

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

From Laurie and Linda

We hope you will all have a happy and healthy new year in 2016. However, that dreaded tax time will be here in only 3 months, so you should start digging through some restaurant dumpsters very soon for receipts. April 15 is the day most ordinary citizens send their money to Washington DC...and wealthy Americans send theirs to the Cayman Islands!

We thought we may as well mix a little levity in with the anticipation of not only figuring out what our taxes are, but actually writing Uncle Sam a check. For instance, Jay Leno had this to say: "California, Oregon and

New York are trying to solve their giant State deficits by taxing marijuana, beer, and internet porn. That way, by the end of Spring Break, the whole thing should be paid for."

Have you ever wondered.....if Congress can pay farmers not to raise crops, why can't we pay Congress not to raise taxes???

If you think about it, preparing our income tax returns has made more liars out of us than turning in our golf scores! Actually, golf is a lot like taxes. You drive hard to get to the green, and then wind up in the hole.

The IRS tax forms could be greatly simplified—consisting of only three questions: (1) How much did you

make last year? (2) How much do you have left? (3) Send that amount to the IRS.

Oh well.....we know we can't beat the game! If you earn money, it's minus taxes. And If you buy anything, it's plus taxes.

Here's hoping we'll all get refunds. And we wish you all the very best for the coming year.