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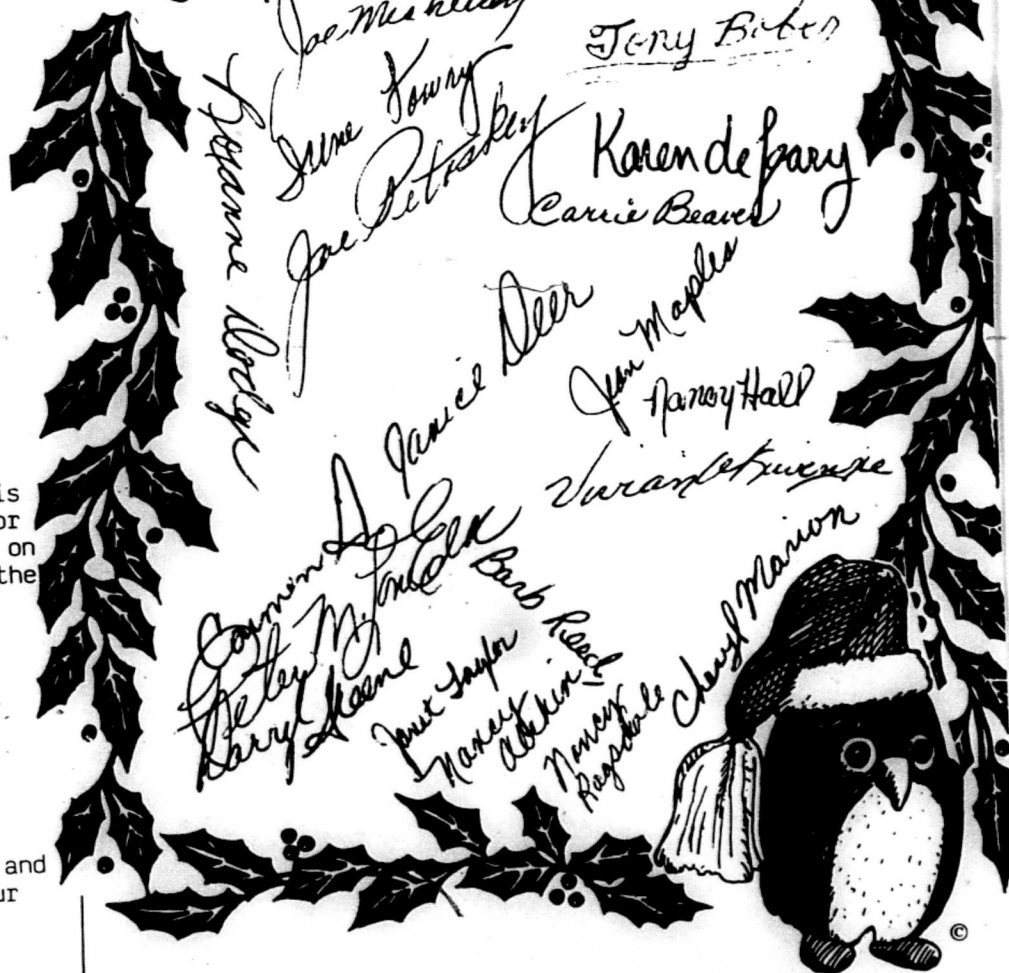
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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

from the staff at DAIC



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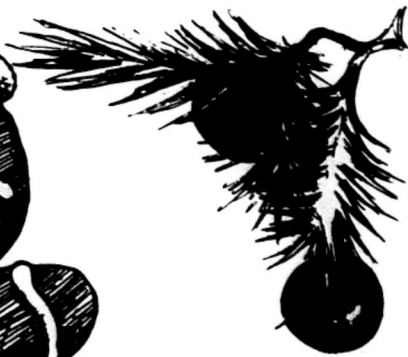
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ONE
YEAR
SUB
SCRIPTION

CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 21st, 1985
2 to 5 p.m.



Please call the DAIC receptionist to register your child for a gift NO LATER THEN DECEMBER 13th. Otherwise, your child(ren) will not receive a gift at the party. 963-1710

NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS

Candidates Must:

1. Be at least $\frac{1}{4}$ Indian Blood Quantum and be able to substantiate it by a Tribal Membership or Roll Number.
2. Be sixteen or older to vote.
3. Pay a minimum fee.
4. Be accepted by the Membership committee.

