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**January 2011**.

 Our first letter of the new decade will be a recap of activities in the final days of 2010. Yes, we know it is still 2010, but since relocating to Canada we try to anticipate a bit for our U.S. snail mailers.

 Christmas dinner, … the menu of which was imparted in an earlier missive, went fine. Setting the plum pudding aflame went off with dispatch and did not set the house on fire!

 Our gifting did nothing to help anyone’s economy. (Well, … maybe our own.) We bought nothing we couldn’t eat or drink, the savings being an offshoot of **“FREEBIE DAY”.** The same encompassed much of Christmas Eve. Freebie Day you ask? Well, let us tell you the ways.

 Participants: 6

 Gift rule: Spend no money.

 Gift collection time: One year.

 Number of gifts required: Unspecified.

 Wrapping: Not required, garbage bag is adequate. .

 Cross referenced grids equate playing cards to Freebies.

 Complicated “Stealing” procedure.

2010 Freebie day report.

 Participants: The 6 regulars.

 Gift Rule: See below.

 Collection time 362 days.

 Number of gifts: 84,.in 14 rounds of 6

 Gift received by each participant: 14.

 Duration: 4 hours, including vegetable lasagna.

 Wrappings: Returned to box for reuse.

 Gifts stolen: all wine, liquor bottles and truffles.

The day was fully enjoyed by all. However, … there were a few … shall we say … controversies. Lucile & Ken are Freebie Purists. Marc, Michelle, Linda & Norm tend to stretch things out a bit. Things we’re dealing with here are: Re-gifting, Buy one, get one free, Air Miles, etc. Case in point: A brand new coffee maker in its original box*. “Hold it just une momento, … you got that for free?”* Needless to say, Lucile’s and Ken’s Freebies ( Calendars, dental floss, “Jefferson Oil” pens[[1]](#footnote-1)[1] etc) were greatly outclassed.

 Finally, two gatherings of what we shall call, “The Ottawa Cedarvale Ex-patriots”. These comprised 8 original Cedarvale Estates property owners, two still owners and represented a solid run of original lot numbers from # 7 thru # 13.. The first gathering was a lovely afternoon of drinks at Peggy & Og Carss’s. The second was a brunch at Lucile, Bailey and Ken’s. Wow! These people had been neighbors since the early 60’s, almost 50 years. Pictures, memories, laughs, … wonderful!. Hey, we’re going to make these gatherings an annual event!

 Happy New Year all,

 Lucile, Bailey & Ken,

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1.        \*Adams, Dave, Deb, Helene, Newborn 4 Neighbors, Ottawa.

2.        \* Andrea Champagne 1 Friend.Vermont

3.        \*Armstrong, Carol, Bruce & Mackenzie 3 Friends, North Carolina

4.        \* Barber, Carolyn & Jim 2 Friends, Vermont.

5.        \* Bennett, Gerry-Anyango, Carol & Gweth 3 Family, N.Y.C.,& Kenya.

6.        \* Bennett, Marc-Burke, Michelle 2 Family, Ottawa

7.        Brock, Beth 1 Family, Georgia

8.        \* Brock, Jeff, Susan, Elizabeth, Taylor, 5 Family, Georgia
& Gracie

9.        \* Chris Shyer &David Ehrich 2 Friends, Vermont.

10.     \* Cotton, Gene & Marilyn 2 Friends, Georgia.

11.     \* Dawson, Anne, Keith & Victoria 3 Friends, Ottawa.

12.     \* Demand, Nancy & Erhart 2 Friends, Vermont/Mass.

13.     \* DeYoung, Ann & Ron 2 Friends, Vermont.

14.     \* Hamel, Louise & Pierre 2 Family, Quebec

15.     \* Jacobs, Bruce & Gail 2 Friends, Vermont.

16.     \* Jefferson, Bill 1 Family, CT.

17.     \* Jefferson, Nancy 1 Family, CT.

18.     Jefferson, Greg & Kathi 2 Family, Texas

19.     \* Jefferson, Lucile, Bailey & Ken 3 “Ottawa Outlook” Management.

20.     \* Jefferson/Hoffpair; Linda, Kelly 4 Family, CT
 Sara & Nick

21.     \* Jefferson, Matt, Heide. . 2 Family, Vermont

22.     Jefferson, Mike. 1 Family, Georgia.

23.     Jefferson, Phil. 1 Family, Georgia.

24.     \* Kelly, Marz 1 Family, Vermont.

25.     \*Klein, Myr, John, Willow & Rowan 5 Family, Mass.
 & Linden

26.     \* Lafever, Phyllis 1 Family, Vermont

27.     \* Lund, Vaughn, Lynn, Jaclyn &Abigail 4 Friends, Georgia.

28.     \* Manley, Peter & Moira 2 Neighbor, Ottawa

29.     \* McCleskey, Sue 1 Family, Georgia.

30.     \* McDevitt, Etta 1 Family, Ottawa / Vermont

31.     \* McDevitt, KC, Michael, Thomas, 6 Family, Ontario
 Christopher, Oliver & Katlin.

32.     \* McDevitt, Linda & Norman 2 Family, Ottawa/Vermont.

33.     \* Munoz, Julio, Morgaen & Julian 3 Family, Mass

34.     \* Parker, Ann & Chuck 2 Friends, MO/Vermont.

35.     \* Patti & Tim LaBiounty 2 Friends, Vermont

36.     \* Peck, Sara, Bill Jr, Dan & Colin 4 Family, North Carolina.

37.     \* Peck, Carole, Jimmy & Guy 3 Family, Georgia.

38.     \* Perry, Jane & Bob 2 Friend, Vermont.

39.     \* Peterson, Gladys & ‘Pete’ 2 Friends, New Hampshire.

40.     \* Reid, Suzanne. 1 Family, Quebec.

41.     \* Snow, Jean 1 Friend, Florida..

42.     \* St John, Moira 1 Friend, Ontario.

43.     \* Thanasse, Myriam 1 Friend, Ottawa.

44.     \* Thum, Chis, Amanda, Jack & Kate 4 Family, Georgia

45.     \* Ward, Art &Heather 2 Friends, Pennsylvania

1. [1] We steal some of these every time we visit Glastonbury Connecticut. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)