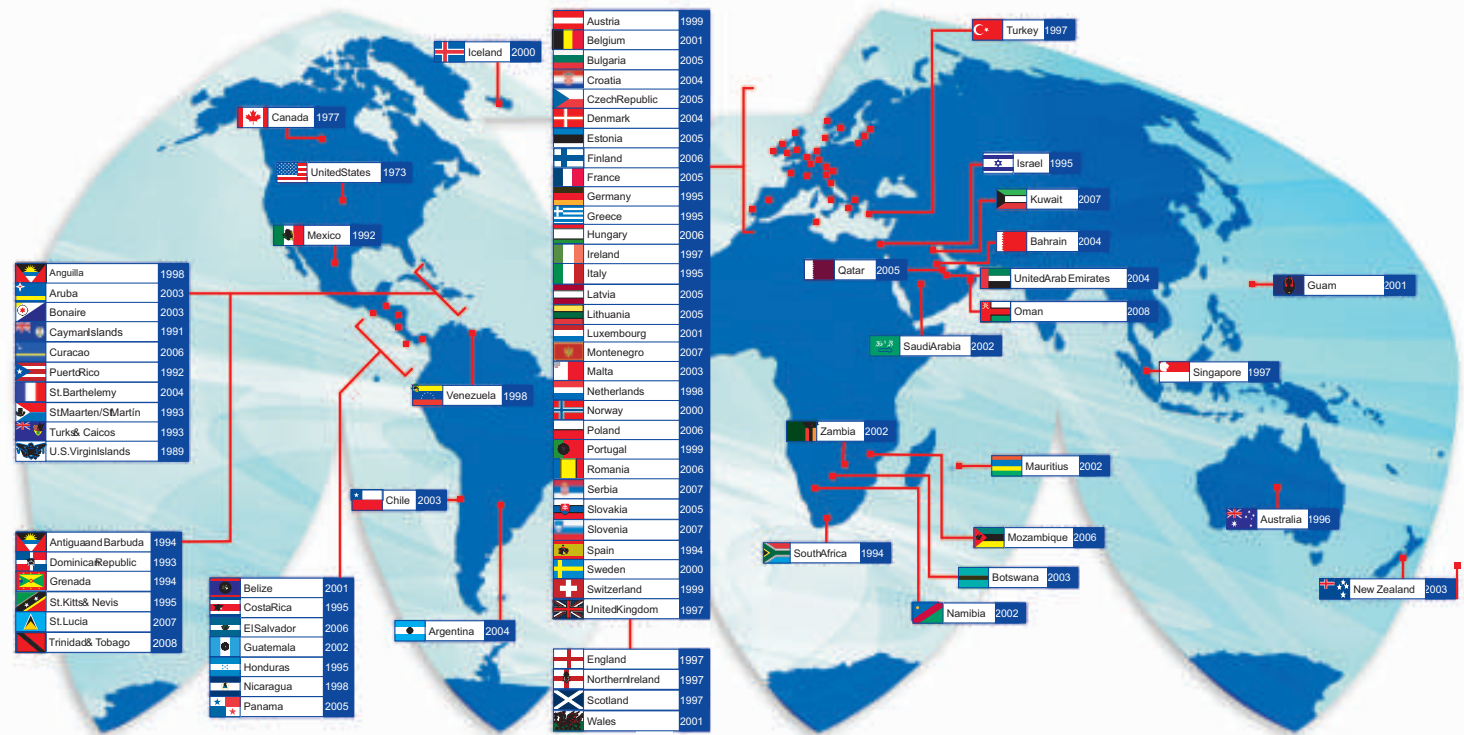


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Food For Thought... This recipe is sure to please

This recipe comes from our good friend Allannah LeJeune who Anne attended school with from grade 3 through university. We have tried it and what a wonderful recipe to make in the morning and come home to after a long day. Enjoy!

Slow Cooker Chicken *Come home to the aroma of a great dinner.*

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| 2 cups mini carrots | 1 env. Onion soup mix |
| 2 cups mini red potatoes halved | 1 clove garlic minced |
| 1 onion chopped | ¼ tsp. thyme |
| 2 ½ lbs. bonless chicken thighs | ¾ cup water |
| ¼ cup flour | |

Place vegetables in slow cooker, top with chicken. Mix remaining ingredients and pour over chicken. Cover and cook on low for 8 hours.



