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Neges gan y Gweinidog

A message from the Minister.

Blwyddyn Newydd Dda ! May I wish you a New Year full of God's blessing.

Yes. It is that time of year when all sorts of promises are given, resolutions are made – and broken so very easily. I am not one to say in public what my resolutions are, but I can promise you that without a doubt all those resolutions have been broken or forgotten by me by the time you read this message!!

Resolutions come from a realization that we have done something we should not, that we have some bad habit that has been pointed out to us, that we should mend our ways, somehow. We tend to concentrate on the 'little' things in our resolutions, things we can fairly easily cope with (or without). And, for a few short days, we feel good with ourselves for being so self-controlled. Then we slide back into our bad habits, feel bad about it for a while, then forget we ever made the resolution.

So thank goodness we only concentrate on the 'little' things! At least then we can put our minds to the more important matters at a later time, in a different light. But do we? I have to make a 'to do' list almost daily, or else there is no way I can remember all the things that need doing. This includes the 'must' list and the 'should' list, according to the priorities involved. At a time when we resolve to do certain things to improve our everyday existence we should also make a 'to do, must do' list of the actions and deeds that would enrich us spiritually, such as being on good terms with all those around us, with our environment, with ourselves and with our God.

What a nice aim, a valuable resolution, at the start of 2005 – to do my part to make this world, or even my little corner of this world, a better place to live in by the end of the year. And what is good about this plan is that we CAN reach that goal – if only we tried, just a little bit harder.

Bob bendith.

Deian.

UCW

*As you may know the new UCW committee are now working towards providing an interesting programme for the year ahead. We are holding a **Valentine's Social/ Lunch** on February 15th at 12.30. This time slot has been chosen to encourage those who do not like to travel at night to come out during the day. We will have a tasty light lunch prepared. Tickets can be obtained from Betty Stroud 416 465 1814 and Trish Stevenson 905 884 2603. If you have any exciting suggestions for daytime activities please let us know.*

On Good Friday there will be a hot dinner after the afternoon service; before the Annual Gymanfa Ganu, (under the direction of Jean Thompson.)

A big thank you goes to Chris Bailey (Joy) and her team for all their hard work over the last few years. Dewi Sant appreciates all the work that you have done on its behalf.

Please remember the "tea list," for Sunday mornings. You do not need any qualifications or papers. It is very easy and we accept rookies without question. Losing this all important social gathering after the worship service would be very sad.

Thank you. Annette Evans and Myfanwy Bajaj.

RENEWAL 20007 Upcoming Events

In the Spring of 2005, we have two exciting events planned. So mark your calendars and invite your friends and family. **Everyone is welcome.**

SPRING LUNCHEON AND SILENT AUCTION

On **Sunday, April 10, 2005**, Dewi Sant Renewal is having a luncheon and tea at Rosedale Golf and Country Club, 1901 Mt. Pleasant Rd. (near Dewi Sant).

Cost is \$25.00 Adults, \$20.00 for Seniors (60+) and Children under 12.

We need your help in gathering items to auction, so there is an open invitation to anyone who would like to donate or make something to be auctioned. These items can be in various categories such as Art, Crafts and Services and we are looking for a wide range of items, with starting bids as low as \$5.00, so that everyone can participate in the auction.

Get your tickets today! Tickets available from Meriel Simpson 905 712 1268 or the church office.

If you would like to participate and/or donate an item, please see Meriel Simpson for more information.

CÔR MAELGWN FROM LLANDUDNO, N. WALES

In April and May, 2005, Côr Maelgwn will be spending seven days in Canada and three in New York. And thanks to our good friend, Roger Roberts, Côr Maelgwn will be giving a concert at Dewi Sant on Monday, May 2nd. More information to follow. Meriel Simpson.

Ontario Gymanfa Ganu

Make Stratford, Ontario, your venue of choice for the last weekend of April, 2005. That is the date and place of the next Ontario Gymanfa Ganu.

President David Pugh invites you all to participate in the annual weekend of celebrations. On Friday evening former president, Myfanwy Bajaj, will emcee the Noson Lawen in her inimitable way. Should you wish to participate, please let us know before hand, if possible.

Cor Maelgwn from North Wales, the guest choir, will delight us with a concert on Saturday evening. They will also be at the two Cymanfa sessions on Sunday.

