

MONDRIAN MUSE

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New Year's Day is celebrated by most of the world on January 1. In some cultures and religions the New Year is celebrated on an entirely different day based on alternate calendars. Regardless of when the New Year is celebrated, all cultures offer greetings or best wishes for a happy or prosperous New Year.

How To Say "Happy New Year" in Many Languages

The following is a list of New Year greetings in a variety of languages. Unless otherwise noted, the phrases listed translate pretty closely into "Happy New Year."

- *Chinese/Mandarin - *Xin nian yu kuai*
- *Czech - *Štastný Nový rok 2009* (Note: Czechs usually add the year to the Happy New Year phrase. Czechs also send greeting cards which say, "PF 2009." The PF stands for the French words *pour féliciter*.)
- *Danish - *Godt Nytår*
- *Dutch - *Gelukkig Nieuwjaar*
- *Filipino - *Manigong Bagong Taon sa inyong lahat* (Translates as "Happy New Year to All." Note: *Maligayang Pasko at Manigong Bagong Taon* is more traditional, meaning "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.")
- *Finnish - *Onnellista uutta vuotta*
- *French - *Bonne Année*
- *German - *Ein glückliches neues Jahr* (Translates as "A Happy New Year")
- *Greek - *Chronia Polla* (Translates into "many years." It is used also for birthdays, holidays, and patron saints' name days.)
- *Hawaiian - *Hau 'oli Makahiki Hou* (A classic Happy New Year greeting);

YOUR DOG HATES IT WHEN YOU GO OUT— WHAT CAN YOU DO? —BY AMELIA FELLEENZ

Separation anxiety is one of the most challenging problem behaviour dog owners are faced with. Achieving results requires dedication and consistency over many weeks. If your dog has had a solid upbringing including confidence building, obedience training, exercise, and proper conditioning to stressful situations, including practiced absences, then first consult your vet. You would want to rule out any underlying medical cause such as low thyroid levels, improperly functioning adrenal glands or tumors.

After medical causes are ruled out, it is important to increase mental and physical exercise. Walking your dog on a leash is not enough. Your dog must run, jump, play and pant. Be sure to set your dog up for success when you are working on the problem (in this case, when you leave the house) by vigorously exercising your dog and working on its obedience beforehand. Challenging your dog mentally on a regular basis increases confidence and is more tiring than a run in the park. If your dog still has energy left to bark while you are away,

continue to increase exercise until the problem is controlled. **DO NOT PET BAD BEHAVIOUR** We unwittingly reward anxious behavior by lavishing attention at the wrong times. Try to consciously reward only calm behavior. When you come home and your dog is pawing at you and spinning in circles, that is not the right time to give your dog so much as eye contact. Your dog's demand for attention at any other time should be ignored also. At times when they are lying around and calm, then reward that behaviour by petting, playing and giving your dog treats.

Dogs that are always at our side are endearing, but everyone suffers when they cannot stand the harsh contrast of isolation. Practice having the hang out on the far end of a room, tying it to something if needed. Next have your dog in another room, and work on encouraging it to be happy on its own, chewing something tasty. Practice leaving the house for short periods with your regular radio or TV and lights on. Leave after your dog has settled down and pre-

occupied with chewing on something, preferably in a crate. Also practice getting ready to leave but not actually going.

Occupying the dog with chewing and eating is hugely beneficial. Often dogs are so pre-occupied with their anxiety that they will not eat alone. Buy a Kong and freeze well soaked with kibble inside so that all meals can be consumed slowly while you are out. The "talk to me treat ball" that dispenses kibbles and plays a recording of your voice encouraging them helps to keep their mind off your absence. Other products or prescriptions may be helpful in addition to this plan.

Further reading:

Dr. Nicholas Dodman, "The Dog Who Loved Too Much" Online resources: www.wonderpuppy.net/canwehelp/dbfear.htm

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Contact Amelia for information, support and hands-on help with your dog.

*Aloha Makahiki Hou (a more current form of the greeting)

*Hebrew - *Shana Tova*

*Japanese - *Akemashite omedetou gozaimasu* or *shinnen omeditogozaimasu*

*Korean - *Sahae bok mani baduseyo* (Translates as "Receive a lot of luck for the New Year.")