MEMBERSHIP FEE PER YEAR

Regular Member	\$5.00
Senior Citizen	\$1.00
Student 17 or Under	\$2.50

Make check payable to:
North American Indian Association
of Detroit, Inc.

Mail to:
Mr. Elmer Sebastian
8760 Troy
Royal Oak, MI 48237

Detroit Indian Center

On November 4, 1985 a meeting was held with Mr. Bossler of the Detroit Athletic Club, Mr. Reese of the Comerica Bank, Jan Deer, DAIC Director of Programs and myself.

Our topics of discussion included:

1. Our status on relocating from our present site, 360 John R.
2. The date that we anticipate vacating this building.
3. An offer of a building from Comerica Bank. Choice of the following locations -
 - a. Michigan and 24th Street
 - b. Grand River and Myers

We advised them that we are still looking for a facility, but have yet to find an affordable building. Mr. Reese thought the building on Michigan and 24th would be suitable with a little renovation. Based on this assumption, Mr. Bossler suggested that we should be able to move in by January 30, 1986.

After making inquiries, we decided that the Michigan and 24th property offers the best location of the two buildings. It has approximately 13,000 square feet of space plus a 35 car parking lot. The building needs major repairs to be functional to our needs.

In my opinion, we will not be able to accomplish the needed renovations and move in by the end of January.

Irene Lowry
Executive Director

ADMINISTRATIVE NEWS

The Food Baskets for Christmas are looking pretty thin this year. We are seeking donations of cash, canned goods, no perishable items please. If you know of a family in need, contact the Social Services department (Carrie) and leave a number where we can reach the family. If the Center has given you assistance before, why don't you consider giving the Center assistance now.

The Michigan Commission on Indian Affairs will be holding a meeting at the Center on January 9, 1986. All interested people are invited to attend.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and Staff of the Center, we hope your holidays is happy and may your New Year be a successful one.

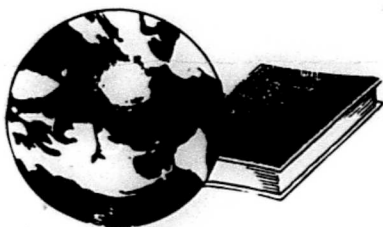
Jan Deer
Director of Programs

NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

MISS: _____
MRS: _____
MR: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____
DATE OF BIRTH: _____
FATHER'S NAME: _____
MOTHER'S NAME: _____
NEAREST RELATIVE: _____
ADDRESS: _____

SOC. SEC.# _____
HOME PHONE: _____
OCCUPATION: _____
FIRM: _____
TRIBE: _____
DEGREE OF INDIAN BLOOD: _____
RELIGION: _____
RELATIVE'S PHONE: _____
CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

Manpower Department



The DAIC's Manpower Department would like to wish the community a safe Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year that is prosperous.

Congratulations and best wishes are extended to Cathy Quintanilla for passing her G.E.D. exam in October.

DAIC offers to our community members an opportunity to advance in the education field. G.E.D. preparatory classes, Clerical I-V are offered to those interested. Just come on down and sign up.

If you have an obligation to the Department of Social Services, these courses will allow you to remain on the roll for your grant monies.

All materials furnished.

Career Evaluation classes will be offered the first of next year. For further information contact: Jean Maples, Education and Training - [313]963-0126.

WOMAN TO LEAD U.S. CHEROKEES

TAHLEQUAH, Okla. (AP) - A woman is in line to take over, for the first time, as chief of the Cherokee nation.

Deputy Principal Chief Wilma Mankiller will automatically become principal chief and fill out the remaining two years of Chief Ross Swimmer's four year term as soon as he receives Senate approval to head the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

"By and large, Cherokees have stated they are ready for female leadership," said Ms. Mankiller, who was elected deputy principal chief in 1983. "It's no longer a major issue."

Senior Center

SENIOR ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A big megawatch goes out to the Seniors and the DAIC staff for their generous donations to help make our Bingo a big success.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

The Salvation Army Senior Citizens Xmas Party will be held Friday, December 13 at 12:00 NOON.

