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# Today

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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

### Have Yourself a Star Wars Christmas



By Doug Elwell, President  
Butterfield Homeowners Association

*"Star Wars! Nothing but Star Wars!  
Gimme those Star Wars.. don't let them end!"*  
~ Bill Murray, *Saturday Night Live* (1978)

With the pending release of the latest movie in the *Star Wars* series, *Star Wars Episode VII: The Force Awakens*, we have been deluged with *Star Wars* movie trivia, nostalgia, new trailers, celebrity interviews and "spoilers" of every description. *Episode VII* has already broken all records in box office presales, and initial reviews as of this writing are generally positive. This newsletter will come out a few days after the initial release of the movie, which will be in 4,100 theaters nationwide, a far cry from the initial release of the original *Star Wars* movie in May of 1977. You will find out more the original *Star Wars* release and my personal memories of the original *Star Wars* madness of the late 1970s on page 12. Also new in this issue is our first in a series of Christmas movie reviews. For our first review, we will keep the *Star Wars*/Bill Murray theme running by reviewing Murray's 1988 Christmas classic, *Scrooged!* You can read the review on page 14.

Also, due to the recent reports of packages being stolen right off of people's front porches, we have included a news article on "porch pirates", along with some tips on how to keep your packages safe. As a frequent online shopper, this subject was particularly relevant to me personally, and I believe it will be for you too.

Included on page 6 is our proposed 2016 budget. Please review it and let us know if there is any other services you would like for us to provide to the community. If you would like to "Speak Out" about issues affecting our community, you can email us anytime at [butterfieldhomeownersassoc@gmail.com](mailto:butterfieldhomeownersassoc@gmail.com) or use our online contact form at [www.mybhoa.com/contact-form](http://www.mybhoa.com/contact-form).

Finally, it is the end of the year and time for membership renewal. Our ability to provide you with quality services, and this newsletter, depend upon your annual donations to your homeowners association. We have added two new payment options for your convenience, credit card and PayPal, both of which can be done online.

Find out how on page 3, or fill out our form on page 16. We can't do it without your help. ☺





*"Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a  
Wonderful New Year!"*

## **Connie Poulos Loos**

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*Butterfield East Statistics Thru 12/1/2015 per MLS*

Active Home Listing	8
Homes Sold	31
Average Listing Price	\$286,996

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## Membership Renewal

The Butterfield Homeowners Association has been around since the very foundation of the Butterfield subdivision. Our first meeting took place on April 22, 1961, when there were only 40 families living in the fledgling subdivision, surrounded by rolling prairie and fields of corn. Since that time, the BHA has done the following and much more to keep Butterfield beautiful, and affordable:

- Prevented forced incorporation into Lombard, which would have resulted in much higher taxes with no improvement in services.
- Prevented the water, power, and other utilities from raising our rates through the roof.
- Worked with DuPage County, Milton and York townships, and other political and civil authorities, to make sure our subdivision is properly protected and served.
- Built, maintained and improved the entrance signs.
- Regularly published a newsletter, website and related forms of community communications.
- Sponsored many community events such as picnics, parades, movie nights, and much more.

Come be a part of the tradition and make a difference in your neighborhood. Membership has its privileges, and only BHA members can make the big decisions that affect your future. To join or renew your membership, enter this URL into your web browser:

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and **click on the yellow "Annual Dues" button** near the top right of the page. You can use your credit card to pay your annual dues, or PayPal if you have a PayPal account. PayPal is the most reliable and secure way to pay online, which is part of the reason we selected it for our use. To pay by check, please use the membership form on page 16 of this newsletter. For more information, please call us at 627-4845, or email us at [butterfieldhomeownersassoc@gmail.com](mailto:butterfieldhomeownersassoc@gmail.com)

### Speak Out!

Have a question or statement, praise or complaint? Send it to Speak Out! and we may publish your feedback in our newsletter! You can send Speak Outs and other questions anonymously via our online contact form at [www.mybhoa.com/contact-form](http://www.mybhoa.com/contact-form)

## Connie's Corner



By Connie Poulos Loos,  
Vice President, Butterfield  
Homeowners Association

Homeowner tips from  
Coldwell Bankers Sellers Resources:

### HOME SWEET HOME IMPROVEMENT TIPS TO UPGRADE YOUR HOME FOR POTENTIALLY INCREASED PROPERTY VALUE

A home is arguably one of the largest financial investments a person will make in their lifetime. While property values over time are determined by national variables, the economy and local market conditions, the care and upkeep of a property is also a crucial element toward achieving a solid re-sell. Whether you are planning on adding more rooms to create extra space, upgrading your kitchen with new appliances or thinking of putting your home on the market, here are some essential home improvement tips that might increase the value of your home.

**Kitchen Makeover:** Out of all the rooms in the house, the kitchen is the most popular to remodel. According to Remodeling Magazine, money spent to upgrade a kitchen produces the highest return on investment. "Hot" kitchen makeover trends include adding dual sinks, cooking stations, extra-long dishwashers, under-cabinet lighting, warming ovens and wine coolers.