The weekend will be full, as usual. As well as the Annual Meeting on Saturday morning, there will be Children's Activities. (Any children wishing to showcase their talents are invited to participate in Friday evening's Noson Lawen). On Saturday afternoon the usual Poetry reading session will take place. Don't forget the banquet on Saturday prior to the concert.

The Market Place will be better than ever and you all are urged to support our vendors.

Why not add a few days to your weekend and attend a play or two at the Stratford Festival? Located on the banks of the river Avon, Stratford -just like the birthplace of Shakespeare in England – is world renowned for its theatrical productions. For more information on the Festival Theatre see its web site at www.stratfordfestival.ca Hope to see you all in Stratford.

Further information about the Ontario Gymanfa Ganu may be got from David Pugh at 905-261-2054
Hefina Phillips

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To all those who like a little romance in their lives

*We all know when the Patron Saint of lovers' day is celebrated. Of course, it has to be January 25th. 'What', I hear you say, 'is this man talking about?' Everyone celebrates the 'lovers' day' on February 14th. **But no, not everyone.** We Welsh have to be different, we have to follow our own traditions rather than follow the 'norm' And so we have our own Patron Saint of lovers, and our very own date in the calendar to celebrate the occasion. So who is this Saint?*

To start with, any Patron Saint of lovers has to be a GIRL. That makes sense to anyone who knows about romantic stories. Her name was Dwynwen. And this, according to Welsh tradition, is her story.

She was a daughter of Brychan Brycheiniog, a 6th Century king. She was a beautiful girl and so she had many suitors who wanted to marry her, not for political power but because they were truly in love with her. But she could not think of marrying anyone other than her one true love, a young man of poor background who was not suitable to become the next ruler of the county.

One of her suitors was a young man called Maelon, and he asked her for her hand in marriage. But Dwynwen had no interest in him and refused his offer. In anger and frustration he kidnapped her and showed great cruelty towards her. After keeping her as a prisoner for some time, Maelon realized what he had done and in shame set her free and went into hiding, fearing his very life. Dwynwen could not face going home, so she wandered into a large forest, sat down and cried. As she wept an angel came down to comfort her. The angel became angry with Maelon and ordered that he should be turned into a lump of ice, to suit his cold and cruel heart. But Dwynwen would not hear of such a punishment and made the angel promise not to take revenge on the young man.

From then on Dwynwen wanted nothing to do with men, and wished to erase Maelon from her memory. She decided to give her life to God and His work on earth, and so she prayed for guidance. The angel appeared once again and told her that God wanted her to work in the north, and so she was sent to Anglesey, to a little island there called Llanddwyn. This is where she spent the rest of her days, working for God by bringing people together in reconciliation. She was able to show others that love, as demonstrated by God, can be a beautiful state of mind and spirit.

After her death she was made a Saint, and later on she was ordained as the Patron Saint of Love for the Welsh nation. During the Middle Ages lovers used to go on pilgrimages to Llanddwyn to pray to Dwynwen for their future love together.

Even today, if ever you were able to go to Llanddwyn, you would still be able to see the ruins of Dwynwen's Church and Dwynwen's Well, which keeps water of powerful loving properties. (Or so 'they' say).

*Therefore, on January 25th this year buy your beloved some flowers, buy your man some aftershave, go out for a really romantic meal, tell someone special that you love them, so as to celebrate the day of **OUR** patron saint of lovers.*

Deian.

Cornel Fach y Gegin----- Kitchen Corner.

Honeyed Lamb.

4lb. Leg of lamb, 6 tablespoons honey, a sprig of rosemary, salt and freshly ground pepper, ½ pint of cider. With Spring hopefully not too far away, many turn to lamb especially at Easter time. This dish entices us to put down the mint sauce and try something different !

Set the oven at 400 F. Place the leg of lamb on kitchen foil in a roasting tin. Brush with 4 tablespoons of warm honey (or more!) and season with salt and pepper. Place a large sprig of fresh rosemary on top of the joint. Draw up the foil to form a tent and roast for 15 minutes. Lower the heat to 350 F and continue roasting for 1½ hours until the juice runs a pale pink, or longer if you prefer your meat well done. For the last 20 minutes of the cooking time open up the foil to crisp and brown the skin. Remove the lamb from the oven and keep warm. Pour off the fat from the roasting tin and make gravy with the residue, adding half a pint of cider and 2 tablespoons of honey. Reduce volume by boiling. Serve with roast potatoes and green vegetables. M

St. David's Day Banquet

Saturday, March 5th, 2005. Please mark that date in your calendars. The Greater Toronto Welsh Association will hold its second annual St. David's Day Banquet that evening at the Sheraton Centre Hotel.

