

The Reader

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The Reader is the bimonthly newsletter of People, Words & Change. We welcome stories and articles by our members.

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PWC Learners Write!



Wedding Customs in Egypt

By N.A.

In my country, the wedding ceremony is the most important and happy day in any family. In Egypt, the family starts preparing for that day months ahead. First, the groom prepares his clothes and the bride also. The groom pays for the cost of the white dress and also for the ring. Each family has a different budget; some buy diamonds and others buy gold.

Second, the groom and the bride switch their rings from their right finger to their left finger, and they promise they will be faithful forever. All the world now has this tradition. The cake is a French-style; it is multi-layered and there is a symbol of the bride and groom on the top.

Finally, the wedding celebration at night takes place in a big restaurant with a lot of fun and a lot of people related to both sides to celebrate the most important day of any family.

From "International Wedding Customs . . . Different Strokes for Different Folks:"

Egyptian women pinch the bride on her wedding day for good luck. The bride's family traditionally does all the cooking for a week after the wedding, so the newlywed couple can relax.

The Mystery of Dreams. . . a true story of a dream by Bradley Bourgoin

The other night I went to sleep and had a dream. I dreamt that Molly and I were taking a walk around the block as we always do. And as Molly and I got to the street corner a neighbour came up from behind to say hello. As we crossed the street, we both saw a five-dollar bill at the same time, but I was quicker to pick it up. As I began to put it in my pocket I realized that there was more than just five dollars. It was in fact sixty-five dollars. Just then she said that she saw it first, so I reached into my pocket and pulled the five out and gave it to her saying she was right. When Molly and I arrived home I asked myself was I right to keep the sixty dollars as she saw only the five. I guessed that I was. What do you think?

What do you think? Write and tell us the right thing to do, in your opinion. We will print all the answers in the next Reader!

Fathers

Fathers' are kind of shy.
When they need to cry.
Fathers' like to go camping.
As long as they don't get caught napping.
Fathers' like to have a very good time.
Even when they don't like to spend a dime.
Some fathers' like to drink.
Even when their feet stink.
No matter what you do.
A father will always love you.

By Salem Saikali



A WORD SEARCH PUZZLE – Days and Months

Like Word Search? You can find lots more at www.puzzles.ca !

Y A Y U F U Y R A U N A J
A D Y A A R T R N C Y R F
D E Y C D S I M L A E E E
S N U R U S O D M T D B B
E U O G E N E Y A E N M R
U J U V D B A N C Y Y E U
T A R A E D O E D A E T A
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MONDAY
TUESDAY
WEDNESDAY
THURSDAY
FRIDAY
SATURDAY
SUNDAY

JANUARY
FEBRUARY
MARCH
APRIL
MAY
JUNE

JULY
AUGUST
SEPTEMBER
OCTOBER
NOVEMBER
DECEMBER

Annual General Meeting – you are invited!

Wednesday, June 17, 7:00 – 8:30 at People, Words & Change

Come and meet the folks who work hard behind the scenes to take care of the legal and financial health of the organization. They are our dedicated Board of Directors, and this is their annual business meeting.



Big thanks to a special group of volunteers – our Board of Directors for 2008-09. From left to right: Trevor Heavens (Treasurer), Bruce Clarke, Kae McColl (staff rep), Brenda Smith (Vice-President), Ron Lachance, Dan Killoran (President), Gary Warnock, and Rose Anne Leonard (Secretary, seated).



WHAT WILL YOU BE READING THIS SUMMER?

TELL US ABOUT YOUR FINDS . . . We would be delighted to include information about good books you have found! Just send it by e-mail To info@pwc-ottawa.ca.

People, Words & Change office will be closed for the month of July. Tutors and learners who meet regularly at PWC can still do so. Just let Chris or Dee know if you want to continue in July.



IT WAS A VERY GOOD YEAR!

WE WANT TO SHARE SOME OF THE SUCCESS STORIES OF OUR STUDENTS. WE'VE USED THEIR INITIALS, BUT THEY KNOW WHO THEY ARE. WE ARE VERY PROUD OF THEM!

A former student, S.F. is now attending Grade 9 at the Adult High School

K. has been accepted into Academic Upgrading Courses at Algonquin College

Y. will be taking an adult evening Literacy & Basic Skills class in September

H.A. has been accepted into the Leadership Ottawa program

E.A. is now designing and sewing her own clothes

I.S. is selling her paintings on E-Bay

***R.C. was nominated by PWC for the Cooperator's Insurance
"Learner of the Year" award***

***S.C. successfully completed the GED Language Arts Writing test, and has entered the
Automotive Service Technician Apprenticeship Program***

***S.S has three 2-hour shifts a week at the Heartwood House reception desk, and has recently
been designated as a back-up volunteer support person***

***O.G. was accepted into a mentoring program at the Pinecrest Queensway Community
Resource and Health Centre called "From Volunteerism to Employment"***

***CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL,
HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER AND GOOD LUCK IN YOUR NEXT STEPS!***