FALL NEWS

Anne, Dwight & Laurie Team

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2008 Team News *2008 has seen major changes to The Anne & Dwight Team. But first a contest:*

Soon the team will be changing names to The Anne, Dwight & Laurie Team, and since our former slogan "Do It Right, Call Anne & Dwight" needs updating, we're asking our clients to help out! The last slogan was presented to us by Julie Hollinger-Gendron's (a client of ours) mother. We are now in need of a new slogan! We're asking all of you to lend a hand. Please send your submission to anne-dwight@rogers.com and you will be entered in a contest for the grand prize being dinner for two at the Keg Manor. Submissions must be received no later than 11:59 PM on the 30th of November, 2008. The winner will be notified immediately and announced in our next newsletter. Enter as often as you wish and feel free to encourage friends and co-workers to join in. **PLEASE HELP.**



Anne & Dwight

Following the trip to El Salvadore in March, where Anne & Dwight participated in building a house with Habitat for Humanity, Anne was asked to join the Board of Directors for Habitat for Humanity. This is a cause Anne believes in, and has the added bonus of working with a great group of people. Always up for a challenge, Anne accepted this new position! How does she find the time? In May Anne participated in the Children's Miracle Network Telethon for CHEO and could be seen on CJOH answering calls for donations and being interviewed by Steve Matley. The entire team donates a portion of every commission we receive to CHEO. Dwight chaired the Golf Committee for the Ottawa Real Estate Board; a charitable event to benefit The Realtor Care Foundation (which donates funds to shelter related charities). This year, the committee raised \$15,000.00 (up from the \$12,000.00 last year and \$4,500.00 the year before. In June both Anne & Dwight participated in the Motorcycle Ride for Dad; a charity to raise funds for prostate cancer research. Putting the new Harley to work, driving through the Ottawa Valley we were able to raise funds for this worthwhile charity. In July, Dwight participated in the REALTOR Ride, again on the Harley, to raise additional funds for Realtor Care Foundation. It is our intention to enter into these events again in 2009. This fall our son Danny will be getting married in Beaufort (pronounced Buford) South Carolina to Ashley Hill. We are looking forward to a great "Southern" Wedding and being with all of our children and close friends for a few days. Tabitha, Adam and now two year old Lucas are settled into their new home in Bolton Ontario, north of Mississauga. They enjoy being close to the city but maintaining a smaller town feel. Lucas is an active, talkative and very happy boy who has an infectious laugh. Ryan and Krista have been working hard at updating their home in Peterborough. Their summer was spent digging post holes for a new fence between downpours of rain. Together they installed hardwood floors on the upper level of their home. Oh, the joys of home ownership!



Laurie Gagnier

is now engaged to Dan MacDonald and can empathise with the buying and moving process. In August, Laurie and Dan purchased a home in Orleans. They take possession in October, 2008. They enjoyed some well deserved time off on their boat this summer with their son Jacob, who turns 6 in September. Jacob is already ensconced in his new school, playing hockey, and is busy making new friends. Wow does time fly!

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We continue as a team, to be involved in as many wonderful causes as we are able to in order to give back to our incredible community.

- Heart & Stroke Foundation
- Canadian Diabetes Association
- Bruce House / Ruby Ribbon Campaign
- Military Police Blind Children Fund
- CHEO / CMN
- Realtor Care Foundation
- Habitat for Humanity
- Arthritis Society of Canada
- Motorcycle Ride for Dad for prostate cancer research
- CDS Military Families Fund
- CNIB



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Tidbits

- ✓ Ok , somebody's gotta do it: Verminus was the Roman god who protects cows against worms.
- ✓ People most often killed during bank robberies: The robbers
- ✓ In Nepal, rubbing yogurt on your forehead on your birthday is said to bring good luck. (Flies too)
- ✓ Sign of the times? 105 million votes were cast in the 2000 U.S. presidential election....65 million votes were cast for the 2004 American Idol finalists. (The campaign for the finalists didn't last 3 years)
- ✓ In early Colonial times, pumpkins were used for the crust of pies, not the filling.
- ✓ There's plenty of room! Canada has the 4th lowest population density in the world.
- ✓ A rooster cannot crow unless its neck is fully extended.
- ✓ Your tongue can detect sweetness in a solution of 1 part sugar to 200 parts water.
- ✓ Body part most commonly bitten by insects: the foot
- ✓ The secret to his success? Napoleon carried chocolate with him on all of his military campaigns. (NOTE to all team members, You will now carry chocolate on all appointments. A&D!)
- ✓ "Never insult seven men when all you're packing is a six-gun!"



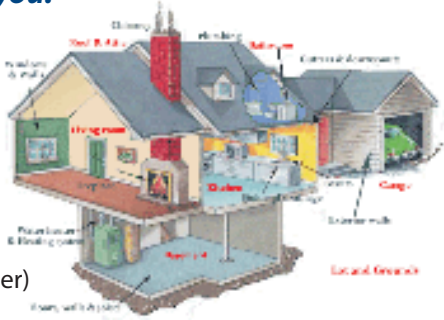
Give Your House a Fall Check Up

Here it is... Your seasonal reminder for your home! Remember if you look after your home, it will look after you!

Air Conditioner:

Do:

1. Put a piece of wood on top of the outside unit with a rock or something heavy that will hold the wood in place (in case of wind).
2. Turn off the unit at the electrical panel (remember in the spring to turn on the breaker at least 24 hours (48 is better) before you intend to use the A/C)



DO NOT: put a full cover on the unit. This traps moisture in the unit and may cause early failure.

Eavestroughs: make sure they are clear of debris and that the lower extensions are clear so when the snow melts they can run freely. .

Furnace: change the filter every 30 days! If the unit has not been cleaned in the last 12 months you should have it serviced and cleaned. There is nothing worse than a break down on the coldest day of the year.