Those who attended last year's inaugural banquet at the Liberty Grand will attest to the outstanding success of the evening. This year's banquet promises to be even better.

The guest speaker will be our own Lord Roger Roberts of Llandudno. What a joy to welcome him back to the Toronto Welsh community. The entertainment will be provided by the combined Toronto Welsh and Burlington Welsh Male Voice Choirs. This is the first time for these two choirs to sing together. How appropriate that it should be to celebrate our patron saint's day.

Tickets for the banquet cost \$100 per person and can be reserved from the Rev. Deian Evans or Meriel Simpson at Dewi Sant Welsh Church (416-485-7583) or by contacting Ron Moses at 519-824-3364.

Hefina Phillips

Bless be the "Thai" that binds

Adversity is one of the great powers that bring people together.

Less than a month ago we had never heard the word "tsunami" but now it is imbedded in our souls. When we listened to the news on Boxing Day and heard the tragic news of the disastrous effects of the tidal wave in South East Asia, we felt a nervous pain in the pit of our stomachs because we knew that our son Emyr Wyn, his wife Samme and their little daughter Sandi Sai Sian, were right in the middle of it. Getting through to Thailand from Wales proved to be impossible, however Geraint (son # 2) was able to make contact from California. Only then did the queasy feeling begin to subside.

Had the tsunami hit a day before at the same time, our family would have been on the beach, but thankfully on Boxing Day they were safe in their home which is built on a hillside overlooking the Andaman sea on Lanta Island, Krabi.

Local people living in the low lying areas were afraid to stay the night in their homes, fearing that another wave was to come, so they made their way up to Emyr's house, and that night there was an estimated 300 people huddling together on his property!

Lanta was not as hard hit as Phuket or Pee Pee (which was totally devastated.) yet the tourists who packed the resorts over Christmas, all left, and now the local businesses are suffering the effect, to the extent that most have 'closed shop' including Emyr's restaurant!

No sooner had the news spread, than we began receiving e-mails and telephone calls in Wales from friends and acquaintances from all over North America, all asking the same question, "Is everything alright with your family?"

We have been very touched with the magnitude of this genuine concern.

Since beginning our ministry at Dewi Sant in the Fall of 1979 we have come to realise that here is a church a big caring heart, and upon returning from Wales and hearing that the Board of Session had called the members of the church to reassure everyone that everything was well with our family, the old tear ducts were pretty full!!

More than ever we feel that the Welsh people of Toronto (and beyond) are one closely knitted family, and when the going gets rough, we circle the wagons!

When you read this, we will be in Thailand, where, just maybe, our presence can bring some consolation to the local folk, because as our Resort manager said in her e-mail "...thanks for coming when everyone else is leaving!"

Thank you for the warmth of your love, Cerwyn and Nora.

THE UNITED STATES OF CANADA?

During a visit to friends and family just before Christmas I wondered if Britain was becoming a secular nation. What led me down this path? It wasn't a single fact, thought or observation but more an impression arrived at during my three week visit.

- I read the results of a poll in one of the newspapers that claimed only 33% of those questioned believed in God – nearly half the number of a decade ago.
- My brother in response to my question of how things were at Sardis, the chapel in Ystradgynlais where I was brought up, responded that on a recent Sunday there were four deacons and three members at worship.
- Then a visit to the shops gave witness to an orgy of spending (the Brits are now considered the "nouveau riche" of Europe). The meaning of Christmas was totally absent.

On my return to the United States things seemed to be different, at least on the surface. Yes! The shopping frenzy was in full swing but the Americans are inveterate spenders year round! It was my attendance at church which made it seem different. Dunwoody United Methodist Church was celebrating Christmas in their new sanctuary built to the glory of God and paid for by members to the tune of \$10 million. This was the final stage of an expansion planned and built over several years to accommodate its growing membership. What is more, I counted four other churches within walking distance that were in the process or had completed expansion programs exceeding \$50 million. Five Christmas Eve services at my church starting at 4 pm

with a children's service and ending with a candlelight service at midnight filled our new sanctuary five times and was a moving end to the advent season.

