country skiing, and visiting friends and relatives during the holidays. But winter travel can quickly become winter trauma if you aren't prepared for the extra challenges of winter driving.

Before you hit the road this winter, take time to prepare yourself and your vehicle for winter driving. Here are a few winter driving tips.

### 1. Winterize your vehicle.

- Check tire pressure.
- Inspect all belts and hoses.
- Make sure the battery is fully charged.
- Change the oil, switching to a thinner grade of engine oil for better performance in colder temperatures.
- Inspect the wipers and wiper fluid to ensure better visibility



### 2. Driving in Snow.

- Drive more slowly.
- Brake before you turn a corner.
- If you go into a skid, turn your wheels into the skid and accelerate slightly to regain control of your vehicle. This does not mean intuitive, so it may help to practice in an empty parking lot or deserted road before you experience this in traffic.



- ### 3. Pack an emergency road kit. Pack the basics, such as emergency flares, extra oil and antifreeze, blankets and drinking water, and a cell phone so that you can call for assistance.

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## 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