

*It Takes a Village*

Happy Valentines Day

The Center invites everyone to join us Wednesdays to enjoy LOU (Lunch on Us). Which means nothing without our community to join us. On certain dates we have entertainment by Landon Sprague who plays piano for our enjoyment. Check the Center Calendar.

The Center is hosting a fund raiser by creating a Haunted House entitled “Terror By the Bay”. It will take place in October for 3 days. We have several very talented volunteers, but not enough yet! We need you. Our meetings take place every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 11am. We would like to serve small food items in the Garden, set up, clean up, construct a safe pathway through the Center’s upper and lower rooms (full of surprise) to exit onto the lower parking lot. We would like individuals to spread the word through flyers, and Face Book Avenues. High School students are welcome. This could become a yearly spooky delight! Don’t delay, reserve your seat for the BAB Lunch & Bake sale fundraiser which is always tasteful and a delight to participate in. The Bayview Council is sponsoring a Blood Drive on the lower level of the Center. Thank you for the ones who have signed up to donate.

Thank you to those who have participated and helped clean up after an event. We could not be successful with you.

Please check our website to view this month’s scheduled events at: [Bayviewcommunitycenter.org](http://Bayviewcommunitycenter.org)  
Click on the calendar to view the details of each month’s events.

Upcoming Events this month

- Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> - Bayview Chamber Board Mtg. @ 6pm.
- Feb 4<sup>th</sup> - LOU @ 12pm.
- Feb 5<sup>th</sup> - Bayview Daze Mtg. @ 6pm.
- Feb 7<sup>th</sup> - BAB Lunch Fundraiser & Bake Sale. @11am.
- Feb 9<sup>th</sup> - Community Ctr. Board Mtg. @ 10:30am.
- Feb 10<sup>th</sup> - Bayview Chamber Mtg. @ 7pm.
- Feb 11<sup>th</sup> - LOU @ 12pm.
- Feb 14<sup>th</sup> - Valentines Day
- Feb 15<sup>th</sup> - Flag Day
- Feb 16<sup>th</sup> - Presidents Day
- Feb 16<sup>th</sup> - Center “Terror By the Bay” Mtg. @ 11am.
- Feb 16<sup>th</sup> - The Timberlake Fire Commissioners meeting will be held @ 5pm at the Athol Fire Station.
- Feb 17<sup>th</sup> - BAB Mtg. @ 9am
- Feb 18<sup>th</sup> - LOU @ 12pm.
- Feb 19<sup>th</sup> - BW&S monthly meeting will take place at 3:30pm. You can attend in person at their Office or attend online. Check their website for the link.
- Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> - George Washington’s Birthday
- Feb 24<sup>th</sup> - Council Sponsored Blood Drive @ 10am.
- Feb 25<sup>th</sup> - LOU @ 12pm.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact me at:  
[prtonhofer@gmail.com](mailto:prtonhofer@gmail.com) or call (208) 683-8040

Thank you,  
Pam Tonhofer, Center Manager



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February '26 EVENTS  
AROUND TOWN

(held at the Community Center unless noted)

Tue	2/3	6pm	Bayview Chamber Board Mtg.
Wed	2/4	12pm	LOU
Wed	2/4	1:30pm	Center News Mag. Local Guide Mtg.
Thu	2/5	6pm	Bayview Daze Mtg.
Sat	2/7	11am	BAB Lunch Fundraiser & Bake Sale
Mon	2/9	10:30am	Community Ctr. Board Mtg.
Tue	2/10	7pm	Bayview Chamber Mtg.
Wed	2/11	12pm	LOU
Sat	2/14		Valentines Day
Mon	2/16	11am	Center “Terror By the Bay” Mtg.
		5pm	Timberlake Fire Commish. Mtg.
			Athol Fire Station.
Tue	2/17	9am	BAB Mtg.
Wed	2/18	12pm	LOU
Mon	2/19	3:30pm	BW&S Meeting Zoom and at the office.
			Check their website for the link.
Tue	2/24	10am	Council Sponsored Blood Drive
Wed	2/25	12pm	LOU

Community Ongoing Events

Tue	12:00pm	Mah Jong**
	3:00pm	Functional Strength Cardio (FIT) **
Wed	6:30pm	Bayview Bible Service*
Thu	12:00pm	Mah Jong**
	3:00pm	Functional Strength Cardio (FIT) **
Fri	9:30am	Tai Chi**
Sun	8:30am	Bayview Bible Service*
	10:30am	Bayview Bible Service*
	7:00pm	AA Meeting (lower)

\*Please check with your Church Leader for monthly schedule changes.  
\*\* Please check with your group leader for any schedule changes.

## Chamber Chatters & Chuckles

Hooray! We **WILL** have a 2026 Bayview Daze, on Saturday, July 4, 2026, complete with the annual fireworks show, to help celebrate our country's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday! Many thanks to all who not only worked so hard, but also contributed and participated, in the Spaghetti Feed, the Dessert Silent Auction, the actual verbal auction, and all of our loyal last minute monetary contributors. Through all of your combined efforts, we managed to reach our \$30,000 goal. We actually ended up with \$30,087.14. It was touch and go, for so long, that the possibility of not even having a show was very real. After such low donations over eleven months .....