The DAIC Seniors will be holding their annual Christmas Party at the Sveden House in Dearborn Heights on Tuesday, December 17th at 12:00 NOON

The Focus:HOPE Food for Seniors Program is expanding their program and I will take names for a waiting list. To be eligible, you must be 60 years or older, and you must be eligible for or receiving any form of federal, state or local health or welfare assistance. Call 963-1711 for further information.

Grocery shopping at Farmer Jack's is on December 5th and 16th. We leave the center at 11:00 A.M.

There will be a speaker coming to the Center at 11:30 a.m. on December 11, 1985 to discuss "Taxation of Social Security".

The DAIC Senior Center is funded by the Detroit Area Agency on Aging.

Rules for the Childrens' Christmas Party



Children ages 1 month to 12 years are eligible to receive a gift at the party.

Children may be registered until December 16, 1985. No registrations after this date.

Children must be registered to receive a gift at party.

No gifts or candy to be taken home for registered ABSENT children.

Gifts and candy for registered ABSENT children will be distributed Monday after the party only.

CLERICAL AIDE- ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT
4 Month JTPA Work Experience Slot

Will be responsible for clerical duties in the accounting department such as logging in and out-going mail, typing, filing and proofreading. Will train to assist in payroll, bank reconciliations and reports.

Must have the ability to take and follow directions. Able to work under pressure. Detail-oriented, type 30 wpm. Clerical background. Very good spelling/grammar. 10-key calculator.

Highschool or G.E.D. required. Special emphasis on clerical and English skills. Bookkeeping/accounting courses helpful. Any experience in the accounting field is desirable but not necessary if the educational requirements are met. Must be able to work well with others.

This position will be open until filled.

GALLERY CURATOR
\$11,000 to \$13,000/Conditional

Job available depending upon funding, usually determined on an annual basis.

Under the direction of the Executive Director, will develop and implement an Arts & Crafts Gallery-business. Also, will set-up and provide an Arts & Crafts workshops.

Must have a demonstrated ability to teach and perform the Art of Indian Crafts. Ability to learn gallery operations and management.

An education background in Art, with Business Management desirable. High school diploma or G.E.D. Certificate.

Must have extensive Arts & Crafts experience.

A bill to reaffirm the boundaries of the Great Sioux Reservation and restore approximately 1.3 million acres of federally-owned land to the Sioux Indians was introduced in the House, October 30, by Congressman James Howard of New Jersey.

JOBS AT DAIC

TRAINING INSTRUCTOR

Salary: Negotiable, with funding available

Design and teach "Achieving Your Potential" and "Business Management & Development" Classes.

Must be experienced in instructing JTPA related courses.

Have demonstrated ability to instruct motivational and business development classes. General knowledge of business.

Must have a 4 year college degree. Must have experience in American Indian JTPA Training Programs.



CHRISTMAS CARDS, GIFTWRAP AND STICKERS

with an Indian theme are available at the Indian Center 963-1710 in the Arts and Crafts Room. Also, T-shirts, beadwork, books, etc. are available for all your Christmas needs.

The Vanishing Indian Stereotype

Every society and every generation has its own stereotype of the American Indian; and all these stereotypes have only one thing in common; all alike fail to do justice to the richness and inexhaustible diversity of Indian life.

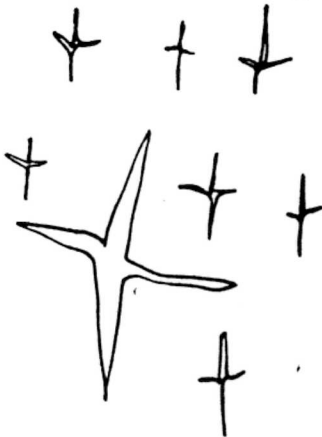
In the United States for the past century, the dominant stereotype of the American Indian has been that of the vanishing red man, the hopeless survivor of a noble race, robbed of his lands by the onrushing march of progress, unable to adjust to the demands of an industrialized civilization.

