

2011 X.R.A.Y.

Xmas Readiness Alternative survey

WHO I AM

- In case you all forgot my name, date of birth, country of origin, current address and any other relevant statistical details, here's what you need to know: **Jeff Lewis, March 15, United States of America, 5307 Cristo Dr NE Rockford MI 49341**
- The person who knows me better than most that can answer gift-giving questions about me: **Colleen**
The best way to contact them is: **Hmmm. Good question. If you email or call, I generally screen those for her so... be vague. colleen@footlewis.com, 616 450-1802**
- A few things I'd like everyone to know about me: **I am strikingly handsome, attended a prestigious Ivy League school, where I studied astrophysics and Chinese calligraphy. I met my soul mate on a CIA tour of duty in Taiwan, where she was an actress and matinee idol, having won the Cantonese language equivalent of an Academy Award for her performance in "The Little Red Book Diaries." Rode on the space shuttle with John Glenn. Performed the role of "Puck" in the Central Park production of "Mighty Ducks on Ice." Once viewed a zeppelin float past the window of our Trump Tower pent... oh... you meant things that ACTUALLY happened, not things I just wanted people to know? Sorry.**
- A few things I don't want anyone to know about me. (*Ha. Trick question!*) **Spent 2011 getting older. One daughter married wisely and the other is (as of this writing) getting a baby. Work out of the basement, somewhat successfully. Both of my sons worked with me this year. Chris is an incredible programmer and Keven is a competent and detail minded project manager. Am starting a shoe company, which so far is a lot of fun. Played the viola in an orchestra (for the second time in my life and the first time in 28 years!) and actually remembered how to do it. Work with a patrol of 11 Year Old Scouts, where I hear great Chuck Norris jokes and as a temple worker, where I almost never hear any. Work with a personal trainer with Colleen, who also rides to the temple in Detroit with me. It's so much fun to have so much time with my best friend!**
- My favorites: **Anything "family", working out, temple work, Chuck Norris jokes (This is my favorite: Chuck Norris and Superman got into a fight. The loser had to wear his underwear outside his pants.) Shoe company, The viola.**
- My least favorites: **\$500 monthly paychecks (hello, November), sore shoulders, forgetting things I knew yesterday**
- Due to stress/lack of stress/inactivity/activity/some combination of these, I'm currently wearing these sizes: **Top: LT/17/36; Bottom: 38/36; Suit: 46L, Shoe: 13-14; Sock: Bigger than they sell at Costco**
- To blow off steam, I like to: **lift heavy weights and puff, sing in the community choir, play 1940's and 50's piano/violin duets with Bert**
- While surfing the internet, I tend to gravitate to these sites: **Hulu, Netflix, YouTube, Facebook, Woot!,**
What my surfing habits say about my personality: **If I did a little more work and less surfing, maybe I wouldn't have \$500 paychecks (see above)**

WHAT I DID THIS YEAR

- A few things that happened this year that I expected: **an app for Annika Sorensatm (thanks, Chris!), Kelsey's marriage**
- A few things that happened this year that I didn't expect: **Karin's baby, winning a "Business of the Year Award" from the Chamber of Commerce, having a shoulder injury**
- In my travels this year, I made it as far as: **Chicago, Minneapolis, Utah, Connecticut**
As a result, I learned to appreciate: **Karin, Evan, Kelsey, Matt**
- This year my coworkers/colleagues/classmates at **Fluis Inc**
...have taught me how much I enjoy (and desire): **trying new things, working harder, organizing and watching/counting the beans**
...have taught me how much I dislike (and want no part of): **not being busy, not making decisions, not acting on problems**
- Projects/repairs...
...I worked on this year: **waxed the car, wrote songs for Christmas (2), Girls Camp (2), Passover (!?)**
...I should have worked on: **that leaky roof, that bad water heater, that messy garage Chris finally got fed up and cleaned, those non-blown leaves**
- My spare time was filled up with: **seconds and minutes. Colleen and I celebrated our 30th anniversary (early) on the Tall Ship Windy in Chicago**

WHAT I EAT

- Foods I have to avoid because of medication/distaste/diet: **Hah! All things in moderation, although I have cut down substantially on red meat (!) and peanut M&M's (!)**
- Foods I can not only eat, but also enjoy: **roisserie chicken, slow cooker stuff (recipes would be great!)**

- I'd be really excited if someone made me homemade **chocolate chip cookies with pecans**
- I've now become obsessed with cooking/making/consuming the following food(s): **soups, slow cooker food, roasts, desserts**
- When I don't cook, I like these people/places to cook for me: **Culver's, PF Chang's, Johnny Carino's**

WHAT I WANT

- As far as clothing and accessories go...
...I'd love to receive: **Socks. I am down to three pair of black socks and only one fits. And it has a hole in the toe. Ties, especially if Evan chooses them. A Knights who say "Ni" t-shirt from Bert.**
...I don't need any more:
- I've read/watched/heard about these books/movies that I would love have my own copy of: **Yes, I already bought and read the Steve Jobs biography**
In this format: **iBook**
- Seeing the Christmas advertisements, a few items I'd like to own but would never buy myself are: **60" Aquos LED/LCD 1080p TV, Apple TV, a new bumper case for my iPhone 4**
- While at the local Goodwill/antique store/resale shop, I'm always on the lookout for: **Workout pants (still use the ones that Anne and Ned bought me in 1998 and they're pretty retro (and worn))**
- One of the coolest things I'd like to find in a dumpster/have found in a dumpster/have looked for in a dumpster this year: **Red Plum and Super Saver coupon inserts from the newspaper**

THE FUTURE (REAL OR IMAGINARY)

- What I'm looking forward to in the future year: **Spoiling babies**
- What I'm not looking forward to in the year to come: **New roof, new water heater, or what happens if I don't get them fixed.**
- Next year I plan to: **Try a little harder, work a little smarter, be a little kinder, see a little more clearly**