**Bathroom Fixer-Upper:** Upgrading a bathroom is also a sound choice and will usually provide a significant return on investment. Large bathrooms are typically on the top of the list of priorities for those seeking to purchase a home. Adding skylights, glass block windows, ceiling fans and sunken whirlpool baths are also attractive selling features. If you don't have the room to expand or to accommodate larger appliances, or you don't think you'll be living in your home long enough to enjoy the changes and/or see a return on this kind of investment, stick with neutral, mid-builder level updated cabinetry, refreshed flooring and shower/tub, or a new sink and toilet.

**Room to Grow:** Adding a room or two, such as a spare bedroom or a study, is a significant home improvement that you will be able to take advantage of every day. In addition to the much-needed extra space, it can also potentially provide you with a good return on your investment when it comes to selling the property.

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## MEETING MINUTES: OCTOBER 15, 2015

### Attendees

President Doug Elwell, Vice President Connie Poulos Loos and five attendees.

### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

### Approved Motions

• A motion was approved to make the annual audit no longer mandatory, but optional. An audit can still be requested by the membership by a simple majority vote at any regular meeting.

### Pledge of Allegiance

### Police Report

Deputy Jim Conway of the DuPage County Sheriff's Office reported the following information:

- There was a heroin overdose in Butterfield West around the beginning of October, but none in Butterfield East. Heroin is still in the area, including Butterfield East, so keep the police apprised if you see any suspicious characters hanging around the neighborhood.
- No significant crime took place in Butterfield East proper since

the last police report in June. Deputy Conway noted that our area is unusually calm and orderly.

- Deputy Conway handed out a Guide to Landscape Waste Disposal & Open Burning Rules in DuPage County. He explained the basic rules of the ordinance, which states that it is prohibited to openly burn any landscape waste. Landscape waste is brush, leaves, shrubbery, grass, basically everything that is not clean, dry firewood specifically intended for burning, with the purpose of creating energy for warming purposes or to cook food. Outdoor fire pits that are EPA approved are okay to use, and you can also dig out fire pits in the ground, but outdoor burning is generally discouraged, and unattended burning is forbidden. For more information, phone: 630-407-6700, web: dupageco.org/recycling.
- Deputy Conway also handed out a Milton Township Highway Department homeowner's handbook that tells all about the ordinances for Milton Township tree removal, permits, garbage, snow and ice control, and so forth. For more information, phone: 630-682-4270, web: www.miltontownship.net, email: mthd@miltonhighway.com.
- There was also a discussion about the continuing problem with speeders taking a shortcut through our subdivision in order to

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*Wishing you a  
Merry Christmas and  
Happy New Year*




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- Family restaurant
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Expires March 15, 2016 • Code BHA

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New Year's Eve. Not Valid on Lunch Menu,  
Combo Specials or Family Dinners.  
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Expires March 15, 2016 • Code BHA



## Proposed 2016 BHA Budget

Here is the proposed Butterfield Homeowners Association budget for 2016:

### REVENUE

Dues .....\$7,500.00

### ADVERTISING

Newsletter .....\$2,400.00

Website.....\$100.00

Subtotal Advertising.....\$2,500.00

Interest & Miscellaneous.....\$0.00

Total Estimated Revenue.....\$10,000.00

### EXPENSES

#### MARKETING & CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS

Printing.....\$3,500.00

Postage .....\$2,100.00

Website.....\$200.00

Welcome Wagon.....\$200.00

Subtotal Marketing.....\$6,000.00

#### LANDSCAPING

Plants and related materials .....\$100.00

Mowing and related landscaping needs .....\$600.00

Com Ed.....\$250.00

Decorations.....\$50.00

Subtotal Landscaping .....\$1,000.00

#### EVENTS

Picnic, Parties & Special Events .....\$1,500.00

Subtotal Events .....\$1,500.00

#### MISCELLANEOUS

Insurance .....\$900.00

Incorporation Fees .....\$50.00

Prizes: .....\$300

Office Supplies & Miscellaneous .....\$250.00

Subtotal Miscellaneous .....\$1,500.00

Total Estimated Expenses .....\$10,000.00

Estimated Net Income - Expenses .....\$0.00

## 2016 Meeting Schedule

Our regular meetings take place on the third Thursday of January, March, June and October. The next meeting will take place on January 21st at 7:30 p.m at the Fountain of Life Church, 2S361 Glen Park Rd. Here is the 2016 schedule:

- ☀ Thursday, January 21st
- ☀ Thursday, March 17th
- ☀ Thursday, June 16th
- ☀ Thursday, October 20th

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save only a minute or two off their trip, and how it is making crossing the street dangerous in some otherwise quiet areas of our subdivision. If you are a Butterfield resident, please respect the 25 MPH speed limit throughout the subdivision and remind others to do the same. You can report speeders, drunken and/or reckless drivers, and suspicious characters to 911.

## Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the October 15th meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

## Officer and Committee Reports

### TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's report was presented by President Elwell, who provided a summary of account activities since the last meeting. All numbers are reported as of October 13, 2015:

### ASSETS

- Checking account.....\$8,202.23
- Money Market Account .....\$13,833.36
- .....Interest earned (\$1.14) YTD (\$4.62)
- CD .....\$4,886.34
- .....Interest is paid annually on 9/23 (\$24.79)
- Balance in postage acct. (approx.) .....\$840.00
- TOTAL ASSETS .....\$27,761.93

### INCOME AND EXPENSES (JUNE 20TH-OCTOBER 13TH)

#### INCOME:

- 2015 member dues (10 households, YTD total 200 households): .....\$250.00
- Money Market account interest (Jan. & Feb.):.....\$1.14
- Ad revenue deposited for Fall 2015 issue (deposited Sept 11th and October 10th):.....\$610.00
- TOTAL INCOME (June 20th-October 13th) .....\$861.14

#### EXPENSES:

- Repayment to Jean Paprocki for purchase of Welcome Wagon bags.....\$11.91
- Summer 2015 Newsletter printing cost .....\$682.09
- Membership Reminder Postcard .....\$104.00

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- Butterfield Movie Nights Postcard .....\$165.00
- Butterfield Annual Picnic Postcard.....\$232.68
- Landscaping (McCarty Brothers, June-Sept.) ....\$550.00
- TOTAL EXPENSES: .....\$1,746.28
- NET Income or Loss (6/20-10/13): .....-\$885.14 (Loss)

### WELCOME WAGON COMMITTEE

- The Welcome Wagon visited 9 homes since the last report in June.
- Many young families are moving in. Butterfield is becoming the first choice for new families for the unusual combination of great location and reasonably priced housing.
- President Doug Elwell reviewed the updated homeowner's brochure that the BHA is preparing to be handed out to new homeowners inside the newly redesigned BHA bags.

### LANDSCAPING COMMITTEE

No report this meeting.

### MARKETING COMMITTEE

Covered under New Business

## BUTTERFIELD CLASSIFIEDS

- **Double Dragon** is an authentic Chinese and Japanese sushi restaurant located at 414 W. 22nd St. in Lombard (Cove Plaza). Phone: 630-889-8989. See their ad on page 5 for more information.
- **Darlene Mahnke** offers realtor services as a RE/MAX real estate agent. Darlene is a Lombard resident and has been an area specialist since 1997. Phone: 630-674-3678. Web: [www.DarleneSellsMyHome.com](http://www.DarleneSellsMyHome.com). See her ad on page 7 for more information.
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### HOLIDAY COMMITTEE

Covered under New Business

### Unfinished Business

None

### New Business

- A new EZ-Up canopy was purchased to replace the previous canopy, which was in too poor a shape to continue using. The new canopy will be available for use next summer, call: 630-627-4845, email: [butterfieldhomeownersassoc@gmail.com](mailto:butterfieldhomeownersassoc@gmail.com) to reserve the canopy.

### 2016 BUDGET

The 2016 budget was also discussed. Ideas on how to cut costs for next year were discussed, including reducing the cost of the annual picnic, and possibly cutting or reducing additional services. The proposed 2016 BHA budget is printed on page 6 of this newsletter, and will be voted on and approved in the January 2016 regular meeting.

### MARKETING

- It was decided to mail the membership renewal postcards inside the winter newsletter in order to save on postage costs.
- President Elwell also discussed the possibility of offering reduced annual membership dues if people pay their dues online using PayPal, an online payment service. It was decided to charge the standard \$25 per year, but the BHA will cover the online service fee. Visit [www.mybhoa.com](http://www.mybhoa.com) and click on the yellow "Annual Membership" button near the top right of the page. You can use your credit card to pay your annual dues, or PayPal if you have a PayPal account. PayPal is generally considered the most reliable and secure way to pay online, which is part of the reason we selected it for our use.
- Various online options for the BHA to improve the quality of services and communications were also discussed, including HomeAdvisor.com and Nextdoor.com. BHA members were involved in the founding of the Nextdoor Butterfield East site, and the BHA remain active on Nextdoor.com to this day.
- President Elwell also reviewed the usage statistics for the BHA website at [www.mybhoa.com](http://www.mybhoa.com), including number of users per day, what postings most interested them, and related information.

### 2015 BEST DECORATED CHRISTMAS HOUSE CONTEST

Initial planning for the 2015 Best Decorated Christmas House Contest was also discussed at the meeting:

- There will be a certain date of judging in December, before Christmas Day, after which time no additional decorations will be counted. Date will most likely be between December 21st and December 24th.
- There will be six prizes bestowed upon the top six best



decorated houses: 5 Honorable Mentions of \$25, and 1 Grand Prize of \$100.

- The contest winners will be published on our website at [www.mybhoa.com](http://www.mybhoa.com).

## Open Forum

A brief discussion took place near the end of the meeting where the attendees noted that, despite the low turnout at meetings, the meetings are actually becoming more productive than ever before because those who continue to attend the meetings are the ones who are most truly dedicated to improving the standard of living in Butterfield, and the most cooperative in working with others to achieve that goal. The marked decrease in crime and the general improvement in the reliability of services provided by Butterfield Homeowners Association, in cooperation with the other local civil agencies, has helped make Butterfield one of the most peaceful, safe and stable areas to live in in DuPage County.

## Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:51 PM. 🌟



Ladies -- Get it all done in one well-balanced workout—with a great variety of cardio, strength, and stretch routines choreographed to some fantastic and uplifting music, while in the company of a welcoming group of women!