What is going on here? Why are our churches full and expanding in Dunwoody and closing in Wales? Are we seeing divisions between countries or within countries into secular and religious communities? - and God forbid within religious communities. This same question was being posed in the United States by the provocative title of this article. It comes from a post-presidential election map circulating on the Internet "The United States of Canada" (blue states joined to our northern neighbour) versus "Jesusland". This is a reference to the blue states (liberal) won by the Democrats in the north and adjacent to Canada and the red states (religious right) won by the Republicans in the south - funny perhaps but also disturbing. A quick mental tour of the world's hot spots is a sobering reminder that a nation torn by religious divisions is no joke.

But the debate about "values" has been widely discussed during and since the presidential election. Are values about religion? Or morals? Or, something else entirely? And what is the government's role? I know you have and are having similar debates in Canada.

Part II of my article will return to the broader question of "why are our churches full and expanding in the South?" in the next edition of the Gadwyn. Perhaps readers (especially snowbirds in the South) would like to add their views by writing to Myfanwy for inclusion in the next newsletter.

Bill Phillips. Atlanta, Georgia.

"An Adult's Christmas in Wales."

(with apologies to Dylan Thomas)

For the first time in 41 years Nora and I spent Christmas in Wales, and among the things that struck us, was how very North American Wales has become with its gaily-lit streets and houses! It was a green Christmas, although "bookies" were taking bets as to whether it would snow, which it actually did in the Northern regions, but in the sheltered 'Netherlands' of Pembrokeshire, Christmas day enjoyed a balmy temperature of 52 degrees!! I had all but forgotten the sheer delight of sitting in front of a roaring open coal fireplace, meeting with family and old friends over a cup of tea (??) following a sumptuous festive dinner.

We were more "churched" this Christmas than we had been for years. It began on the Thursday evening when visited when we visited our friend, the Rev. Geoffrey Eynon who ministers in village where the now late, sadly to think, Iris Williams, was brought up. Geoff. Is one of the most popular ministers in Wales today, and enjoys one of the most successful ministries in the country. By popular public demand he was asked to repeat his production of an outdoor nativity which the previous year had thrilled the neighbourhood.

Wolfs Castle is a delightful little village which provided a perfect setting for "Bethlehem" The congregation, (about one hundred) met at the foot of a hill, down which came Mary riding on a donkey, accompanied of course by Joseph. As they approached, an appropriate scripture was read, and we sang "It came on a midnight clear!. We then followed over the bridge, where, in the shadows, in nearby meadow, sheep safely grazed, and suddenly, floodlights focused on "the angel of the lord!" Here we sang another carol. Guess which one? Yes, of course, "Hark the herald..."

Slowly we proceeded to the village, to the strains of "Oh little town of Bethlehem," where Joseph knocked at doors trying in vain to secure a place to stay for the night. We trudged through the darkness until we reached the biggest house in the village, yes you've guessed it, Herod's

palace!! Actually Iris' grandfather once lived there! Here, the script called for the wise men, but they were nowhere to be found, and Geoff. quipped that they must have called in the Wolf (the local pub,) on their way! Eventually they arrived, and no, they had not made the questionable detour!!

Following the singing of "We three kings" we made our way to a local shed which had been turned into a most authentic looking stable, with sheep, a cow (actually a calf!) and the donkey, with all the characters, within!! To the strains of "Away in a manger" and "Go tell it on the mountain" we then made our way to the vestry for tea and mince pies!! No doubt, Geoff will be called upon for another repeat next Christmas, but before then, he and his wife Barbara are going to be joining us at Stratford for the Ontario Gymanfa Ganu in April!!

On Christmas eve, we joined a group of young farmers, (most of whom we knew) for a special service of readings and carols. This little church no longer has a minister, so the young people took it upon themselves to continue the tradition that was started when they were children. Again it ended with tea and mince pies!!!

Christmas morning saw us back at Geoff's church, where the children brought their Father Christmas presents for everyone to see! I was "collared" to preach the sermon. For me it was a thrill, because this was the pulpit from where I preached my second sermon ever, way back in the mists of history (1946!!)

Following the service it was off to the Manse for some more tea (??) and mince pies!!!

Whereas the majority of churches would have been dark over Christmas, it was so heartening to know that there are still pockets of activity where things are alive and well!

And then, ah yes, the open fireplace, the afternoon snooze and more tea and mince pies!!