Roof: check for any loose shingles or ones that need to be tacked down.

Walk around your house and make sure the landscape slopes away from the house. When the snow melts you do not want it staying against your foundation. Also, check the window-wells to make sure they are clear of debris. Have a look at your windows, and exterior vents. Make sure the caulking is in good shape. Remember: never put new caulking over old; it's a waste of time and money. Always remove the old caulking first.

Smoke / Carbon Monoxide detectors: If they are over five years old (either hard wired or battery operated) **throw them out and install new ones!** Your life is worth more than the cost of new units. If they are under five years old test them and install new batteries. Remember, it is the law to have a smoke detector on EVERY level of your home. Carbon monoxide detectors should be on the bedroom level AND the level below at a minimum.

Fireplace: If you have a wood burning fireplace make sure to have the chimney cleaned before you start using it. This should be done every 12 months, even if you don't use it very often. Prior to lighting a fire make sure no birds have decided to take up residence in your chimney. Gas fireplaces, like your furnace should be cleaned and inspected.

Basement floor drain: pour a bucket of water down the drain to make sure it is working properly. It should take the water as fast as you can pour it, if it can't, there could be a blockage. This can cause a backup into your home during heavy rain or spring run off.

2008 Team News (Continued)



Dennis Wesley sadly for us, Dennis has retired. Dennis was going to retire last year, but has had so much fun with us since 2000 he decided to stay on one more year. His wife Madeline retired in 2007 and is looking forward to spending more time with Dennis at home (Madeline has spent the last few months working on Honey Do Lists!) We wish Dennis all the best and he has assured us he will be a regular visitor to our office and a mentor when required.



Paola Comisso has been on a leave of absence since May, looking after her family and recuperating from the effects of a car accident two years ago. Paola will return to the team as a full-time Sales Representative



Tammy Sullivan, Our new member, is a welcome addition to the team. Tammy is responsible for the day to day administration of the office, and keeping us all on track. Tammy came from New Brunswick where she was a licensed REALTOR and assistant to a highly successful agent. Her organizational skills are amazing and we look forward to working with her for years to come. (Her current contract is for 22 years, "or more", says Anne). Tammy's husband Sean is to be thanked for bringing Tammy to Ottawa. He is currently completing his masters in English prior to his doctorate programme.



Michael Merriam, Our new member, joined us in September, 2008. Michael is a native of Ottawa and is committed to creating a lifetime relationship with his clients. He studied Political Science at Carleton University, and has a keen understanding of local market trends and community demographics.



Elizabeth (Betty) Tabram, Our new member, has returned to real estate with RE/MAX after a thirteen year absence. Betty was an OR nurse at the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO) and is looking forward to reconnecting with her past clients and meeting new ones.

PRICES UP...DAYS ON MARKET DOWN

Making comparisons with 2007 is always difficult, because it remains the best year on record by such a significant margin. When you compare this year's sales numbers to 2006, which still stands as the second-best year on record for sales, it becomes much more apparent that Ottawa's resale housing market is very steady. In fact, year-to-date sales are up over the same period in 2006. At the end of August of that year, members of the Board had sold 10,141 homes. As of end of August 2008, members have sold 10,469 homes in the Ottawa area this year, in 2007 they sold 10,901.

Homes are also selling more quickly this year than they have in the past two years, by a significant margin – as of the end of August 2008, homes spent an average of just 33 days on the market, compared with 42 days in 2006 and 37 days in 2007.

The average price for the month of August has increased from \$267,176.00 in August of 2007 to \$280,806.00 in August of 2008. Overall the price has increased from \$272,384,000 in December 2007 to \$291,700.00 year to date.

We expect to see continued price increases and a strong but balanced market for the Ottawa region over the next five years.



The Ultimate TREASURE HUNT

There are billions in "Lost money out there waiting to be found".

There are literally billions of dollars in lost treasure out there just waiting to be claimed and part of that booty could be yours. Canadians have left cash sitting not only in foreign pension plans, but also in forgotten bank accounts, private pension plans, misplaced insurance policies, bankruptcy payouts and unclaimed estates. "There is money scattered all over the place", says Ian Moore, who owns Moore Tech Consulting, a firm in Ottawa that helps reunite people with their missing money. "Some say that seven out of ten of us have money out there waiting for them". Here's how to go looking for you own missing cash:

The simplest way to search for lost money is to surf over to the Bank of Canada website (www.bankofcanada.ca) and check out the site's registry of unclaimed bank accounts. Moore says the bank is holding more than \$290 million in forgotten cash left behind in dormant bank accounts. When he entered names of friends and relatives on the bank's site, he got one hit for every eight names he searched. To find out if you have some money waiting for you, go the site, click on the "Services" menu and select "Unclaimed Balances". Enter your name and any missing money will show up instantly.

To make sure you're not missing out on any cash, try variations of your name, such as using your initial instead of your first name. After all, there are more than 845,000 unclaimed balances in the database, as far back as 1900 – and the largest amount is more than \$400,000.00

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