We have all seen pictures of this composite Indian, adorned with Sioux warbonnet and Iroquois wampum belt, astride a discouraged Spanish horse at "The End of the Trail", hopelessly gazing into an empty future.

Indians today are the most rapidly increasing racial group in the population of the United States. Their death rate has been cut in half in 15 years. Their real income has increased much more rapidly than their population. Indian tribes, incorporated under federal law, are handling million dollar enterprises in salmon canning, lumber production, and oil production, as well as in livestock and farming operations. One tribe, alone has taken in 280,000,000 in oil royalties in 25 years.

Felix H. Cohen

(Felix Cohen is often called the "Father of American Indian Law". This selection is from his work "Americanizing the White Man".



Cookie donations are being accepted for the Children's Christmas Party. 963-1710

Indian Drinkers, Cont.

When other studies came up with the same two results, some researchers concluded that alcoholism was rare among Indians.

In a follow-up study Dr. Whittaker did with the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe in 1981, he found alcohol problems to be a bigger problem than in 1961. Indians still tended to drink in groups but more of the Indian women were feeling guilty about their drinking - a standard Caucasian alcoholism symptom. 62% of the Indians surveyed reported blackouts, as a result of drinking, 70% said they couldn't stop drinking, 17% said they were preoccupied with drinking and 52% reported arrests for intoxication.

The death rate for alcoholic cirrhosis among American Indians is 5 times higher than all other races in the U.S. One out of every four deaths of Indian women in the 35 to 44 age bracket is due to alcoholic cirrhosis, he says.

As to the social consequences, divorce, marital problems, fights and child abuse have increased.

Whittaker believes, alcohol abuse among American Indians is closely tied to cultural characteristics and can be related to dramatic lifestyle changes that occurred when a proud, independent, brave people became dependents of the federal government through no choice of their own.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

VIVIAN AKIWENZIE	December 16
Jerry Belleau	December 31
Dee Christjohn	December 24
JANICE DEER	December 3
Helen Earles	December 6
DARRYL GREENE	December 1
Donna Marie Maples	December 18
Bruce Phillips	December 24
Kevin Reed	December 17
JEANNETTE SONEY	December 6
Lena Wheatley Shaw	December 7
Tami Thomas [BELATED]	November 30
Donald Tucker	December 31
CARMEN WHITE	December 5

Donna:

Happy 18th, B good, B careful, but best of all, B you.

Love, Mom and Debbie

Norm:

Thanks for all your sweet thoughts and kindness.

Jean



HOUSE FOR SALE

Asking \$15,000 (as is).
May be seen by appointment.
For further information, Contact:
Doris at 554-3614.

3 ROOMS FOR RENT, POSSIBLY 4.

Will rent the whole house to a family or responsible individuals. Prices are negotiable. Utilities not included. For more information, leave message for Frank Dion at 963-1710.

A SAFETY TIP FOR OUR SENIORS:

Please travel and shop with companions whenever possible during the daytime as well as night. There is greater safety in numbers. If possible, avoid carrying a pocketbook, keep keys and cash in garment pockets or hidden elsewhere on your person. When walking and especially when shopping, hold your pocketbook at all times and keep your hand on the clasp to foil pick-pockets.

Roy Rogers - Part Indian

HOLLYWOOD, CA. (IPN) Roy Rogers, the "singing cowboy" famous for his sure aim with a six-shooter and his golden horse, Trigger, recently revealed a Choctaw Indian ancestry.

Rogers claimed his "squinty eyes" which initially worried his studio bosses but later became a trademark, were the result of Choctaw Indian ancestry.

Rogers, 73, whose original name was Leonard Slye, was a peach picker before achieving fame in the movies.

Reprinted from "Indian Studies" Vol.II, No.3, Cornell University.

Studying the Indian Drinker

Middletown PA - Four main differences between American Indian and non-Indian drinkers are: Indians consume much larger quantities of alcohol at each sitting, they drink more frequently, they almost never drink alone, and few express any guilt about their abusive drinking.

The differences were reported by Dr. James O. Whittaker, a social psychologist at the Capitol Campus of the Penn. State Univeristy. For the past 23 years, he has investigated both sociological and biomedical explanations in the mystery of the notorious problem of alcohol consumption among American Indians.

