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## Provincial Point of View

**December 16, 2014**

**Merry Christmas!**

### MESSAGE FROM KEN CHEVELDAYOFF, MLA, SASKATOON SILVER SPRINGS



***The friendship of those we serve is the foundation of our progress. Thank you and from our family to yours, our best wishes for a very Merry Christmas!***

**In the spirit of the Christmas season, Trish and I invite you to join us at our home on:**

**DECEMBER 19, 2014**

**AT**

**138 KAPLAN GREEN**

**This is a special time of year and a wonderful opportunity  
to celebrate with family and friends.**

**One of the joys of the holidays is extending thanks to all of you  
for your friendship and support.**

**Please stop by for refreshments and hors d'oeuvres and  
an evening of Christmas Cheer.**

**We hope to see you any time after 7:00 p.m.**

***Ken, Trish, Carter & Paige Cheveldayoff***

**CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM PREMIER BRAD WALL**



700 years before the First Christmas, one of many promises by Old Testament prophets was made about the coming of the Christ.

“For unto us a child is born,” wrote Isaiah, “unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be

upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace”.

Peace? Isn't that the promise of Christmas? Not just peace between nations but between each of us...toward each of us...for each of us.

Should we not then be about the work of keeping that promise? Not just this season but all the year?

How then can we keep it? We need only look to the examples all around us in this amazing Saskatchewan...to find that answer.

Years ago, for example, an Indian family immigrated to Canada and ended up in Victoire, Saskatchewan. They found warm hospitality in a church in the nearby town of Canwood.

It was there they were first invited into a home to share the Canadian family's turkey dinner.

They were impressed by the food and the love shown to them and the next year another new friend came and helped them prepare their first turkey dinner. It is now their own tradition that they have passed down to their kids.

[Christmas Message from Premier Brad Wall](#)

## **CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

As we celebrate this special season, it's my pleasure to extend greetings to you on behalf of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth the Second, Queen of Canada.

What does Christmas mean to you? For those of us who are Christians, it's a holy time, when we celebrate the birth of Christ. For many of us, Christmas is about spending time with family and friends. It's also a season of sharing, when we give and receive presents. A gift that we enjoy all year round is our amazing good fortune to live in Canada.

Have you ever noticed, when tragedy strikes, Canadians rally together, and actually become closer? This year, our citizens faced challenging circumstances with empathy and renewed

determination to maintain the rights and freedoms we hold dear.

I'd like to thank our men and women in uniform, including our military, police, firefighters, and paramedics. We are deeply grateful to you for the sacrifices you make to serve our nation.

I'd also like to thank our generous and capable volunteers. You are what makes Saskatchewan great!

It was Hamilton Wright Mabie who wrote, "Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love." I wish you and your loved ones happiness, and good health, today and throughout the coming year. Merry Christmas!

## **CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION**

Though the weather outside can be frightful, this time of year is still pretty delightful.

It's a time to slow down a bit and focus on what matters most.

To gather with those we love, enjoy one another's company, continue long-held traditions, and perhaps even start some new ones.

This Christmas, I'm very much looking forward to visiting the farm, catching-up with family and loading up on some good traditional Norwegian food – like klubb and lefse.

I'm looking forward to sledding with the kids, telling stories around the fireplace, and seeing their expressions of excitement as we gather as a family to open gifts.

And I also have to admit that I'm looking forward to a few days away from the normal routine so I can leave my razor in the drawer and grow my annual Christmas beard.

However you celebrate the holidays, I hope this season brings you a time of rest and reflection ... as well as a lot of good food, and a lot of fun with family and friends.

For many of us, this is also a time to celebrate the Christmas story – of a baby, who was born into poverty, in a town too crowded to offer shelter, and who brought an incredible message of peace, love and redemption.

A message that challenges us to look out for one another, to comfort those who suffer, to give hope to the most vulnerable among us, and to strive for a better, more just world for everyone.

That’s a message that’s important to my family, and it’s a big part of my motivation as the Opposition Leader – to always focus on making sure that people are doing well.

There’s no doubt that Saskatchewan people are incredibly big-hearted all year round, but we’re especially generous at this time of year... as we all do a bit more to support those in need, here at home in our own communities, throughout our province, and halfway around the world in conflict zones in Ukraine, Syria, Iraq, and South Sudan, and Ebola-affected countries like Sierra Leone, Liberia, and Guinea.

Those carols calling for peace on earth, the end of all oppression, and joy to all the world ring especially true this year.

Whatever meaning this holiday season has for you and your family, and however you celebrate it, I hope the season is a good one for you.

On behalf of my wife, Ruth, our daughters, Ingrid, Clara and Gudrun, and all the New Democrat MLAs – I wish you all a Merry Christmas, a joy-filled holiday season, and a very happy, peaceful and prosperous New Year!

**THOUGHT OF THE DAY**



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