



HOLIDAY SEASON EDITION

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YEAR IN REVIEW...Let's keep perspective

This year will be one to remember. There were so many significant events that touched many of us in one way or another.

The year started with the relief efforts as a result of the Tsunami in Asia. Seeing those images of lives lost and devastation was heartbreaking. Later in the year we witnessed the destruction Hurricane Katrina caused along the Gulf of Mexico.

These two events help us put perspective into what is truly important in our lives. It may not be the same for any two people, but we tend to look at things differently. For me, every time I looked at my family it made me thankful for what I have.

It was both a hectic and rewarding year in the Fascia household. The two older boys (Dawson - 8 yrs old and Zachary - 7 yrs old and Alexander - 2 yrs old) played baseball, lacrosse and soccer this summer. In order to cut down on travel time they played on the same team in each sport. I had to coach two of the sports (baseball and soccer) to get that to happen. Let's



just say my wife and I did not really experience the summer and the boys have been warned next summer they must pick two sports.

Carolina's year has been spent contributing to the home renovations boom North America has been experiencing for the past three to four years. She spent the Spring, Summer and Fall landscaping her property

front to back. The good news is she no longer has squirrel issues (Holiday Season letter December 2002). The bad news is, someone is removing some of the "tumbled stones" from her front yard.

There must be something in the air because Norma Jean spent much of her time laying a flag stone garden in her front yard. We just can't figure out where she got the money from, though.

You see, Norma Jean spent New Year's Eve (Dec 31,



2004) in Las Vegas and swears she lost everything she had. Knowing Norma Jean, we highly doubt that. She must have had some nuts "squirreled" (sorry Carolina, couldn't resist) away as her photography hobby has gone digital. The question is, will the digital camera accompany her on the next trip to Vegas. (Note from editor: what happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas.)

Continuing with the home "reno" trends, Sherry has been hard at work at home this year painting and refurnishing. As is the case with most renovations not all



things ran smoothly. For most of us that means finding a wall you didn't know you had or cutting a wire you know you shouldn't have touched. But, not Sherry, her problems were, kinetic in nature...she broke her arm while fixing her house. Not to worry, both the arm and the house look great.

Marian moved to a new home in 2005. And if that's not exciting enough, she found out she was going to be a grandma again. Her new grandchild is expected in May 2006...a happy distraction during tax season. On a more serious note, Marian has had to endure a lot this year due to family health issues and she has been a rock through the whole ordeal.

In the past we have told you about our version of Daniel(le) Boone. Monica and her family are to Business Affairs what Daniel Boone was to the American Frontier. This



year was no exception. The family camped at two Provincial Parks (Bon Echo and Marten River), stayed at a cottage in Parry Sound (it was more than 100 years old)

and hiked on Wreck Island in Georgian Bay. Highlights of their expeditions included eating at World Famous Henry's Fish 'n Chips in Sans Souci, Ontario on Frying Pan Island (only accessible by plane or boat) and Monica catching a 4lb bass off the cottage dock in Parry Sound.

Speaking of vacations, Nicole and hubby Joey just got back from Varadero, Cuba and had a great time. Given the family functions they host (big parties), they needed the break. Nicole is one proud Mom as both of her daughters had monumental events take place in their lives this year. Cynthia (the younger one) graduated with Honours and landed a job at Hamilton General Hospital as a Social Worker. Joanne, a teacher, took on a two year contract with the Education Quality and Accountability Office (arm's length agency of the provincial government).

Speaking of Daughters, Tara's (remember her, we introduced her on the last letter) daughter, Isabelle, turned one year old on September 4, 2005. In her first year Tara has been able to experience Isabelle's first roll, crawl, step and tooth. In the midst of that excitement, Tara and husband Darryl moved to Barrie from Guelph in November. Barrie will never be the same.

The other new addition to the BA Team, Bernadine seems to be fitting right in. Her eldest daughter, Nayomi joined us at work on Nov 2 for "Bring your kids to work day". Like her mom, Nayomi was a "wiz" on the computer displaying Microsoft Excel skills many of us of yet to master. Not bad for a 14 year old. We also met Jithmal, her five year old son. I see a sales career for that boy. Let's just say, the word "shy" never entered my mind when meeting the young lad. I'm guessing we'll be meeting her other daughter, Ayomi (12 years old), shortly.

From all of us at Business Affairs, as we prepare for one of the most joyous times of the year, we wish you all the best through the holiday season and health and happiness for 2006.

CHEERS!



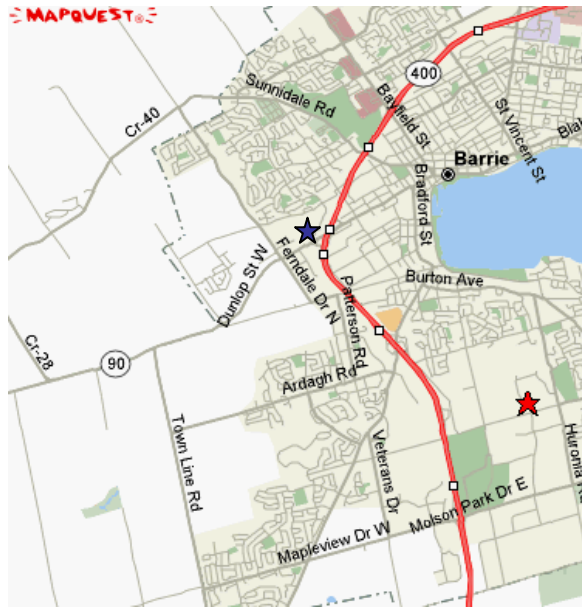
REMINDER

BARRIE OFFICE ON THE MOVE

As of December 29th, the Barrie office is moving to:

145 Welham Road, Unit 9, Barrie, ON L4N 8Y3.

The map below shows you where the new office is in relation to the existing office:



The blue star represents our current/historical location, whereas the red star represents our new location. The new location is east of Highway 400 between Molson Park Drive and Essa Road. Call for directions or visit our website at www.businessaffairs.ca/

All phone and fax numbers are the same.

The purpose for the move was a better use of space and excellent storage facilities within our unit.

Stay tuned for our Spring/Summer Open House BBQ. We'll make sure to hold it on a

Friday so that all you cottagers on the way up the 400 and those on the way down the 400 to Toronto can stop in and sample the treats.

Of course, you don't need an invitation, you can stop in any time to say "hi".

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Please be advised, the offices will be closed as of December 24th, 2005 and are scheduled to reopen on Tuesday, January 3rd, 2006.

TAX TIPS AND TRAPS

We have included a Tax, Tips and Traps newsletter for your reading enjoyment.

CANADIAN FACTS - DID YOU KNOW...

- At 10 million square kilometres, Canada has seven per cent of the world's land mass and nine per cent of its fresh water supply.
- Anthropologists believe North American aboriginal groups migrated over the Bering Sea from Siberia 10,000 to 30,000 years ago.
- The first known European colony in the Americas existed about 1,000 years ago, when the Norse settled at L'Anse aux Meadows, Nfld.
- An estimated 40,000 to 50,000 Canadians fought in the American Civil War.