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55 PLUS GROUP ----- SAGE = SPIRITUAL AGE

Prayer - secret, fervent, believing prayer - lies at the root of all personal Godliness.
..... William Coy

A blessed and merry Christmas to all. Our pot-luck luncheon meeting was enjoyed by approximately fifty members and guests. Thanks to Carol Cooper for cooking the ham ----it, along with all the food, was delicious. Entertainment was a Christmas show with Ms. Donita Carmen and the Milan Elementary School Chorus.

Twenty-two members attended the 2009 planning meeting ----- check next month's newsletter for a complete listing of our new year outings. We have decided to do away with some activities due to low attendance and add others in their place.

Come join us for our December 7th Christmas event. This is on Sunday at 2:00 P.M.. Cahal Dunne is returning to Norwalk for one performance only sponsored by the Senior Center. Cahal is an Irish entertainer ---- a singer, songwriter with humor. He'll be appearing at the Ernsthausen Performing Arts Center at Norwalk High School. Tickets are \$10.00 and can be purchased at the door. We will be meeting in the lobby at 1:30 P.M..

FACTS ABOUT CHRISTMAS:..... each year , 30 to 35 million real Christmas trees are sold in the United Statesthere are 21,000 Christmas tree growers in the United Statestrees usually grow for about 15 years before they are sold.....Christmas wasn't a holiday in early America - it was declared a federal holiday in the United States on June 26, 1870.....the first eggnog made in the United States was consumed in Captain John Smith's 1607 Jamestown settlement.....the Salvation Army has been sending Santa Claus donation collectors into the streets since the 1890's.

On Wednesday, December 10th we will once again see the Sawmill Lights before Christmas in Huron with dinner at Berardi's. We'll leave McGuan park at 4:30 P.M. for dinner at 5:00 P.M. and then go to the Christmas display which every year just gets better and more beautiful. Come join us for a night of holiday cheer.

Our next luncheon meeting will be Wednesday, January 7, 2009 at SugarCreek Restaurant at 11:30 A.M.. May the holiday bring FRIENDS to your door, PEACE to your pathway, and SUCCESS in the new year! A very happy holiday season to each and every one of you.

JMJ

THE NEW YEAR, GOD, PRAYER

Happy New Year, God!
You are ushering in another year,
untouched and freshly new.
So here I am to ask you, God,
if You'll renew me too.
Forgive the many errors
that I made this past year
and let me try again, dear God,
to walk closer in Your way.
But, God, I am well aware
I can't make it on my own.
So take my hand and hold it tight,
for I cannot walk alone.