



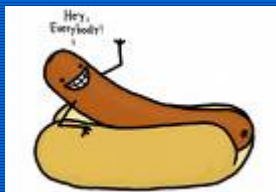
# -I can't believe it's already- December Newsletter

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## Poetry

Roses are red,  
Violets are blue,  
If you're looking for gifts,  
Here are ideas for you!  
(actual ideas on next page)



**I AM AWESOME**

## How to boost your self-esteem

1. Play or do something you love-this can improve the way you feel about yourself.
2. Open your heart to help someone out-nothing makes you feel better than when you do a good deed.
3. What you see is what you get; so be optimistic-always remember to think positively.
4. Everyone has strengths-you are good at something....do it!
5. Reach out to positive friends-hang out with people that support you and stay away from people who put you down.

## "Please read me" - A message from Kim

Okay...so here's the deal. I spend quite a bit of time trying to produce a monthly newsletter which is informative yet fun to read. I have realized that there are quite a few of you that only look at the "Show me the Money" section. So...here's the deal...I am going to start challenging you. No longer will I put the amount of money you will be receiving each month in the right hand easy to find side column. I will be hiding this amount somewhere in the newsletter. This means, you will have to read (at least scan through) the articles I have written. Ha! How ingenious of me!

## Self Esteem-Serena's Story by Serena Wu

I found this article in an old teen newsletter. Please read it and think about how you can just be yourself- Life is too short to be someone else!

Many teens struggle to find out who they really are, often question if they are good enough. Am I Pretty? What is wrong with me? You might be wondering, "How can I be comfortable with who I am?" The answer is self confidence and self esteem. When I was younger, I hung out with one girl and I always felt like I was in her shadow. I felt ugly and thought she was better than me. When we would go out in a group, the boys would look at her first and I was the girl they wouldn't notice. This only made me feel worse about myself! I was a straight up follower, like I didn't have a mind of my own. I asked myself, "What is wrong with me? Why am I like this?"

The more I tried to be like her the more I felt like I was losing myself. I just wanted to be me and as time progressed, I decided to stop hanging out with this crowd. I knew this other girl, but I never really noticed her and was quick to judge her. I then started to get to know her and soon we were best friends. She was honest and real with me. She was someone who I could share my thoughts with and someone who I could just be me with. We accepted each other for who we really were. It was at that point when I learned to open up to others and learned to just be me. I eventually made new friends and now know who the real me is. I don't want to live a life where I have to be scared and be someone's shadow. You can't just learn to be yourself overnight, it takes a lot of time and you go through many obstacles to get where you want to be. But be strong and learn to live through it. What doesn't kill you makes you stronger.



Happy Birthday to you...Happy Birthday to you....Happy Birthday to a few of you....Happy Birthday to you...(Do you like my singing?)

Heather G 12/1

Sarah E 12/12

Anne C 12/23

Josh H 12/30 (and no Josh, you do not get a birthday check from me!)



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## December Fun Facts

- \*December 28<sup>th</sup> is widely regarded as the unluckiest day of the year, so don't do anything and certainly don't start anything on this day.
- \*It is said that wearing new shoes on Christmas Day will bring bad luck.
- \*In December, you will be receiving a check for \$\_\_\_\_\_.
- \*There is an ancient legend that states that all animals of the forest can speak in human language on Christmas Eve.
- \*December 8, 1980, John Lennon, of the Beatles (BTW, my favorite group), was shot and killed in New York City.
- \*December 17, 1903, Wilbur and Orville Wright made the first powered aero plane flight.
- \*December 5, 1901, Walt Disney was born.
- \*December 21, 1937, Premiere of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, the first full length animated cartoon.

### \*\*\*\*Gift Ideas\*\*\*\*

Grandparents: Handmade items, restaurant gift cards, hobby stuff, pictures

Young kids: Stuffed animals, legos, blocks, books, chalk and crayons

Moms: IOU chore book (and really use the coupons), handmade items, family pictures, scrapbook, books and hugs for free

Dads: Sports stuff, mugs, CD's, DVD's, tools, books, hobby stuff

### NEW MOON----- Check out these goofs and mistakes from the movie!

\*At the birthday party, when Dr. Cullen is stitching Bella up, they show a syringe with a type of liquid in it. Regardless of the type of liquid, in order to inject anything into the human body, the syringe must be free of air bubbles. The syringe clearly has a large bubble of air.

\*After fighting with the Volturi, Edwards robe changes between being tied closed and completely opened.

\*Bella's hair color changes frequently. In some shots it is clearly black, while the others it is brown. This is because the actress cut and dyes her hair during the filming.

\*In the scene where Bella first joins her friends at the table in the school cafeteria, as she is talking with Mike, if you look at her hair by her left ear, you can see a bobby pin that may have fallen out of her hairpiece. When the scene changes to Mike then back to Bella, the bobby pin is gone.

\*In the scene in Bella's bedroom after Edward's return, the camera shakes as if someone has bumped into it.

FYI-The film's American premiere was held on 16 November 2009, which, in the lunar cycle, is a new moon.