**10-week session starts Tuesday, January 5th at Peace Lutheran Church / 21W500 Butterfield Road, Lombard**

**Tuesdays and Saturdays 9:15 to 10:30 a.m.  
Thursdays 6:15 to 7:15 p.m.**

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**ALSO! Introducing a NEW 6-week Fitness Camp starting January 4th**

**Mondays 6:15 to 7:05 pm.**

Each Fitness Camp will utilize a variety of efficient exercises, circuits, games, and equipment that will challenge and increase your cardio endurance, muscle strength and flexibility - not to mention burn calories!

Questions? Want more info? Contact Dimitra Cornwell at [dvasilop2002@yahoo.com](mailto:dvasilop2002@yahoo.com)

>> *Connie's Corner (Continued from page 3)*

**Landscaping the Lot:** A professionally landscaped yard can certainly increase the "curb appeal" or desirability of a home. In fact, beautifying your lawn can be one of the most inexpensive home improvements. Additional simple landscaping projects include trimming and edging the grass, manicuring the trees and shrubs to open up the view of the house, removing any dead plants and planting flowers to brighten up the yard.

**Repair Jobs:** While many homeowners may want to update and remodel their kitchen, if the roof needs fixing or the chimney has to be reappointed, then they should prioritize these necessary repairs over any cosmetic changes. This applies to both sellers and those who plan to stay in the home for years to come, as these essential repairs must be taken care of before they cause the house to lose value. It is vital to look after the minor problems such as a leaky faucet or a loose cabinet to ensure that your house doesn't undergo any long-term damage. As soon as you notice a problem, fix it since this will help avoid a larger expense later on.

**Cosmetic Touch-Ups:** A paint job, new double-paned windows and new carpeting will increase the price of a house virtually dollar-for-dollar. Neutral colored paint and eliminating clutter can make a world of difference. However, don't go overboard with home improvement projects that will push a house too much above the current average value of homes in your neighborhood. It is important to make sure that your home has standards that are in-line with the other houses in the neighborhood, but you do not want to price yourself out of the market.

**Home Improvement Professionals For Hire:** Whether you need an architect, gardener, interior designer or contractor, it is always important to do a background check prior to hiring a professional. Get references from family or friends and interview them - checking is critical. The most important quality to look for is trust, not initial price. 🌟

*Homeowner tips from Coldwell Bankers Homeowner Resources*

## Did You Know?

The Did You Know columnist has run out of Did You Know memories. If anyone has any memories of our little Butterfield East, please let us know. 🌟



## BUTTERFIELD NEWS

### Beware: Porch Pirates Could Steal Your Christmas

*BHA Today Editorial Staff*

**R**ack around the beginning of December, it was reported on Nextdoor Butterfield East that a man was seen stealing packages off the front porches of houses around Finley and Wilson streets in Lombard.<sup>1</sup> The police later apprehended the man based upon a photo of the man and of his vehicle.<sup>2</sup>

This sort of “porch pirate” approach to theft has been becoming increasingly common around the United States, as consumers have been shifting much of their consumer purchasing to online purchasing. UPS alone is cited as delivering over 18,000 packages a day during the month of December.<sup>3</sup> This has been a boon to UPS, FedEx, and other major carriers, who get paid only to deliver your pack-

age to your property, not make sure it makes it safely inside your home. Once they drop it off, it is no longer their responsibility, and if no one spots or takes a photo or video of the thief, your package is likely gone for good.

This is why some are turning to installing video cameras on their property, particularly on their front door, so they can see exactly what is happening while they are away. One man in Indiana had five cameras on the front of his house, alone, and the police were able to identify and arrest the thief. The homeowner then posted video of the thief on Facebook, which has since gone viral.<sup>4</sup> Some clever thieves have been caught using UPS truck tracking apps to follow trucks around and pick up the packages as soon as they are delivered.<sup>5</sup>

## ADVERTISING INFORMATION

**A**dvertising in our newsletter is a great way to get the word out about your local business or service! And you do not need to be an association member or even be a resident of Butterfield to advertise! So, if you have a friend or relative looking to increase their business, please tell them about advertising in our newsletter!

We are now sending out newsletters to everyone in Butterfield for every issue. Full-page ads include both a free website and a free classified ad in the newsletter. Also, if you purchase more ads in advance, you can save more money per ad.

### FULL PAGE

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- 1x: \$150
- 2x: \$280 (\$140 each)
- 3x: \$390 (\$130 each)
- 4x: \$480 (\$120 each)

### 1/2 PAGE

(horizontal or vertical):

- 1x: \$75
- 2x: \$140 (\$70 each)
- 3x: \$195 (\$65 each)
- 4x: \$240 (\$60 each)

### 1/4 PAGE

(horizontal or vertical):

- 1x: \$40
- 2x: \$75 (\$37.50 each)
- 3x: \$105 (\$35 each)
- 4x: \$120 (\$30 each)

### 1/8 PAGE

(business card): \$30.00  
Website or  
Classified ad: \$25.00

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## How to Protect Your Packages

There are a number of common-sense measures that you can put in place in order to safeguard your deliveries:

- Set the delivery time for when you will be home.
- Pick up from the delivery service's nearest location.
- Securely mount a secure storage box near your front door.
- Have the package delivered to your workplace, if allowed.
- Install video and doorbell cameras, along with warning signs that video surveillance is in place.
- Work together with your neighbors to keep an eye out when packages are left on your doorstep.
- Manage your packages online with email and text alerts so you can see when the deliveries occur.

