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Monthly Musings from the Peas
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We will be sending you our literature on a monthly basis and we will be updating our contact list. So, if you want to make any changes, additions or deletions, please contact us at whirledpeasband@gmail.com.

WEEKLY GIG

We are regulars at Catherine Rooney's in Trolley Square, Wilmington. From 7:30 until 10 we perform every Wednesday. For info or menu, directions and so on www.catherinerooneys.com

WEBSITE

We are please to present our new website. www.whirledpeasband.com Please check it out and let us know what you think. All our up-coming gigs, newsletters, merchandise and more is listed.

HAPPY 2013

Has anyone made resolutions for this New Year? Hopefully, one that you will keep will be attending one of our weekly gigs at Catherine Rooney's.

Making resolutions is not a recent phenomenon. It dates back to the ancient Babylonians. At the beginning of the new year they would promise their gods that they would return borrowed objects and pay their debts.

The Romans began each year by making promises to their god, Janus, whose name is the root of the month of January. Janus was the Roman god of doors and gates and had two faces, one looking forward and one back. The first New Year celebration was less than happy. Caesar ordered the violent routing of revolutionary Jewish forces.

Blood flowed throughout the streets. In later years the pagan Roman held orgies which they believed constituted a personal re-enactment of the chaotic world that existed before world order was mandated by the gods.

The tradition of exchanging gifts on New Year's Eve plus giving each other branches from sacred trees for good fortune was established as a Roman tradition. Later they gave nuts and coins imprinted with Janus' image.

In medieval times, the knights of the realm were required to place their hands on a peacock and vow to continue living up to their pledge of chivalry. This became known as the "peacock vow."

In today's society, aside from the parties and frivolity, about 62% of American make resolutions. Another 38% absolutely never make them. Usually they involve promises dedicated to self improvement, relationships, financial or health issues. However, statistics show that only 8% achieve success in achieving their resolution.

Perhaps More Realistic Resolutions

- I will do less laundry and use more deodorant.
- Spend more time watching TV and movies.
- Take up a new habit: Maybe smoking!
- Procrastinate more.
- Go back to school to avoid paying my student loans.
- Stop drinking orange juice after I just brushed my teeth.
- Lose weight by hiding it someone you'll never find it.
- Gain enough weight to get on The Biggest Loser.
- Actually use the gym membership.

Peas Ponderings

For last year's words belong to last year's language. And next year's words await another voice. T.S. Eliot