Cerwyn.

Genealogy or Digging Up The Dirt!!

Some years ago I was given details of my wife's ancestors by the Charles family historian, a favorite aunt blessed with a most remarkable memory. It prompted me to wonder about my own long departed and so began my interest in Genealogy.

After first recording details of our parents and grandparents dates of birth, marriages and deaths, something most of us can do without too much difficulty, I then began the more time consuming search into the earlier generations. Most of it could not have been discovered without access to the Family History Centre of the Mormon Church - there are two locations in Toronto and most major cities have one - and, in my case, the Family History Societies of Pembrokeshire and Carmarthenshire. All British counties have such Societies to which access is free. The Internet is yet another great source of information some of which is free and some on a pay per view basis.

After 1837 all English and Welsh births, marriages and deaths (B.M.D.) had to be registered. Previously all such records were usually found in churches of the parish where the event occurred. From 1841 onwards a census was taken on a specific day throughout the country. This was repeated every ten years. One can tell where your ancestors lived on that day, the address, each family member, occupations, ages and even if anyone had an infirmity. Copies of B.M.D. certificates can be obtained which can give information about, for example, the cause of death, whether those involved could write, the witnesses to the event, who the next of kin were and where the events took place and so on.

My family tree now includes eight generations although there are still gaps to be filled, mostly actual dates rather than merely the year alone. It is a slow but fascinating process but I have discovered so much about my ancestors and what they did for a living. I am also fortunate to have many photos of those long gone.

One spent his entire career as a Lighthouse Keeper at St. Ann's Head in Dale, Pembrokeshire, the first one built

in Wales, Three others were pilots, including a father and two of his sons, in Pembrey, Carmarthenshires. Another was a collier who was killed in a mining accident six months before his only son was born. Another was "dumped" at the tender age of 13 to work in The Alexandra Hotel, Cardiff, because there were too many mouths to feed at home. She worked there until she married 17 years later.

There are many more tales to tell. For those who have not started digging into your roots, I hope I have whetted your appetite.

Welsh Family History ", a guide to research, published by The Association of Family History Societies of Wales, is probably the finest book on the subject.

Vaughan Lewis..

The Genealogists Psalm

*Genealogy is my pastime, I shall not stray.
It maketh me to lie down and examine
half-buried tombstones.
It leadeth me into still courthouses;
It restoreth my ancestral knowledge.
It leadeth me in paths of census records &
ship's passenger lists for my surname's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the shadows of
research libraries & microfilm readers,
I shall fear no discouragement.
For a strong urge is within me; the curiosity
& motivation they comforteth me.
It demandeth preparation of storage space
for the acquisition of countless documents.
It annointeth my head with burning mid-night
oil; my family group sheets runneth over.
Surely birth, marriage, & death dates shall
follow me all the days of my life;
And I shall dwell in the house of a family-
History seeker forever. **Vaughan.***

I personally have had some success with this address ----noreply@genesreunitec.co.uk Myfanwy

These are the answers to last month's quiz.

- Answers: 1] The eight bluestones at Stonehenge, circa 2500BC
2] Ray Milland. 3] Zulu. 4] 'D' {for dysgwr}
5] Tommy Farr, after attempting to win the World Boxing Championship.
6] John Nash.
7] The rhyme lists "Pistyll Rhaeadr and Wrexham Steeple,
Snowdn's mountains without it's people,
Overton yew trees, St Winifred's Wells,
Llangollen bridge and Gresford Bells."
8] Princess Mary of Teck who later became Queen Mary wife of George V.

Letters to the Editor.

We hope this belated Christmas letter finds everyone well! To those who haven't heard from us in quite some time all we can do is apologise. As you'll see below, Jones Ltd., has been going through some interesting times. My Welsh précis above highlights the most major change in our circumstances: by 11th January 2005 our furniture will have been placed in store, the house sold, our friends bidden farewell, and a new and exciting chapter in our lives opened. On that evening we will fly from Toronto Airport at the beginning of a journey to South Africa, where

Aled led starts postgraduate studies in Ecclesiology at Stellenbosch University in February. We don't have permanent contact details in South Africa yet. Letters you send to us c/o Louw at 172 Main Street, Somerset West, 7130, South Africa, will always get through. The Louws' phone number is +27-21-852-4720. E-mailing us at aled.jones@sympatico.ca will also work for at least the next few months. **Wishing everyone a wonderful, fruitful and blessed 2005, Heledd (2), Mererid (3), Pauline and Aled Jones.**

Elizabeth Blunn who lives in Guelph-- Her husband Ted wrote a card saying that that Betty loves to read all the news in Y Gadwyn..