## How to Manage Your Packages Online

The best way to make sure your packages are not stolen is to not have them delivered to your home in the first place, or at a time when you know you will be at home. Online tools now exist to allow you to schedule pickup times and locations, track your packages in near real time by setting up email and text alerts, and perform a variety of other functions. The three major carriers, the United States Post Office, UPS, and FedEx, all have online tools to help you manage your package delivery dates and locations:

### UNITED STATES POST OFFICE

- Create a USPS Account: <https://my.usps.com>
- Track & Manage Your Packages: [www.usps.com/manage/](http://www.usps.com/manage/)
- Hold Mail Service: <https://holdmail.usps.com/holdmail/>

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# BUTTERFIELD CHRISTMAS MEMORIES

## Star Wars Memories

By Doug Elwell

**S**tar Wars was one of the great cultural phenomena of the 1970s, breaking all previous records for attendance, box office receipts, and critical reviews. *Star Wars* struck like a bolt out of the blue in the late spring of 1977 and, in the process, significantly altered the American cultural landscape forever. Noelene Clark explains in her seminal article, “*Star Wars: A look back on opening day in May 1977*”, “On May 25, 1977, *Star Wars* (later known as *Star Wars: Episode IV: A New Hope*) thundered onto the big screen and changed the course of Hollywood history. It was clear on that day that George Lucas and his epic were a new force in American pop culture. ‘On opening day I was on the East Coast and I did the morning-show circuit — *Good Morning America* and *Today*,’ [said] Gary Kurtz, the producer of *Star Wars*.... ‘In the afternoon I did a radio call-in show in Washington and this guy, this caller, was really enthusiastic and talking about the movie in really deep detail. I said, “You know a lot about the film.” He said, “Yeah, yeah, I’ve seen it four times already.” And that was opening day. I knew something was happening.’”<sup>1</sup>

The date May 25, 1977 is immortalized forever in *Star Wars* lore as the “birthdate” of one of the most popular movies ever made. Most, however, do not know that *Star Wars* received poor reception initially, and many theaters did not want it at all, with the result that it only opened in 32 theaters on its opening day, and a paltry total of 43 in its first week. The passage of time has caused many people to forget that *Star Wars* did not have the type of opening movies of today enjoy. That is, thousands of theatres across the country simultaneously opening a film. Rather, *Star Wars* opened initially in a mere 43 locations across the United States.



*The classic Star Wars poster from the landmark 1977 movie remains an iconic image around the world.*



*Star Wars was so hugely popular back in 1977 that lines would literally wrap around the block, full of people desperate to get in to see the big new film that everyone was talking about. Our local Yorktown Theatre had lines that sometimes went twice around the building.*

Many sources over the years have cited 32 as the opening number of engagements, a number many trivia-minded fans may recognize. The number 32 is correct ... well ... sort of. The film indeed opened with 32 engagements on the 25th of May, a mid-week Wednesday opening, but what many may not realize is that there were additional bookings added over the ensuing two days which brought its opening weekend engagement total to 43. To say the film opened in 32 theatres is literally correct but does not tell the complete story.”<sup>2</sup>

Our very own Yorktown Theatre was actually one of the 43 early theaters to show *Star Wars* in its original, first-week engagement, before it became such a huge sensation.<sup>3</sup> At the time I was actually attending a family reunion in northern California, when we heard rumor of this amazing new film, *Star Wars*. My birthday is on May 31st, and we were looking for ways to celebrate, so we went to see *Star Wars* at the Century 25 theatre in nearby Sacramento, which was one of the first group of 32 theaters to first starting showing the film on May 25th. What I saw on the screen that evening permanently embedded itself into my young and already highly imaginative mind, and I have been an aspiring Jedi Knight ever since.

Needless to say, like most kids my age (and indeed most people), as soon as I got home I went to see it again and again at the local Yorktown Theatre, where the lines to see the film sometimes stretched well around the theatre and, if memory serves, at its peak may have looped around an additional time, which of course all added to the excitement. This was part of a unique cultural phenomenon that had never before happened in the history of cinema, and was repeated across the country. Between the magnificent cinematography and the glorious soundtrack by John



A Rebel Alliance T-65 X-Wing being fired on by an Imperial TIE fighter. This image of the Imperial TIE fighter attacking a Rebel X-Wing in the final battle over the Death Star became one of the great iconic images from *Star Wars* that were reproduced on countless posters, t-shirts and puzzles that sat wrapped and waiting beneath many Christmas trees. Image from *Wookieepedia*.

Williams, made all the more powerful by one the first usages in film of the new Dolby Stereo system.<sup>4</sup> Audiences cheered as the Millennium Falcon blasted its way out of Mos Eisley spaceport, with Imperial Battle Cruisers in hot pursuit, and roared with approval as Luke's proton torpedo found its way into the small thermal exhaust port, right below the main port, starting the chain reaction that led to the destruction of the dreaded Death Star.

