



TOPLINES



"Christmas gift suggestions: To your enemy, forgiveness. To an opponent, tolerance. To a friend, your heart. To a customer, service. To all, charity. To every child, a good example. To yourself, respect." -Oren Arnold



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T'was the Night Before Christmas

(Dog Version)

It was about time for Christmas, and all through the house

A creature was stirring, but it wasn't a mouse

I knew right away it was my wife's little pup,

She thought we were sleeping, and so she was up

The dog was a gift it was coercion, really,

A woman can pout, 'til a man gets downright silly.

And now the wife was snoozing she was really sacked out

She wouldn't have awoke from less than a shout.

Yes, her in her nightgown, I in my BVDs,

We had finally settled down to catch some Zs

When off in the kitchen there arose such a clatter,

I rolled from the bed to see what was the matter.

Away down the hall, my head in a muddle,

I reached the kitchen...and stepped in a puddle.

The glow from a nightlight illuminated the room,

So how come I stumbled over the broom?

I fell in a sprawl, my legs were not stable.

On the way down, my nose hit the table.

My head was a spinnin' and when I came to rest

Four miniature dog feet stood on my chest.

With a lick and a bark, she bounded away,
Into the living room, she ran to play.

More rapid than mice, that Schnauzer ran,
Me on the follow, rolled newspaper in hand.

"Stop, Skeeter! Stop, Dog! Stop, Pup!

Halt, Pooch! Halt, Girl! Oh, come'ere, you mutt!

"Get off the new couch! Now let go of that curtain!

Ohhh...If I ever catch you, you're gonna' be hurtin'"

As winds of a Texas tornado do fly,

She spun round the room, down low and up high.

Then up on the countertop, that puppy went

She stopped for a second. I thought she was spent.

I make a quick lunge, she ducked me and then

Yawned when I dove through the flour bin.

As I drew out my head and was turning around,

She made for the presents, in a single bound.

I was covered with flour, from my head to my toes,

My robe in tatters, and blood on my nose.

A bag full of toys, she grabbed with glee

I nabbed her, I thought, but instead got the tree.

The ornaments, they broke, as they began to fall

The lights, how they fizzled,

and that is not all.

When I reached for the plug, to turn the bulbs out,
What flowed through my body, but electricity, so stout!

As smoke encircled my head like a wreath,
That dog held my big toe, tight in her teeth.

"Skeeter," I moaned, "I give up. Oh, Skeet, I give in."

So she bit my swollen nose, and nipped at my chin.

She spoke not a word, but went back to work,

Down came the stockings it took just a jerk.

Then up from the hall, came the sound of feet,

Momma, it seemed was awake from her sleep.

"Now you'll get it pup," I announced with glee.

Then Skeeter walked over and put her little head on my knee.

She looked up at my wife - so innocent - and at me, so, so sad.

And it didn't take long, to know I'd been had.

Then came the wife's voice, so strong and so clear,

"Bill, you leave that puppy alone! You hear!"

And I exclaimed to myself, as they walked out with a strut,

"Don't leave any gifts, Santa just PICK UP THE MUTT!"

The night before Christmas' was written by Bill McClellan

MSEM Christmas Party

Saturday, December 8, 2012



Coral Gables Restaurant

**2838 E. Grand River Avenue
East Lansing, MI
Ph. (517)337-1311**

**Dinner, Business Meeting, Election of Officers,
Presentation of Awards, & Christmas Party with
Gift Exchange and Games!**

For the Gift Ex-
change bring a
wrapped gift
marked for a lady
or man. Limit \$10



Dinner at 4:00 pm.

Open Menu

Business Meeting and Party to follow!

As Always, Guests are Welcome!!