*THANK YOU EVERYONE, who helped make this become a reality!!*

Any monies received after the books were closed on December 31, 2025, will be the seed for start of the funds needed for the 2027 show. Remember, we always collect for the following year because our fireworks are purchased in the February/March timeframe, of the year of the show. This insures we get the best prices, availability and selections. As we all know, Kevin Elmore does his best to select the best items to make our shows as spectacular as possible, with whatever our available funds might be. As usual, the more funds, the bigger the show!

We received a thank you letter from the Timberlake Fire Department for our donation to help support their EMS Program. Currently the Athol station lacks an actual EMS staff, so these people come from Hayden and Coeur d'Alene. Our local group plans to build their own team of fully qualified paramedics, so response times to our areas will be much quicker and effective.

Rod Twete reported a 60-day lease had been signed with Kootenai County, regarding the public dock issue. Several items still need to be remedied but a longer lease appears to be a possibility in the foreseeable future. This is definitely a subject we all need to closely monitor.

BAB's is having an **All You Can Eat** Fundraiser and Bake Sale, at the Community Center, on Saturday, February 7, 2026, from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. The menu will include a selection of Italian pastas and sauces, along with green salad, pea salad and bread. The pasta selections are spaghetti, rigatoni, or linguini. Your choice of toppings include a red meat sauce, clam sauce, Alfredo sauce or marinara sauce. This "All You Can Eat" is only \$10 per person. Don't forget to pick up some of their fresh baked goodies to enjoy later in your own home!

The Bayview Chamber and Community Council are working together to coordinate a blood drive for possibly sometime during the month of February. If you have an interest, please contact a member from either group, so they can let the appropriate people know ASAP.

***What do you call an army of baby cupids?  
An Infantry!***

## Bayview Chamber of Commerce is Celebrating the USofA's 250th birthday The 2026 50/50 Raffle has started

The tickets are \$20.00 BUT

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we will have **3** prizes again!

1<sup>st</sup> prize \$1,250. ★

2<sup>nd</sup> prize \$750.00 and

3<sup>rd</sup> prize will \$500.00

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## CHAMBER NEWS

February 10th Chamber meeting @ 7 pm  
SUPPORT BAB luncheon  
February 7th (see flyer on pg.10)



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2. Eagle Boat launch road repaving.  
The boat launch is getting paved this spring. The water line down to the bathroom is getting replaced so hopefully we can get the plumbing fixed.
3. Buttonhook restroom is repaired and should be open this summer.
4. Snowberry campground shower will be replaced this spring and open later this summer.



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on the Chamber website:  
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President: Larry Pegg  
Vice President: Craig Saunders  
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## Rest in Peace

HENRY NETZER – Hayden

I first met Henry while I was working with the USS Idaho committee. He was delightful, kind and a wonderful person to work with.

Henry passed suddenly on January 15, 2026.

He was the ARD Base Commander from 1998 – 2007. Henry graduated from the Naval Academy in 1974. He served in the Navy and retired as a Navy Captain in the Reserves.

Henry was very much a supporter of Bayview and our base here. His pride in the USS Idaho was very evident. You are missed by many



Robert H Rickel - Athol & Bayview

Robert passed on January 11, 2026

The Rickel name has been apart of North Idaho's history for many years to include Athol and Bayview.

Bob was raised on Rickel Ranch and spent many years also serving our communities on many boards to include Lakeland School District and KEC.



Frank Abbott – Bayview

Frank suddenly passed on January 17, 2026

He loved Hawaiian shirts but he was also everyone's friend with a fantastic sense of humor. Frank did help for the last few years with the Bayview Daze Parade.

He will be missed by many.

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There are times we all need a Notary

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### Private Classes

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Instructors may rent the Center to offer free or fee-based classes and workshops to the community. Upper room has full A/V system with projector and sound system and seats 85 with tables and chairs, or 105 with chairs only. Lower room seats 36 with tables and chairs.

Instructor Pays: \$15.00 per hour for use of the Center if it is a fee based class.

Instructors set their own prices for classes.

### Book the Center

Please note the Center is a no smoking facility and “pack it in, pack it out” rules apply including all garbage. The rented area must be cleaned after rental is completed. Janitorial services are not provided. No hard liquor is allowed unless provided by a licensed caterer.

[bayviewcommunitycenter.org](http://bayviewcommunitycenter.org)

Call Pam Tonhofer, Center Manager at 208.683.8040



**Bayview Daze Planning Committee**

The BVD committee will be meeting the first Thursday of every month at 6 pm until June. Input is welcome as are more people at the meetings.

The 1st meeting was on January 8th because of New Year's Day, 1st Thu of the month will resume in February.

Quite a few new ideas were presented. Overall theme for '26 is the 250th Birthday of our United States.

Everyone is invited to the meeting.

Norma Jean Knowles



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**TERROR BY THE BAY**

The Center is creating a Haunted House for 2026.