I was hooked. After that it was indeed, as Bill Murray famously sang, *Star Wars*, nothing but *Star Wars* all of the time. Christmas 1977 was predictably nothing but *Star Wars* as well, and the demand for *Star Wars*-oriented toys was so great that Kenner, the toy company licensed to create action figures for the movie, was forced to make the bold move of selling an "early bird certificate", which kids could mail in to receive the first four figures when they came out in 1978: Luke Skywalker, R2-D2, Princess Leia and Chewbacca. You better believe I did that very thing, and though I did not get the bonus Boba Fett figure, due to concerns, as I recall, that you might "shoot your eye out" with Boba Fett's spring-action missile launcher ;) The enormously popular 3.75" action figures were followed by larger toy ships, such as the X-Wing and TIE fighter, which came out in 1978. I had practically every toy available except for the elusive Millennium Falcon, which was not available until the Christmas of 1979, as every time I visited our local Toys 'R' Us (which is still there to this day) to get it, some other lucky kid had gotten there first.

There was plenty of other *Star Wars* merchandise to buy, however, and I still have the posters, puzzles, iron-on t-shirts, and most of the early ships, sets and action figures. One of my other favorite pastimes was collecting *Star Wars* cards, which I used to get at the White Hen (now 7-11) at the top of Lloyd Ave. Friends and I used to trade so we could get all the cards and stickers from all of the series. Some of the card sets are worth a few hundred dollars to the right buyer, and some of the rarer action figures are worth many thousands. But it was never about the money for me. It was about the memories. 🌟

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Obi Wan Kenobi, one of the last of the Jedi Knights, an ancient esoteric order known for their ability to manipulate "The Force", the great power that underlies and empowers the entire universe. Image from *Rolling Stone*, "30 Best 'Star Wars' Moments".

## Christmas Movie Reviews: Scrooged!

By Doug Elwell

**S**crooged (1988) is a fractured take on the classic Christmas tale, "A Christmas Carol", first published by Charles Dickens in 1843. The original "A Christmas Carol" told the story of a bitter old miser named Ebenezer Scrooge who, one fateful Christmas Eve, was visited by the ghost of a deceased business partner named Jacob Marley. Marley warned Scrooge that a lifetime of selfish and greedy decisions had created for him a dismal future that would end with disaster for those few who remained close to him, and death for himself, by the following Christmas Eve. Shown visions of his behaviors during Christmases past, present and future by the ghosts of Christmases past, present and future, he watched his own descent from a hopeful young lad who loved Christmas, to a bitter old cynic who hated it. Appalled and disgusted by his own moral and ethical failures, Scrooge then underwent an inner heart transformation, and his wretched heart, formerly full of greed and hate, was now filled with love and the desire to help his fellow man. The chains of many bad experiences that had turned him dark and cynical then dropped away to reveal his true, good heart, and he kept Christmas well for the rest of his days.

### Plot Summary

In Murray's version of the classic tale, he plays a seriously jaded television network executive, the president of the fic-



*Scrooged (1988)*

*High-spirited high jinks on Christmas Eve put Frank Cross (Bill Murray) in a ghostly time warp in this hilarious take-off of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol". (Review and image of Blu-Ray DVD cover from Amazon.com.)*

tional IBC network located in New York City, whose programming preferences seems to be an extreme stereotype of 1980s-style over-the-top sex & violence. The movie starts off with Murray and the other TV executives reviewing a promo for a ridiculous Santa Claus-themed made-for-TV movie called *The Night the Reindeer Died*, where Santa's workshop is attacked by a battalion of assault-rifle-wielding ninjas. Though of course Santa's elves were also armed to the teeth, Santa and his elves are saved by Lee Majors (of Six Million Dollar Man fame) wielding a huge machine gun. Several other campy promos ensue, setting the tone for the rest of the film as clearly being a tongue-in-cheek homage to the original "A Christmas Carol", rather than a faithful reproduction of it.

After some additional "character" development for Frank Cross (who is so much of a jerk that frankly it strains credibility), Frank is visited by

the ghost of his former boss, who takes more the form of a zombie than a ghost, but with immense spectral power. His former boss then warns him, Marley-style, that if he continues in his ways, his life would end in disaster.

The ghost of Frank's former boss then does him a favor (after amusing himself by terrifying Frank beyond the capacity for rational thought), by dialing his old girlfriend Claire's phone number for him. The following day, Claire visits Frank on set, but Frank has to cut it short for a meet-



*Bill clowning around with the ghosts three, left to right played by David Johansen (Past) Carol Kane (Present) and the Grim Reaper as himself (Future). Marketing for the movie played upon creating linkage between the ghosts of Murray's highly successful Ghostbusters film, which had come out only four years previously (1984).*

ing with his new boss and another executive who is competing for his job. After a disastrous time at a local fancy restaurant, Frank escapes into a cab driven by no less than the ghost of Christmas past, who takes him on a wild ride back to his childhood home in 1955.

