

FOR LUCK IN THE NEW YEAR



Traditionally, it was thought that a person could affect the luck they would have throughout the coming year by what they ate on the first day of the year. Many cultures believe that anything in the shape of a ring is good luck because it symbolizes "coming full circle," completing a year's cycle. For that reason, the Dutch believe that eating donuts on New Year's Day will bring good fortune.

Many parts of the U.S. celebrate the New Year by consuming black-eyed peas because it symbolizes luck. Cabbage, another "good luck" vegetable, is also consumed on New Year's Day. It is considered a sign of wealth and prosperity.

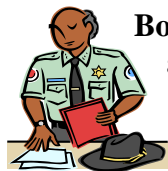
Time Is A Precious Commodity

Sooner or later, we all become preoccupied with time, trying to make the most out of what we have. Yet the value we place on time will be different for each of us based on our perception of it.

- ❶ To realize the value of one year, ask a student who failed a final exam.
- ❷ To realize the value of one month, ask the mother of a premature baby.
- ❸ To realize the value of one week, ask the editor of a weekly magazine.
- ❹ To realize the value of one day, ask the daily wage earner with kids to feed.
- ❺ To realize the value of one hour, ask two people in love waiting to meet.
- ❻ To realize the value of one minute, ask the person who barely missed the train.
- ❼ To realize the value of one second, ask the person who just avoided an accident.
- ❽ To realize the value of one millisecond, ask the person who won a silver Olympic medal.
- ❾ To realize the value of your health, ask someone who is suffering an illness.

This New Year, don't take anything or anyone for granted. Make the most of your opportunities, relationships, and time.

Boudreaux's Wisdom



Boudreaux had been missing for a couple of days, so Clotile suggested to Marie that they should go to the Sheriff's Office to file a missing person's report. When they got there, Deputy Guidry asked her for a description of Boudreaux for the report. Marie tells him, "Well, he's 25 years old, 6 foot 3, weighs 190 pounds, is very well-built and very handsome, soft-spoken, and treats me like a queen." Clotile, with a surprised look on her face says, "Marie, Boudreaux is 50 years old, 5 foot 4, weighs 260 pounds, fat like a pig, ugly as sin, loud and obnoxious, and treats you like trash!" Marie, smiling, says, "Yeh, but if dey can find dis one for me, Boudreaux can stay lost!"

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Reliable Mechanics

Pictured from left to right are Michael Dorsey and Leroy Langlois.

Leroy is the Senior Mechanic. He has clocked in thirty years with Reliable on January 1, 2012. Mike is no stranger to the shop. He'll log fifteen years with Reliable on January 6, 2012.

Leroy and Mike work out of the shop in Livonia where they keep the rigs, trucks, and auxiliary equipment in peak running condition. They are also called upon to trouble shoot and then make repairs in the field of operations. Whether it is electrical, mechanical, or hydraulics, Leroy and Mike have the experience and knowledge to work on a wide range of equipment. They maintain the rigs and support equipment according to factory specifications. Besides maintenance, repairs, and refurbishing, these guys will design and help fabricate new equipment from the skid up. They build mud tanks, pumps, and light plants just to name a few. They are the reason our equipment is always in great working condition.



January Anniversaries

Leroy Langlois 30 yrs. 1/1 RPS
Randy Young 4 yrs. 1/1 LRI
Lena Joseph 43 yrs. 1/3 RPS
Michael Dorsey 15 yrs. 1/6 RPS
Shane Klein 1 yr. 1/15 RPS
Elizabeth Bradford 5 yrs. 1/16 RPS
Paula Miller 7 yrs. 1/17 LRI
Thomas "Craig" Perrault 4 yrs. 1/17 LRI
Burt Brumfield 1 yr. 1/17 DLS
Andre Dixon 7 yrs. 1/17 RPS
Leslie Dixon 7 yrs. 1/17 RPS
Corey LeBlanc 8 yrs. 1/24 RAC
Thomas Breaux 1 yr. 1/24 RPS
Debbie Collins 5 yrs. 1/25 LRI
Jace Jarreau 2 yrs. 1/27 DLS
Rickie Hebert, Sr. 26 yrs. 1/28 RPS
Evelyn Hebert 21 yrs. 1/28 RPS
Orise "Big O" Tezeno 3 yrs. 1/30 RPS



Reliable Production Service

Reliable Amusement Company



Liberty Resources, Inc.