*Maori - *Kia hari te tau hou* (Have an enjoyable New Year).

*Portuguese - *Feliz Ano Novo* (Appropriate both in Portugal and Brazil)

*Russian - *S Novim Godom* (Happy New Year); *S nastupayushcim Novym Godom* (Translates as congrats on the approaching new year.)

*Spanish - *¡Feliz Año Nuevo!* and *Próspero Año Nuevo*

*Swedish - *Gott Nytt År*

*Thai - *Sawatdee Pi Ma* (Greeting the New Year)

*Read more at: [Say Happy New Year in Multiple Languages: How to Offer Best Wishes For a Prosperous Year Around](#)



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Date To Remember:

January 13, 2010: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)(Wednesday)

At: Holiday Inn and Suites, Columbia Ballroom
1110 Howe Street, Vancouver

Time: 7:00 pm (Registration commences at 6:30 pm)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (2009)

Greetings Everyone:

Here we are: Christmas is past and the year is almost over. It has been a busy year here at the Mondrian and a busy one for me in my first year as President.

Past-President Ross Allen did such an admirable job for the last few years that he made it all seem so easy. He only failed to mention to me the tiny detail that this post requires almost full-time attention.

This year we changed both our resident manager and our Property Manager (*though not management company – Crosby still handles our business*) and now are well served by Emil Filip from Crosby and Ilona Bristow filling the Resident Manager shoes. Ilona had to deal with some significant issues right out of the gate and handled the various stressful situations smoothly and professionally. Our two maintenance people, Paul and Vince continue to provide first-rate service to all our residents as the other two of our three person on-site team.

Angel Ridge landscaping took over our garden maintenance contract on December 1. They will be meeting with strata to develop a 5 year plan regarding the gradual improvement of the landscaped areas and once approved, this plan will be posted on the Mondrian website and elsewhere; look for that in early spring.

This year we bit the maintenance bullet on many fronts and Bemco performed remedial repairs and preventive maintenance that was overdue. This work was completed

successfully. In addition, the hallways and common areas are currently receiving a major touch-up and repainting that will generally revitalize the interiors.

We solicited bids from major vendors for updating of the security system and 3 bids are being considered. We have incorporated the acquisition and maintenance of a new system into the operating budget.

The proposed HST will have a significant impact on strata fees as strata corporations are “end users” and can claim no credits – we just pay. Most of the proposed increase in this year’s budget is to pay the extra costs of the HST, which is being implemented July 1, 2010.

Issues

On an almost daily basis our staff are faced with cleaning dog excrement, vomit and urine from elevators, common area carpets and stairwells. This is simply disgusting behavior and cannot be tolerated. You can anticipate significantly increased vigilance in this regard.

On the security front, residents continue to admit non-residents who have a good story. So far, these “polite people” have let in a number of people who went on to commit serious crimes against residents of this building. This includes failing to wait for the parking gate to close. Anticipate increased vigilance and fines on this front too.

We have become better about following up on fines for bylaw infractions and this year the amount collected increased to over \$16,000

This is not a good indicator and one that could increase absent a change in the behavior of some residents.

There is a lot of work for a strata council to do and my colleagues on this strata council are all up to the challenge. My sincere thanks to Garry Heiman, David Rowan, Dennis Kelli, Susan Fellenz, Jacy Lee and Craig Sinclair for their ongoing contribution throughout the year. In particular I would like to thank David Rowan, our Treasurer, for his impeccable attention to our expenses, to Dennis Kelli for managing the acquisition of the new security system and various construction tasks. Jacy Lee, Susan Fellenz and Garry Heiman also took on the task of hiring the new resident manager following Rusti’s somewhat abrupt departure and screened many resumes and interviewed many people. My sincere thanks to them as this was a major piece of work in which I was unable to participate.

I had major health challenges this year and it is thanks to the Mondrian Team – the strata council, Ilona and Emil - that my job has been manageable. My thanks to all of them who always stepped up when I could not.

Stephen Elliott

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