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IN SHORT

What's New With Us

The Accountants Loved It!
We had lots of fun presenting *Dress for Success* and *Dining Etiquette* at the **CAEF Diving into Business Conference** (Chartered Accountants Education Foundation of Alberta) in November.

Savvy Home Builders
We're presenting Tech Etiquette: *The Art of Modern Communication* Feb. 10th & 11th, 2015 at the **Residential Construction Industry Conference** (RCIC)

Feb 27 in Vancouver
Soft Skills to Enhance Your Career & Life seminar open to public for the Association of Professional Engineers & Geoscientists of B.C. visit [APEGBC](#) for info.

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What you don't know can hurt your social & business success.



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FEATURE

Season's Greetings

We wanted to give you a Christmas gift (besides our dress for success, networking and business etiquette expert advice).

But what do you give to someone who has everything?
How about something for people who don't have everything?

So we've made some donations to [Oxfam Unwrapped](#), where we bought some goats, some chickens and some other items that can make a difference in people's lives around the world.

Hope you enjoy your goat.
Wishing you safe holidays and a Happy New Year!

Joanne & Terry

OTHER STORIES

Survive the Holiday Party Tips

Etiquette Advice for Guests and Hosts



Holiday parties can **cause some anxiety** because of uncertainty around the etiquette for business entertaining, protocol for gift giving, even what's appropriate dress.

Business or Social?

Let's talk about the office holiday party. Is it a business or a social event? Trick question, it's a bit ...

[Click for our 'survive the party' tips](#)

10 Rude Parking Faux-pas

Okay, you have good manners but does it show when you're parking?



How about extending courtesy and good manners to our automobile and driving hobbies? I saw a great article on parking etiquette in the Edmonton Journal entitled *Unmoving Violations...*

So here are 10 parking gaffes that get my blood boiling...

[Click to read & see a hilarious Italian parking video](#)

Office Manners - Men versus Women

Q. - Chair Woman?

Dear Joanne,
We were having a conversation in our office last week about traditional male/female roles and etiquette in the business environment.



Our female administrative assistant was offended that **none of our male co-workers** offered up their chair to her during our staff meeting held over lunch. Please help us with this issue...

[Click to read Joanne's answer](#)

Our Recent Tweets & Links

Santa's style is finally in vogue! He may need to invest in a plaid suit.
#lumbersexual
<http://ow.ly/FQfSA>



Style is Not an Age!
Advanced Style film celebrates vivacious, in vogue seniors!
<http://ow.ly/FSn2t>

"Do not fear to be eccentric in opinion, for every opinion now accepted was once eccentric." Bertrand Russell

Think Before You Post: 5 Tips to Proper Social Media
#Etiquette <http://ow.ly/E95MK>

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Find the mistakes? Alert Readers

We have included at least one **intentional mistake, synonym or malapropism** in this newsletter. Can you find any? [Click here to send us an email - spot the mistakes](#)

Congratulations to sharp-eyed readers:

Tamara R., Shannon H., Karin F., Maria L., Gladys N., Laurie W., Susan K., Denise H., Steve F., Vicki W., Lorn S., Lynette R., Lisa V., for **spotting the following mistakes/malaprops** in our last newsletter:

1. "with the popularity of *The Walking Dud* TV show"
- zombies are kind of duds, very one dimensional villains compared to vampires?
2. "because traditional *jackals* (menswear styling) don't work particularly well"
- you have to be brave to wear a jackal, or are traditional jackals safer to wear?
3. "the live person you're dealing with, should have **president**."
- maybe an etiquette rule for zombies - live people should have precedence?

What are your thoughts?

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