In 1961, he conducted the first systematic study of alcohol use and dependence by Indians. That study, he notes, was undertaken only eight years after Indians were legally permitted to purchase alcohol. Prohibition was in effect for Indians from the late 1800's until 1953.

Still, al his findings support his initial conclusion: alcohol abuse among Indians is no myth.

Within the four differences expressed earlier, the final two findings -- group drinking and no guilt -- are not attributes of Caucasian alcoholics.

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**TO DONATE FOOD FOR
THE FOOD BASKET DRIVE
CALL 963-1710**

**NATIVE ARTS & CRAFTS
CHRISTMAS SHOW & SALE**

NATIVE ARTS AND CRAFTS
CHRISTMAS SHOW AND SALE

Saturday, December 7th
Sunday, December 8th
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days

"Kinomaagew-gamig" Cultural Centre
Highbanks Park, WALPOLE ISLAND, ONTARIO

For further information, call (519)627-6988.
during business hours.

BRING THE KIDS TO SHOP
AT SANTA'S SECRET WORKSHOP

12 noon to 4 p.m.

For a small donation, your children can
shop for gifts for mommy, daddy, etc.
Each child is asked to bring a maximum
of \$3.00.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1985

If you have anything you would like to
donate to SANTA'S SECRET WORKSHOP,
please call 963-5412. Arrangements can
be made for pick-up.

(Also, a taco sale and bazaar will be
held.)

Nancy Hall, Senior Coordinator and Molly
Hall, DAIC Senior are both lucky winners
of the Food Baskets drawn on November 23.
Proceed from this draw go to the Childrens
Christmas Party.

Happy Belated Birthday to my favorite
nephew Ransom Lewis from your favorite
auntie. He was one year old on 11/23.

Love,
Auntie Karen.

SCUM
RISES

The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) was invited to testify before the House Select Committee of Children, Youth and Families at their September 18th hearing entitled "The Melting Pot: Fact or Fiction" which was held as part of the week-long Congressional Black Caucus activities. The hearing focused on various groups of people - blacks, Vietnamese, immigrants, Indians - their experience in the dominant society and how it has affected family structure. Because this is a Committee made up of Members who are not generally involved in Indian policy matters, the Committee requested a broad overview of Indian history and policies which have affected family structure.

NCAI Executive Director Suzan Shown Harjo told the Committee: "The experience of most minorities in the United States has been one of a struggle to gain a place in the melting-pot - social acceptance, economic power and equal rights. The experience of Indian people is just the opposite. Our struggle is one to avoid being submerged in the melting-pot, and to preserve our land, our water, our traditions, our unique legal rights. Indian nations are inherently sovereign, and we have negotiated approximately 600 treaties with the U.S. government. In this, and in our property rights we are different from racial and ethnic minorities."

The overview provided by the NCAI testimony went on to describe methods by which the U.S. government hoped to accomplish assimilation and the major legislation of the 1970's designed to enhance self-determination and maintain Indian cultures -- the Indian Self Determination Act, the Indian Child Welfare Act and the American Indian Religious Freedom Act,

"You know what is said about melting-pots," she said after describing the socio-economic statistics for Indian people, "the scum rises to the top and everything on the bottom gets burned."

"HOPI-NAVAJO LAND DISPUTE"

In 1974, Congress passed legislation aimed at settling "the land dispute" between the Navajo and Hopi Indians living around Big Mountain, in northeastern Arizona. The Navajo-Hopi Land Settlement Act or P.L. 93-531 authorized a 50/50 split of an area of land formerly known as the Joint Use Area (JUA) which were lands shared among Navajo and Hopi alike for hundreds of years.

This law required:

Construction of a barbed wire fence to separate the Hopi and Navajo.

90 percent reduction of their livestock herds which these traditional herders depend on for sustenance.

A halt to all building and improvements to property.

A Relocation Commission established a plan for the removal of all Navajo and Hopi people who were residing on the 'wrong side of the fence'.

One of the factors that led to passage of the Settlement Act was the false premise that the relocatees would have other lands to settle, either on the existing reservations or on newly acquired land which the act itself promised them. One of the strong proponents of this Act was Sen. Barry Goldwater.