Delta Land Services



January Birthdays

Robert Soileau 1/1 RPS
George Guerin 1/1 DLS
Louis Powell 1/3 RPS
Elizabeth Bradford 1/3 RPS
Jason Soileau 1/5 RPS
Debbie Collins 1/13 LRI
Jackie Douglas 1/17 RAC
Brent Pitre 1/17 RAC
Derrick Knot 1/18 RPS
Neal Lafleur 1/22 RPS
Tim Zeno 1/24 RPS
DeEtte Staid 1/25 RAC
Lloyd Miller 1/27 RPS
Jane Stelly 1/28 RPS
Shane Lodrigue 1/28 RAC

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LRI – Liberty Resources, Inc.

DLS – Delta Land Services

SAFETY FIRST

Compared to the holiday-hurried average worker, Santa Claus has it easy. St. Nick might have to work around the clock to meet those holiday production demands, but at least he has a staff of well-trained elves to help him.

Everyone is familiar with the tension that the holidays can cause at home, but the workplace can be similarly frantic and filled with anxiety during the season. The added pressure of the holidays takes a steep toll on already frayed nerves. In a poll of 600 full-time employees, Accenture's HR Services found that 66% of the respondents reported additional stress at work during the holidays.

According to experts, people become more depressed or anxious during the holidays than any other time of year. Many people suffer from the holiday blues due to overwhelming feelings of responsibility, disappointments by unrealistic expectations, and worry about money. Eating less than healthy foods as part of holiday festivities also compounds the problem.

At the worksite, the doldrums manifest themselves in various forms including a disengaged workforce. A study by staffing company Accountemps found that, according to 44% of surveyed workers, productivity drops off the week before the holiday. Some of that drop off in productivity, of course, is caused by relaxed and carefree employees getting into the spirit of the season.

Workers also report that working late and having to labor on a holiday adds even more stress to the holiday season. Not being able to spend the holiday with love-ones due to work is listed at the top of employee complaints. Companies also report a higher rate of work related injuries leading up to the holidays, especially when workers are asked to work over-time. Many companies have come to see the value of letting employees spend time with family during the holidays.

I'm Just Saying!

When asked to speak before a group of people, I often use stories to illustrate the point I'm trying to make or to brightly illuminate the message I'm trying to get across; a well-structured story helps the audience engage all the senses, and the words come alive through the colorful characters depicted in the story. By connecting with the story, my audience will often find more insight than I had intended to offer them in the first place. Limitless possibilities are available when you use your imagination, as opposed to only drinking the premixed Kool-Aid I pour into your skull.

When giving advice, I also try and frame it in the context of a story. This way, I can guide you through our discussion much like the narrator guides you through a story. Listening and picturing yourself as one of the characters in the story enables you to live vicariously through the story and find your own solution to your problem. That's right! If you created the problem, you can solve it. You may just need a nudge down the path you are already on or a shove in another direction all together.

If I happen to step on your toes while making my point, I always fall back on the metaphoric phrase, "Don't shoot the messenger." I'm no threat to you, just the deliverer of the unpopular implication of the story as it pertains to your situation.

In general, not many of us like to be told we are wrong. Using a story that is pertinent to the predicament will lessen the pain. It also directs the guilty to self-discovery. I find that it's always best to lead the horse to the watering hole and then sit back to see if it will drink the life sustaining liquid. In other words, I've given you the advice, take it or leave it; it's your decision. Knowing that the person/people sitting in front of me will be like the apprehensive horse, fearing the unknown lurking beneath the water, I'll try to calm their fears by giving a personal account of my life as it relates to the advice. You know, "what's good for the goose is good for the gander."