



Happy Thanksgiving !

AH Donations

The list of donations as of September are:

205 toys (over 300 needed)
150 Blankets (over 300 needed in sizes 30" x 30" and 30" x 36")

**Dożynki
Poland's Thanksgiving**

While the U.S. and Canadian Thanksgiving days are held in November and October, in Poland the harvest festival is held in August or September. Called "dożynki," the celebration of this festival has roots in rural traditions of past centuries and continues today in farming regions around the country.

In the days of peasants and nobility, the end of harvest was a significant event marked with rituals. The day usually began with a Holy Mass, where the usual offering of communion wafers and wine was supplemented with baskets of fruit and grains, a harvest wreath, herbs and flowers.

After the Mass, the villagers would assemble on the grounds of the lord's manor. They would choose a

"przodownica," ostensibly the best female harvester of the season but generally often chosen for her beauty.

Adorned with a crown of grain sheaves and ribbons, the przodownica would offer to the lord and lady a przepiórka, a beautifully woven wreath that would be hung in a place of honor in the manor.

The harvest feast would now begin, sponsored by the lord and lady. With much toasting, the participants celebrated with typical peasant dishes, including sausage, pork hocks, pig's feet in aspic, cheese, noodles, cabbage, cucumbers in sour cream, rye bread, and pickles. Vodka and beer would be available in quantity, and dessert would consist of cakes and fresh fruit such as apples, pears, plums, and cherries.

After the feast, the music and dancing would begin, lasting until the early morning.

Today's dożynki festivals in Poland continue the old rituals, usually substituting a local elected official in place of the lord. Dożynki festivals are also celebrated in the U.S. and Canadian Polish communities.

<http://goeasteurope.about.com/cs/holidayscustoms/a/dozynki.htm>

A little something from Debbie Beresford

Is there someone on your Christmas list who is difficult to buy for?

How about a 2006 calendar? A few weeks ago, Caryl P. and I met two of the Westend Girls, Mississauga's own version of the Calendar girls. These ladies have created a 14 month calendar for 2006. Proceeds from this will be going to The Princess Margaret Hospital Foundation in support of cervical cancer eradication. The ladies in the calendar range in age from 27 to 68.

Some are cancer survivors but all have been touched by it in some way. The calendar is very professional and the enthusiasm these ladies have for this project is obvious. Next year they are talking about doing a Westend boys calendar. I know I'll be watching for that one! For more information, go to www.westendgirls2006calendar.com. Not only could you scratch a gift off your list but you'll be supporting a great cause!

Debbie B.

THANK YOU

We want to extend a huge thank you to The Mississauga Symphony Orchestra (MSO) for their generous donations of Romance books for the



women we support at Angel Hugs.

In September, the Mississauga Symphony held their 10th Anniversary Used Book Sale at The Sheridan Center on Erin Mills Pkwy just north of the QEW. Proceeds go to the Mississauga Symphony to help finance their concert series, education and outreach programs.

The MSO is accepting donations of books, quality magazines, records, CD's, videos, tapes, sheet music, jigsaw puzzles and postcards. They also need sorting helpers. Donations are being accepted from October 2005 through April 2006. To arrange your drop-off of materials call 905-274-0653 or 905-278-5083.

Website:
www.mississaugasymphony.com

Angelic Recipe *(from Annette and Claudette's Mom)*

ROTINI SALAD

2 cups carrots cut up and cooked
4 cups noodles
¾ cup vinegar
1 cup tomato soup
1/3 cup cooking oil
1 tsp each salt and pepper
2 tsp dry mustard
2 tsp HP sauce
2 tsp garlic powder
1 green pepper, diced
1 onion, diced

Boil water and cook noodles

until done.

Mix remaining ingredients in a saucepan and heat until steam starts to form. Take mixture off heat and stir in cooked carrots and noodles.

Cool in refrigerator until cold and serve.

☺ Smiles & Giggles

Q1: How do you mend a broken Jack-o-Lantern?
A: With a pumpkin patch.
Q2: What's the ratio of a pumpkin's circumference to it's diameter?
A: Pumpkin Pi.

Welcome New Members!

Mary Ellen H.
Lorraine H.
Ada G.

Welcome back Joan O.



Geraldine F. – Oct. 31
Shelley G. – Oct. 18
Mala L. – Oct. 1
Marianne W. – Oct. 28



↩ Happy Start Date Anniversary

Carissa B. - 1999
Debbie B. - 1999
Kay B. - 2002
Lynn D. - 2003

Joan D. – 2002
Shelley G. – 2002
Joyce W. – 2004
Denise W. – 2002

Apologies to Carol V. who celebrated her Anniversary date in September - 2002.

A Reminder about Ultra Mart, A&P & DOMINION SLIPS

Our total for the year translated into \$107.00. Outstanding job ladies. ☺

Unfortunately, Food Basics receipts are no longer accepted.

Keep collecting those cash register receipts ladies! You're doing a great job!!

✚ Thoughts & Inspirations ✚

Congratulations! Carol V. celebrated 50 years of marriage to husband Clarence on September 3, 2005.

If you have any ideas or suggestions for the newsletter, please email us (Annette P. or Claudette D.) at info@angelhugs.com