At his childhood home he then witnesses his four-year-old self planted firmly in front of the boob tube, watching *The Lone Ranger* on Christmas Eve, while his father, a butcher, comes home late from work and presents him with his Christmas present – five pounds of veal. Complaining that he asked Santa for a choo-choo, four-year-old Frank is then lectured by his crusty old father that if he wants a fancy gift like a toy train, he can get a job and buy one for himself. Discussing these important, formative events of his past with the ghost, Frank realized that he had replaced his unsatisfying home life with a television fantasy life. Thus the stage was set for that four-year-old boy to grow into a man who loved TV, but lacked the ability to make lasting, emotional connections with real people. As a result, his end was inevitably one of disaster, as without human connections, one must inevitably fail in life, and die miserable and alone.

Carol Kane next plays a cute, feisty and strangely violent ghost of Christmas present, who shows what fun and fulfillment Frank is missing out on by not visiting with his brother and his family on Christmas Eve. She also shows him all the happiness he could have provided his secretary – who is so poor that she cannot even afford a Christmas tree – if he had given her even a small Christmas bonus, instead of just a small towel.

The ghost of Christmas future then appears as a spectral grim reaper figure, showing Frank the consequences of his actions if he



*In his updated version of the classic Christmas tale, Bill Murray plays Frank Cross, a cynical television network executive who is transformed back into a caring human being with the help of the ghosts of Christmases past, present and future, and his longsuffering former girlfriend Claire (played by Karen Allen of Indiana Jones fame). Though the movie is becoming dated and the style of the film at times heavy handed and crude, Scrooged remains for many a modern Christmas classic.*

*Image from The Movie Network: [www.themovienetwork.com/review/amandas-take-scrooged](http://www.themovienetwork.com/review/amandas-take-scrooged)*

fails to repent. His secretary's troubled son will go insane, Clair will give up on her ideals and her desire to help the poor, and instead become an arrogant elitist like himself. Finally he is shown his own death, the final transformative event that convinces him to repent of his ways.

Transported back to the television studio, where a live version of "A Christmas Carol" had been ongoing concurrent with the evening's "real" events, "Frank" then disappears and is replaced with a classic, happy-go-lucky Bill Murray-type character (basically the real Bill Murray) spreading around warmth and Christmas cheer for the remainder of the rest of the movie. Murray is at his best here with his natural, earthy charm, and it makes for a nice ending that helps smooth out many of the rough edges of the film, leaving a sweeter taste in the viewer's mouth than it might have otherwise.

## Review

Murray's take on "A Christmas Carol", as some have noted, is largely a critique of the greedy and excessive era that the movie was created in, expressed through the metaphor of "A Christmas Carol". This is appropriate, as, just as "A Christmas Carol" reflects the culture of its time, so too this updated version of the old classic takes a hard look at the dark side of human culture and how it leads

men to make decisions that seem right to them at the time, but because of their selfish nature, inevitably lead to disaster. And though it takes some odd turns and has some rough edges, the movie's essentially good message comes through in the end. 🌟

## Rating

3 out 5 Stars 🌟🌟🌟



*Murray's natural charm comes through in the end.*



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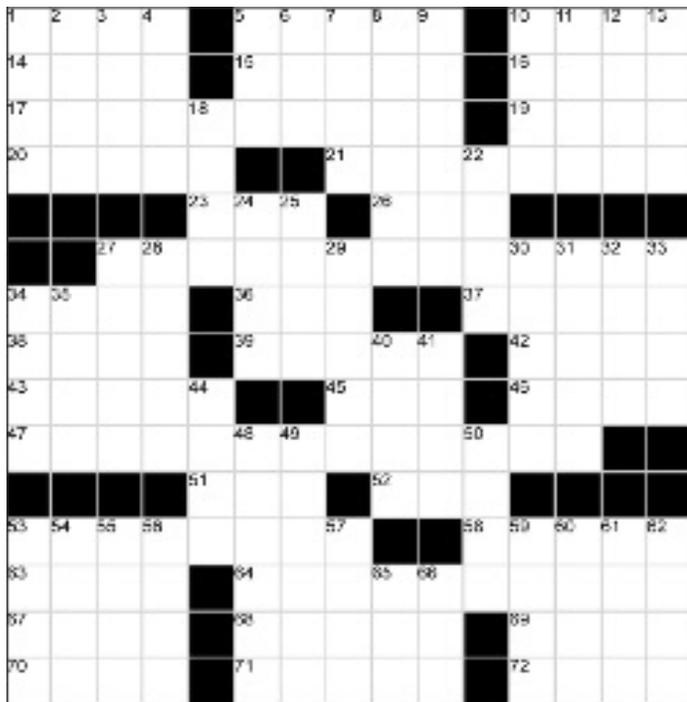
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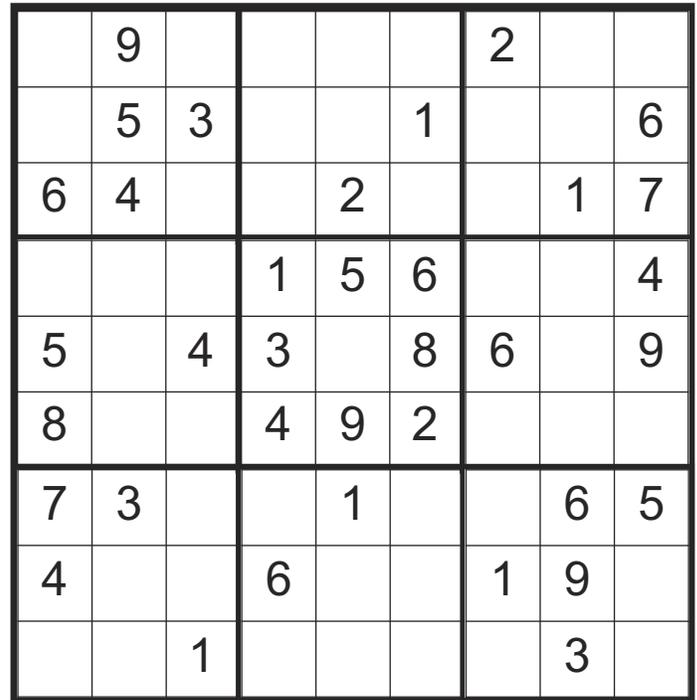
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- 5: Uncomfortable neckwear
- 10: Sonic unit
- 14: Some intestinal divisions
- 15: Caulking material
- 16: Throbbing
- 17: Cave deposit
- 19: Pillow cover
- 20: In a heated manner
- 21: Type of lights
- 23: Can opener?
- 26: Utterance of revulsion
- 27: 'Boston Public' figure
- 34: BB's and bullets
- 36: Employ
- 37: Eurasian forest
- 38: Word before opera or dish
- 39: Merest
- 42: Word following eye or nose
- 43: Grass-skirt dances
- 45: Winner at Caesar's palace?
- 46: Unused portion
- 47: Cowardly, in slang
- 51: Coat of many colors?
- 52: Barbie's ex-beau
- 53: Aria passages
- 58: '\_\_\_ Attraction'
- 63: Ammonia compound
- 64: Make improvements to
- 67: Lens holders
- 68: Showed a show again
- 69: Drain problem
- 70: Rorschach image
- 71: Neither wins nor loses
- 72: Nurses, as a drink