E-mail or call

**Karin Jaeger by December 5th to let her know that you are coming
(karinjaeger@voyager.net) (517-351-0412)**

Directions: Take I-96 to Exit 110 (Okemos Rd.) Go North on Okemos Rd. to M-43 (Grand River Ave.) Businesses on that corner include: Bennigan's Restaurant, Marathon Gas Station, BP/Amoco Station. Turn Left on to M-43 (Grand River). After the bridge over the railroad tracks, there is a traffic light at Park Lake Rd. and another at Northwind Dr. (there's a Farmer Jack's on the southwest corner of the intersection). **Coral Gables** entrance is the 4th on the right following this light (after Tom's Party Store, a Hollywood Video & the new Oriental Market). If you get to the Brookfield Shell gas station, you've gone too far.

2012 Calendar of Important Events



NOVEMBER 30

MSCM Membership **EXPIRES TODAY** if dues are unpaid!

DECEMBER 5

Reservations due today for the Christmas Banquet. Call Karin (517-351-0412) or email (karinjaeger@voyager.net)

DECEMBER 8

MSCM Christmas Banquet & Awards-Coral Gables Restaurant, East Lansing 4:00 p.m. (Details on page 3)



No litters to announce at this time

The quality of your litter should not only be evaluated by the best in the litter....but by the least. If you are breeding quality animals, even your pets should be good examples of the breed!

The Whelping Box



Christmas is not a time nor a season, but a state of mind. To cherish peace and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas.

—Calvin Coolidge



Show Calendar

Obedience & Rally

Jan. 17-20 Obed & Rally
Livonia/Oakland Cty KC
Closes 1-2

Feb. 22-23 Rally, 23-24 Obed
Sportsmen's DTC
Warren, MI
Closes 2-6

Agility

Jan. 4-6
CCDAC
Dexter, MI
Closes 12-21

Jan. 17-20
Sportsmen's & OCKC
Novi, MI
Closes 12-30

Jan. 25-27
Weimaraner Club
Dexter, MI
Closes 1-9

Feb. 1-3
Grand Rapids & Kalamazoo
KC
Wyoming, MI
Closes 1-16

Feb. 8-10
AADTC
Dexter, MI
Closes 1-25

Feb. 15-17
CCDAC
Dexter, MI
Closes 2-2

Feb. 22-24
CCCAC
Dexter, MI

Conformation

Jan 17-20
Livonia KC, Oakland
Co.KC
Novi, MI
Closes 1-2

Kaia (Sercatep's Blue By You) completed the requirements for her N.A. and N.A.J. at the Oakland County Kennel Club agility trial under judge Karen Winter on October 13th, 2012. Kaia completed both titles in three straight trials with 5 first places and 1 second place (her first legs on each title were earned at the MSCM trial in July 2012). To follow up Kaia continued on her winning streak by earning the first leg on her Open Stand-

Braggs

ard agility title with another first place on October 14th, 2012 at the same trial. Kaia is owned and loved by Lisa Martin. Thanks (again) to breeder Debbie Herrell and to agility instructor Lynn Baitinger.



Congratulations!



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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Rochester, MI 48306-2549



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A Dog's Christmas Promises

Christmas is for humans, and I will not ruin the surprises by opening all of their presents.

Christmas light bulbs, Christmas ornaments, Christmas stockings, and tinsel from the Christmas tree are not food.

I am the alpha dog, therefore I do not need to protect my new Christmas rawhide from the omega dog by taking it outside to eat when the wind chill is -10 F.

I will not demolish the Christmas tree and drag the string of lights out into the backyard through the doggy door.

I will not dive into the Christmas tree to get the candy canes (which I will eat—paper and all).

I will not eat my Christmas doggie treats until after they are out of the stockings!

I will not even THINK about going underneath the Christmas tree and piddling on the dining room rug.

I will not get in to a fight with the bigger dog next door, making my human have to call the Vet on Christmas day.

I will not get tangled up in the Christmas tree lights and pull the tree down while trying to get a cat through the conservatory window.

I will not pee on grandma's Christmas presents that are under her tree as soon as we enter her house.

I will not pee on the Christmas tree.

I will not steal the neighbor's Christmas light bulbs.

The bowl underneath the Christmas tree is not a dog dish. I will not drink from it. It will make me sick.

I will promise to always love and protect my human family!

