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As Moose members we are dedicated to caring for our Seniors at Moosehaven, our children at Mooseheart and our communities. Our commitment to making sure that those entrusted to us have comfort, peace and security is our priority. Our hearts are heavy as we think about the community of Newtown, Connecticut. We can't help but grieve with them as they go through the overwhelming loss of those they love. I know that the families and the community are in our thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time, and I ask that each of us continue to pray for them.

Our house, like every other house, is busy preparing for the Christmas holiday. Between work, decorating, gift buying and wrapping there just doesn't seem to be enough hours in the day!!!! I am most excited that our grandchildren will be spending the night at our house and that my family is close and we will all be together for Christmas.

My wish for each of you is that you have a wonderful Christmas, surrounded by family and friends. Even though it is a busy time of year, I also wish for you some quiet time to reflect on the blessings that you have in your life. The true gifts of life are the love of family and friends. I am fortunate to have those gifts in abundance. I hope that you also take time to celebrate the greatest gift of all, the real reason for the season.

I am also looking forward to the New Year. You never know what the New Year will bring. This time last year I would have never dreamed that I would be serving as Grand Regent. Since then I have met so many wonderful new friends, and have traveled to so many new destinations. It has been a truly exciting year and I look forward to 2013. My husband, Ray, and I wish you all the best and a year full of blessings. My wish for each of you is that the New Year is as special as you are.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!!!!

Hugs,

Cathey Russell
Grand Regent