

Office Party Memos of the Modern Age

December 2

TO: All Employees
FROM: Patty Lewis, Director,
Human Resources
SUBJECT: Employee's Christmas Party !!!

I'm happy to inform you that the company Christmas Party will take place at 12:30 p.m. on December 23rd at Luigi's Open Pit Barbecue. There will be lots of spiked eggnog and a small band playing traditional carols... feel free to sing along. And don't be surprised if our CEO shows up dressed as Santa Claus to light the Christmas tree! Exchange of gifts among employees can be done at that time; however, no gift should be over \$10.00.

Merry Christmas to you and your family.

December 3

TO: All Employees
FROM: Patty Lewis, Director,
Human Resources
SUBJECT: Employee's Holiday Party !

In no way was yesterday's memo intended to exclude our Jewish employees. We recognize that Hanukkah is an important holiday that often coincides with Christmas (though unfortunately not this year). However, from now on we're calling it our "Holiday Party." The same policy applies to employees who are celebrating Kwanzaa at this time. There will be no Christmas tree and no Christmas carols sung.

Happy Holidays to you and your family.

December 4

TO: All Employees
FROM: Patty Lewis, Director,
Human Resources
SUBJECT: Employee's Holiday Party

Regarding the anonymous note I received from a member of Alcoholics Anonymous requesting a non-drinking table, I'm happy to accommodate this request, but, don't forget, if I put a sign on the table that reads, "AA Only," you won't be anonymous anymore.

In addition, forget about the gifts exchange-- no gifts will be allowed since the union members feel that \$10 is too much money.

December 5

TO: All Employees
FROM: Patty Lewis, Director,
Human Racehorses
SUBJECT: Employee's Get Together

I've arranged for members of Overeaters Anonymous to sit farthest from the dessert buffet and pregnant women closest to the restrooms. Gays are allowed to sit with each other. Lesbians do not have to sit with the gay men; each will have their table. Yes, there will be a flower arrangement for the gay men's table. Happy now?

December 8

TO: All Employees
FROM: Ms. Lewis, Director,
Human Ratraces
SUBJECT: Fanatics

People, people -- nothing sinister was intended by wanting our CEO to play Santa Claus! Even if the anagram of "Santa" does happen to be "Satan," there is no evil connotation to our own "little man in a red suit."

December 9

TO: All Employees
FROM: The Bitch from Hell
SUBJECT: Christmas Crap !

Vegetarians -- I've had it with you people!! We're going to hold this party at Luigi's Open Pit whether you like it or not, you can just sit at the table farthest from the "grill of death," as you put it, and you'll get salad bar only, including hydroponics tomatoes. But, you know, tomatoes have feelings, too. They scream when you slice them. I've heard them scream. I'm hearing them right now... Ha! I hope you all have a rotten holiday! Drive drunk and die, you hear me?

December 13

TO: All Employees
FROM: Tim Bishop, Acting Director,
Human Resources
SUBJECT: Employee's Party

I'm sure I speak for all of us in wishing Patty Lewis a speedy recovery from her stress-related illness. I'll continue to forward your cards to her at the sanitarium. In the meantime, management has decided to cancel our Holiday Party and give everyone the afternoon of the 23rd off with full pay.

Happy Holidays!

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