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Provincial Point of View

December 16, 2015

**Please see your invitation
to our Christmas Party!**

**MY CHRISTMAS MESSAGE TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY - KEN
CHEVELDAYOFF, MLA, SASKATOON SILVER SPRINGS**

*KEN CHEVELDAYOFF, MLA, SASKATOON SILVER
SPRINGS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY*



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

*FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2015
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 join us for refreshments and hors d'oeuvres and
an evening of Christmas Cheer.*

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

Christmas is a wonderful time of year when we celebrate faith, family, peace, harmony, optimism and good will towards others. It is in that spirit that I take this opportunity of behalf of my wife Trish and our children Carter and Paige, to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a healthy & prosperous New Year.

This is a favourite time of year for many but for many there are challenges. Happiness, nostalgia, excitement and reverence are just a few emotions that are experienced this holiday season. Please take a moment to help those in need and take time to enjoy your family and friends. When I think of Christmas growing up in Blaine Lake, I appreciated the small home town feeling where everyone greeting you with a "Merry Christmas" and visiting was the highlight of the season.

Our city and province is home to people of many faith traditions, who celebrate in different ways, but for many of us this season holds special times of sharing with family and friends. I hope that you will have time to join Trish and I *Friday, December 18th at our home at 138 Kaplan Green*. Please stop by for refreshments, hors d'oeuvres and an evening of visiting. It is such a joy to celebrate this special time of year with friends. I sincerely invite you take time from your hectic schedule to attend our gathering.

Christmas brings family and friends together; it helps us appreciate the love in our lives we often take for granted. May the true meaning of this holiday season fill your heart and home with many blessings. From our family to yours, Merry Christmas! May this incredible time of giving and spending time with family bring you joy that lasts throughout the year.

2015 CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM PREMIER BRAD WALL

In summer of 2015, public officials in our province of Saskatchewan issued a decree: that all affected people leave their homes and in mass exodus, travel to places of refuge where they could be safe and accounted for.

They were escaping blazing forest fires of epic proportions.

It was the largest evacuation in Saskatchewan history.

Thousands of people were on the move, all of them in uncertain circumstances, not knowing how quickly they would return home.

For a few young women, these circumstances had an added dimension of uncertainty. They were in the late stages of pregnancy.

These young women were living as displaced persons far from home, without the supplies they

had gathered for their new baby.

But thankfully for all concerned, healthy babies were delivered in hospitals close by with medical staff to give assistance.

We are privileged to live in a province where people come together. That can be difficult when stress levels are high.

And so, I salute the evacuees, the firefighters, the troops, the Red Cross, and the local officials, the mayors and chiefs.

Those who shared money, food and supplies, and those who prayed for an ending to this situation. All rose to the occasion.

Two thousand years ago, a public official named Caesar Augustus issued a decree that all people needed to be accounted for. It affected the entire Roman world. Everyone needed to be registered.

Many people were on the move, with primitive travel arrangements, not knowing how long this would take.

I'm sure for some young women, this circumstance had an added dimension of uncertainty. Like being in the late stages of pregnancy.

For one of these young women, the time came to have her baby, her first. Not in a local hospital along the way, not even in a clean, comfortable Holiday Inn, but in a stable, with precious few amenities.

Her only assistant, a most likely very, very nervous husband, with perhaps some curious animals looking on.

She didn't have much for supplies either. All she had were a few strips of cloth to wrap him in. And all she could lay him in was not a cradle made by her carpenter husband, but just a simple, dirty manger.

Crude surroundings for a King. His first visitors – an adoring group in from the fields smelling strongly of sheep. They were alerted by a type of atmospheric media unlike any we could imagine.

All rose to the occasion.

This Christmas, we celebrate the arrival of that very special baby boy. The “Divinest Heart that ever walked the earth was born on that day” as it has been said. (Leigh Hunt)

His name is Jesus, the essence of hope and peace and the ultimate example of self-sacrifice for love.

So from me and my wife Tami, and our family, and on behalf of my colleagues in the Government of Saskatchewan: “May you have the gladness of Christmas which is hope; The spirit of Christmas which is peace; The heart of Christmas which is love.” (Ada V. Hendricks)

And may you spread joy to others who need it most. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

2015 CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

In 1914, the world was at war. Trench warfare created very difficult circumstances, particularly in the cold of winter. But on that Christmas Eve, something remarkable happened. A Christmas truce was called, and the soldiers on both sides laid down their weapons. They ventured out of their trenches and even exchanged modest gifts. That night, when the British soldiers began to sing “O Come All Ye Faithful,” the Germans joined in, singing the same hymn to the Latin words “Adeste Fideles.”

For me, this is the true message of Christmas. No matter what our circumstances, there is reason for hope and for gratitude. This Christmas, I am grateful for the Canadian men and women in uniform. I wish to thank the Canadian Armed Forces, our police officers, firefighters, and paramedics, for the sacrifices they make to serve.

I am fortunate to take part in hundreds of events each year across Saskatchewan. This is a constant reminder to me of our greatest strength – our innovative, compassionate, and generous people. I am grateful to everyone who gives their time to provide leadership to local organizations, and to support community events and initiatives. Truly, you are what makes our province and our nation great.

As you celebrate this special season with your family and friends, I wish you good health and much happiness throughout the coming year.

Merry Christmas everyone!

2015 CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION

Hello everyone, and Merry Christmas!

I love this time of year.

As the weather outside is increasingly cold, and as the world is at its darkest, we have this incredible season of warmth and light.

Warmth that comes as we gather with family and friends, to carry on long-held traditions, and even start some new ones.

And light that comes not only in colourful displays, but also through reflections on the past year, as we count our many blessings and look forward to what the New Year will bring.

I can't wait to see my daughters, their eyes all lit up, as they take in all the wonder of Christmas. Their laughter as they play with their cousins.

Their enthusiasm in giving and receiving gifts from under the tree.

And their big smiles as they drink mugs of hot chocolate after tobogganing outside.

I'm looking forward to gathering with family and friends, to enjoy traditional Norwegian food.

And I'm also looking forward to a few days away from the normal routine, to break out my cross-country skis and enjoy the scenery of this beautiful province.

For many of us, this is also a time to celebrate the Christmas story – a story of a baby, Jesus Christ, born in a stable, and rushed off to another country, as his family sought refuge from violence and tyranny.

Christ's message was one of love, grace and peace.

A message that urges us to look out for one another, comfort those who suffer, feed the hungry,

welcome the stranger, and give hope to the vulnerable.

In so many ways, those are Saskatchewan values – the kind of values that motivate me as a leader to do everything I can to ensure that all people in our province are doing well, and that all of us can get ahead and achieve our dreams for our children.

In this season, we also think of all those whose lives were overturned this year – through illness or loss of work; through the death of loved ones; through massive forest fires in Northern Saskatchewan; natural disasters and acts of violence around the world; and war in places like Iraq, Syria and Ukraine.

As we sing carols calling for peace on earth, joy to all the world, and the end of oppression and sorrow, we join with all those who yearn for a much brighter 2016.

Whatever meaning this holiday season has for you, and however you celebrate it, I hope it's a great one for you.

On behalf of my wife, Ruth, our daughters, Ingrid, Clara and Gudrun, and all New Democrat MLAs – I wish you a Merry Christmas; holidays that are full of joy; and a New Year that is happy, peaceful and prosperous.

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I appreciate the many opportunities to make a positive difference in my constituency. Your phone calls, letters, and emails make a big difference in keeping me informed on the issues that matter to you.

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