

December FUEL for THOUGHT™ 2015

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Foreign Trip? Check Your Manners

When you're traveling for work, you need to be on your best behavior. If your job takes you outside the U.S., beware of these typically American habits that can inadvertently cause offense to your hosts:

- ❖ **Tipping.** In some Asian countries such as Japan and South Korea, tipping in restaurants is unnecessary, and may even be seen as insulting to wait staff.
- ❖ **Cab rides.** Drivers in Australia, New Zealand, the Netherlands, and some other nations expect their riders to join them in the front seat, as a gesture of egalitarianism.
- ❖ **Thumbs up.** This means "OK" in the U.S., but in Latin America, the Middle East, and other regions, it's considered an obscene gesture.
- ❖ **America.** Visitors to Latin and South America should refer to their homeland as the United States or North America, not just "America," which may cause offense by implying that the U.S. is the only American nation.
- ❖ **Promptness.** Check with an expert on when to arrive for appointments. In countries like Germany, making people wait is considered rude, even if you're just "fashionably late." On the other hand, arriving precisely on time for a dinner party is a no-no in some Latin American countries.
- ❖ **Gifts.** Do your homework if you plan on giving or receiving gifts. In some Asian cultures, you're expected to decline a gift at least a few times before accepting it. On the other hand, opening a present right away will be seen as rude.

December Events

December 1st World AIDS Day
December 2nd National Mutt Day
December 6th Hanukkah begins
December 7th Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
December 21st Winter Begins
December 25th Christmas Day
December 31st New Years Eve



As we reflect on the past year, there is no time more fitting than now to express our gratitude. Thank you for being one of our customers.

Wherever your holiday celebration takes you, we wish you a safe, warm and relaxing time spent with family and friends.

May the Spirit of Love, Peace, and Harmony be with you.



Joe, Cindi, Nate, Laura, Mary Lou,
Ryan D, Nik, Ryan K, & Justin.



A Gift For You!

Save \$15.00 On Any Service Or
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Purchase Must Be At Least \$150.00

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Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Special thanks go out to all of our clients and friends who graciously referred our shop to their friends and neighbors last month! Our business is built based on the positive comments and referrals from people just like you. We just couldn't do it without you.

**Monica & Michael Doyle, Lisa Walters,
Brent & Christine Smith, Walter Kile,
Len Melso, Kevin Steskal, Jerry Troxel,
Kathy Lefakinis, & Arian Pourrad**

Waiting For The Doctor

George went to the doctor's office because of a pain in his foot. Before he could even explain his problem, the nonsense nurse ordered him into an examination room and told him to take off all his clothes, put on a paper gown, and wait.

The exam room had two beds, separated by a curtain for privacy. The man disrobed, put on the gown, and waited for close to an hour.

"This is stupid," he said out loud. "Why do I have to sit here in this stupid paper gown just for the doctor to look at my foot?"

From the other side of the curtain came a voice: "Don't ask me. I just came in to fix the phones."



Famous Writers Struggled, Too

Authors toil for years, sometimes decades, before achieving literary success. Along the way, they've got to make a living somehow. From the Galley Cat website, here's how some of the world's most famous wordsmiths paid the bills in their early years:

- * **F. Scott Fitzgerald**, "The Great Gatsby": Advertising copywriter
- * **James Joyce**, "Ulysses": Composed music; performed playing the piano and guitar.
- * **Ken Kesey**, "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest": CIA study volunteer; janitor at a mental health facility
- * **Harper Lee**, "To Kill a Mockingbird": Airline reservations clerk
- * **Stephen King**, "Carrie": High school janitor
- * **Chuck Palahnuik**, "Fight Club": Movie projectionist; bicycle messenger; diesel mechanic
- * **Kurt Vonnegut**, "Slaughterhouse-Five": Car dealer

Put Your Bonus To Work

A year-end bonus can go a long way toward helping you manage your debt even if it's not a huge amount of money. Here are some ways you can make good use of an extra \$50:

- **Cut your credit card debt.** If you put \$50 toward a \$2,000 credit card balance, you'll cut your payback time by four months if you usually pay a minimum of \$40 month. Using the \$50 toward the debt can save you \$103 in interest (at 16 percent).
- **Invest in a mutual fund.** Mutual funds indexed to the Standard & Poor's 500 yielded an average 13.4 percent every year from 1971 to 1996. If that trend continues, the \$50 you put into a fund will give you \$176 in 10 years.
- **Save for next year's holiday season.** If you plunk the \$50 into a Christmas Club account at your local credit union, you can save up to \$550 by next Thanksgiving.
- **Pump up your relationships.** Buy something nice for your spouse, partner, friends, family, or co-workers. You can reap nice rewards by remembering what's more important than money.

Quote

"When you become a mother, you are no longer the center of your own universe. You relinquish that position to your children."

- Jessica Lange

Try These Breakfast Ideas For Your Kids

A good breakfast starts your kids' school day off right. Concentrate on providing them with food rich in calcium, like yogurt, cheese, and milk.

- ★ **Smoothies.** Use your blender to whip up a smoothie with milk, yogurt, fruit, and other nutritious ingredients.
- ★ **Pizza.** A mini-pizza with lots of cheese will make every child's breakfast more fun.
- ★ **Burritos.** Create a burrito bar on your counter with cheese, scrambled eggs, and warm tortillas and let your kids make their own burritos before they head off to school.



Winter Inspection

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What Kind Of Motorcycle Does Santa Ride?



A Holly Davidson



Thanks For The Kind Words

"Excellent as always...because of your expertise & dedication in Maintaining my vehicles in tip top shape, my last four cars have all exceeded 200,000+ miles relying solely on Joe Davis AutoSport for service..many thanks to your complete staff".

~Bob & Bev R.

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Is Your Oldest Friend, Your Car?



Americans are keeping their cars longer than ever. Due to building better cars today, they are lasting longer. 100,000 miles is now considered your vehicle's midlife. 2000,000 is the new 100,000. Remembering back to the 1960's & 1970's it was time to get rid of them when they hit 100,000 miles. Owning a car for 10 years was seen as driving your car into the ground-ready for the junkyard. Not today. Owning a older car today is pretty much the norm. While there are some real benefits to keeping an older car, as it ages, parts break. Noises ignored will only get worse. Problems don't go away, unfortunately they usually only get worse. Don't dawdle when making your appointments. Fixing problems sooner than later prevents bigger issues and expenses. Following your vehicle's factory maintenance schedule is very important. Regular oil changes means a technician's head is frequently under your hood to detect any problems early which will save you money in the long run as well as keeping you safe and from that unexpected breakdown. Drive Gently. the better you treat your high mileage car, the longer it will last. Apply gas and breaks gently, make gradual turns and avoid potholes.

Five Steps To The Top

The secrets to success aren't really secrets. Just keep these basic principles in mind as you move forward no matter what industry you're in and what you want to achieve:

1. Be determined.
2. Finish what you start.
3. Know your dream.
4. Stay positive.
5. Look at problems as opportunities.

be **POSITIVE**



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