- 5: Peaty place
- 6: St. Louis griddler
- 7: Analogous
- 8: Excise
- 9: Surface
- 10: Jamie Farr's breakout series
- 11: Feel compassion
- 12: Burn to a crisp
- 13: Mormon Tabernacle Choir number
- 18: Indian maid
- 22: Just one of those things
- 24: Body's companion
- 25: Gardener's coil
- 27: Lowercase
- 28: Brittle aromatic resin
- 29: Depart
- 30: Core group
- 31: Like the winner of 'The Apprentice'
- 32: Qualities of the conceited
- 33: Spellbound
- 34: Like burnt briquettes
- 35: Pout
- 40: Slinky material
- 41: Scrabble letter
- 44: Any day now
- 48: 'Taxi Driver' role
- 49: One who points a finger
- 50: Dirt, so to speak
- 53: Gutter adjoiner
- 54: Nutmeg covering
- 55: Test-driver's car
- 56: Right, on the map
- 57: Antitoxins
- 59: Circle sections
- 60: Ankles, anatomically
- 61: Capping
- 62: Table supports
- 65: Guiding principle
- 66: November winners

### DOWN

- 1: Drop a line?
- 2: Flute or saxophone variety
- 3: 'Far out!'
- 4: Vex

### Butterfield Recipes

Here is a nice recipe for holiday eggnog, courtesy of All Recipes.com:

### AMAZINGLY GOOD EGGNOG

- 4 cups milk
- 5 whole cloves
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 12 egg yolks
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 4 cups light cream
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg

### DIRECTIONS

Combine milk, cloves, 1/2 teaspoon vanilla, and cinnamon in a saucepan, and heat over lowest setting for 5 minutes. Slowly bring milk mixture to a boil. In a large bowl, combine egg yolks and sugar. Whisk together until fluffy. Whisk hot milk mixture slowly into the eggs. Pour mixture into saucepan. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly for 3 minutes, or until thick. Do not allow mixture to boil. Strain to remove cloves, and let cool for about an hour. Stir in cream, 2 teaspoon vanilla, and nutmeg. Refrigerate overnight before serving. 🍷

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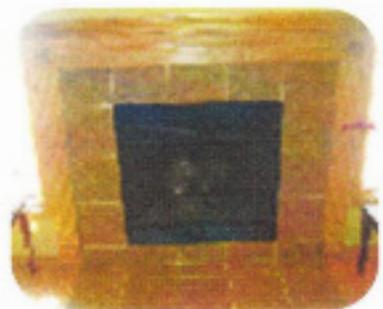
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DuPage Non-Emergency Police Fire	<b>407-2400 620-5738</b>
DuPage Zoning	<b>407-6700</b>
Electronics Recycling	<b>627-2200</b>
<b>Emergency Fire/Police</b>	<b>911</b>
Flood Brothers	<b>261-0400</b>
Good Samaritan Hospital	<b>275-5900</b>
Illinois American Water Co.	<b>739-8810</b>
Lombard Post Office	<b>627-1864</b>
Milton Township Office Highway	<b>690-9036 682-4270</b>
Poison Control Center	<b>800-942-5969</b>
Vacation home checks	<b>682-7256</b>
Voter registration	<b>629-0475</b>
Waste Management	<b>800-747-2278</b>
Westlake Middle School	<b>827-4500</b>
York Township Office Highway	<b>620-2400 627-2200</b>