On The Move

Tom Jones #9 Helvellyn Walk, Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria, England LA14 4PU--Unlisted telephone #.

Gadwyn Donors

Ted Blunn Guelph; D.Wynne Jones; Elaine Kirkham; Joan Mathews; Iris Rees; Gwen Wild

Up Coming Events

Dewi Sant Welsh United Church services are at 11 am. Sunday mornings, with Sunday school for the children.

**The Welsh language worship service is on the first Sunday of every month at 7 pm.
UCW Luncheon 15th February at 12.30.**

Dewi's Dinner February 26th at Dewi Sant.6.30. Cawl, roast lamb etc. \$15. Contact Myfanwy.

Welsh lessons are every Friday night and Saturday morning. For further information contact John Otley 416 782 7169

Toronto Welsh Male Voice Choir Concert Dates:

February 5 Benefit for Thornhill Hospice – Bayview Glen Alliance Church, 300 Steeles Ave. E. Thornhill. Contact Gary Ainlay 905-764-6824

February 19 Trinity United Church, Newmarket. Contact Ed Golem 905-898-1527

March 5 GTA Welsh Association 2nd Annual St. David's Day Celebration. Jointly with the Burlington Welsh Male Chorus, Sheraton Centre Hotel, Toronto. Information 1-866-831-8229

Or email rmoses@stn.net

March 29 Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 78 Clifton Rd., Toronto. Contact Josephine Lennon – email jlennon@trebnet.com.

Contact the Choir at 416-410-2254 or www.TWMVC.com. New members welcome, rehearsals 7.30 Wednesday nights at Dewi Sant Welsh United Church, 33 Melrose Avenue, Toronto

Q Why are the light switches in Wales labeled ON and OFF in English? A. Because the Welsh can tell when the light is on!

Two Welshmen meet in heaven, sitting on St. Peter's bench before the Pearly Gates. "So what brings you here, Wil "Hypothermia", replies Wil . "Froze to death. What about you, Gwyn?" "Well, Wil, I was so sure my wife was having an affair, I bought a shotgun, came home and searched everywhere: the bedroom, the kitchen, basement -- everywhere! Didn't find anyone so, in despair, I shot myself". "Esgob," says Wil, "If you had only looked in the freezer, we might both still be alive.

My wife has a slight impediment in her speech. Every now and then she stops to breathe! ~Jimmy Durante

The GTA WELSH ASSOCIATION'S 2nd ANNUAL ST. DAVID'S DAY CELEBRATIONSATURDAY March 5th, 2005 SHERATON CENTRE, TORONTO

123 Queen St. West, Toronto GALA DINNER AND EVENING OF WELSH ENTERTAINMENT
FEATURING: LORD ROGER ROBERTS OF LLANDUDNO
THE COMBINED BURLINGTON & TORONTO WELSH MALE VOICE CHOIRS

Leek and Lamb Dinner (Please advise of Special Diet requirements)

\$100 per person / \$1000 table of ten (includes all taxes & gratuities)

Reception 6:30pm, Dinner 7:30pm

**** Tickets are limited, so book early (Cutoff date – February 18th) ****

Ticket information: E-mail: rmoses@stn.net

Ticket Reservations: Telephone 1-866-831-8229
(Cheques made payable to “GTA Welsh Association”)

Mail to: GTA Welsh Association 3 Quail Creek Dr., Guelph, Ontario N1C 1A9

**35 rooms have been blocked by The GTA Welsh Association at the Sheraton for March 5th
at the special rate of \$150.00 + taxes.**

Book by February 12th by phoning toll free 1-800-325-3535. Specify GTA Welsh Assoc.

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Thank you all for your contributions. Keep up the good work. The Deadline for the next Gadwyn will be FEBRUARY 9th. I am trying to bring the editions out a week earlier in order that some of the articles are more suitable. Myfanwy@rogers.com 905 737 4399.

The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible. George Burns

What would men be without women? Scarce, sir mighty scarce. Mark Twain

By all means, marry. If you get a good wife, you'll become happy; if you get a bad one, you'll become a philosopher---Socrates.....