In actuality, there are no additional lands available on or off the reserve that will adequately meet the needs of these people. A provision in the Act to secure 250,000 acres of land adjacent to the existing Navajo reservation has not been met.

Original estimates for this program were that 3,300 Navajos and Hopis were to be relocated. Presently, there are 10,000 to 15,000 potential relocatees.

At the time of its enactment, the number of people to be relocated, the human costs of relocation, and the financial costs of relocation were all seriously underestimated.

To fuel the fires of this land dispute myth, the Hopi Tribal Council hired a public relations firm for the purpose of staging a dispute between the Hopis and the Navajos.

Both Hopi and Navajo traditional people are opposed to the relocation program. The tribal leaders see the intent of the law aimed at granting leases to allow strip-mining of their sacred lands.

The Hopi Tribal Council, which strongly pushed for the Act's passage, does not represent the whole Hopi people. In fact, because of a lack of a voting quorum, the Bureau of Indian Affairs has taken over a number of the council's governing functions.

Approximately 700 of the over 3,200 families have already relocated. Of the families who have moved to such communities as Flagstaff, 50% have lost their homes to unscrupulous real estate and loan companies. These traditional people often speak no English and have little familiarity with money matters. Evidence of fraudulent activities affecting the relocatees and violating the intent of the law has been gathered and is now being investigated by Federal authorities.

Condensed from the Fall 1985 issue of the Big Mountain News, AZ.

-NOT AIM ANYMORE

In a press release by the American Indian Movement (AIM), that organization made it known that 'Russell Means does not represent the policies, positions, or views of the American Indian Movement, nor the International Indian Treaty Council. He is not the founder of the American Indian Movement, nor does he represent the organization in any way.'

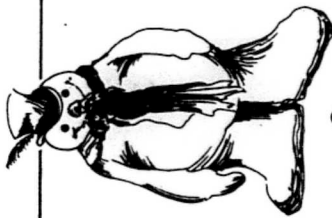
Russell Means, said last week at a press conference in San Jose that he hoped to recruit 90 to 100 "warriors from North America" to join Miskito fighters to oppose the Sandinista government. He said sending American Indian combatants to fight in Nicaragua would "begin the process of uniting the red people of the Western Hemisphere."

Groups of Miskito Indians have been in rebellion against the Sandinista government for more than four years.

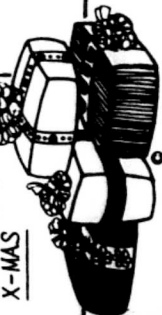
Condensed from a press release from AIM.



DECEMBER



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 SENIOR CITIZENS	3 : LUNCH IS SERVED	4 DAILY, BETWEEN	5 Seniors Grocery Shopping 12:00 - 12:30 pm	6 MONDAY - FRIDAY	7 Taco Sale Santa's Workshop Senior's Bazaar
8 Hanukkah	9	10	11 Presentation "Taxation of Social Security"	12	13 Salvation Army Senior Citizens Christmas Party	14
15	16 Seniors Grocery Shopping	17 DAIC Seniors Annual Christmas Party	18	19	20	21 Children's Christmas Party
22	23	24 Santa Claus is coming to town	25 The day we've waiting for X-MAS	26	27	28
29	30	31	SEASONS GREETINGS			



HOLIDAY HINTS

Auntie Em and Auntie Bea
Would like for you to read

How to keep your weight
Hidden from your date.

Load up by drinking water
And the food you will not bother

Auntie Em and Auntie Bea
Know how relatives can sometimes be

Other aunts will fill your plate
Thinking you should gain some weight

So your boyfriend you should hang around
Instead of being table-bound

Remember, Christmas brings your family near
and no one wants to see your big rear

When Uncle brings out the instamatic
Don't run away and start to panic

Your rolls won't show if you stand up straight
So when the pictures come back, you won't faint

Remember the rules when drinking booze
Or your face and body you will lose

Auntie Em and Auntie Bea are hoping that
you will help fight Holiday Fat!

(P.S. You can eat more if you wear a dress.)

Always in Good Faith,

Auntie Em
Auntie Em

Auntie Bea
Auntie Bea



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