The group meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at 11am in The Bayview Community Center. Do you have a passion For Haunted Houses and Halloween? Help is needed to Bring this idea to life (or death!). Please come and HELP.

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This group was formed due to the 2008 Thanksgiving Day deadly boat fire. If you know of a **LIFE-THREATENING EMERGENCY** on the lake, **first call 911**, **then** call someone on the list. While boating, monitor **CH16** and be prepared to pass on info by radio/cell phone.

**MacDonald's Hudson Bay Resort (208-683-2211)** will serve as the headquarters to coordinate rescue efforts. DO **NOT** call for mechanical problems or lack of gas. This group is for **LIFE-THREATENING** emergencies only.

Bayview residents with **boats in the water** can volunteer to be available to respond to Lake Emergencies. Call Chris Hansen 208-659-8091 to add your name.

Current "Good-Samaritans" are:

<b>Chris Hansen</b>	<b>659-8091</b>	<b>Jim Woods</b>	<b>683-2294</b>
<b>Tim Meyer</b>	<b>683-1986</b>		
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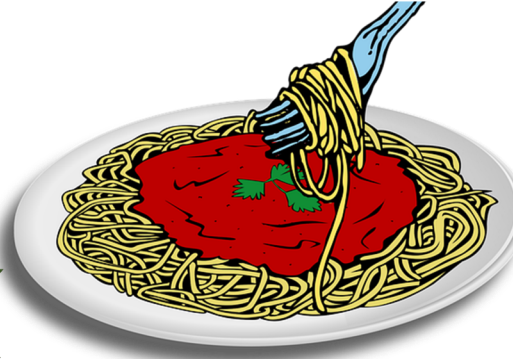
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## BAB'S Fundraiser

**\$10**

*All you can eat*

*Pasta, Salad, & Bread*



**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 7, 2026**

**11:00 AM to 2:00 PM**

**Bayview Community Center**

**Lunch Includes:** Bread, Salad, Choice of Pasta & Sauce  
Spaghetti, Rigatoni, or Linguini  
Meat Red Sauce, Clam Sauce, Alfredo, or Marinara  
Green Salad and Pea Salad

**Bayview Athol Belmont Women's Club**

(A Charitable Organization, Supporting Veterans, ABC Food Bank, 4-H, Local Schools, & More)

## Interviews with Chamber Board Members Cont. from pg.14

Huckleberry:

Woof! I just wagged on over to chat with Craig Saunders, and let me tell you—Jenny and I are both bursting with pride, tails thumping, because Craig's got a heart as big as a backyard. He gives the best belly rubs to his dad's dog, Scamp, and always makes sure there's a treat waiting in the bowl. Craig's pack included Ken and Marilyn Saunders (his humans), and after they crossed the rainbow bridge, Craig trotted all the way from Livermore, California to Bayview. And boy, he's happier than a pup in a pile of leaves to call Bayview home!

These days, Craig is retired—no more running around as a radiation technician for medical solutions since that kennel closed. What really gets my tail wagging is that Craig loves to bark out stories about his parents, sharing memories like a loyal pup guarding favorite toys. He's a bit like Jenny, who's always ready to bark about her family too.

Craig's biggest goal? To fetch and carry on his dad's legacy, keeping Bayview's spirit alive and playing a pawsitive role with the Chamber, just as his dad did. There's no doubt—Craig is one top dog in our community pack!

Jenny:



Woof woof! Sit, stay, and let me tell you about Russ Wright—a real loyal friend to our Bayview pack! Russ first sniffed out North Idaho in 1981, trotting into Post Falls to start his human adventures. He fetched a degree from the University of Idaho (go Vandals!), worked for a bit at the Coeur d'Alene Resort, and then ran with the big dogs in the Marine Corps for four whole years—now that's some tail-wagging service if you ask me!

Russ and Liz have been partners for 24 years (that's a lot of walks together!), and after wandering through life, they landed in Meridian, down in Boise territory. Not too long ago, they started building their own den in Bayview, just a quick dash from Liz's mom and stepdad. These days, Russ is pulling major overtime—working 60 to 70 hours a week, paws to the ground! He's got a special license, too, as a federally licensed gun agent, but all those tricky shipping problems with FedEx and UPS are a real "ruff" spot in his day.

But here's what really makes my tail wag: Russ is sniffing out ways to serve his community, always ready to lend a paw. Sometimes, when I hear gunshots behind the house, I jumps out of my fur! And when we barked our thanks for Russ's service—oh boy, he got all shy and just said, "You were worth it." There's a reason Russ is a top dog in our human pack!

"We" write these stories just to give folks a smile and a laugh. Huckleberry is getting to be quite famous and Simba is waiting for warmer weather so he can visit the next neighbors kitchen and that is a whole 'nother story."

Thank you to the "new" board for volunteering.

Norma Jean, Huckleberry, Simba, and Jenny



Interviews with Chamber Board Members



Woof! It’s me, Huckleberry. Let me tell you, sharing the job of interviewing the new Chamber Board Members with Simba was ruff—sharing isn’t really my thing. I mean, every toy in the house is basically mine, and when Princess walks by looking suspiciously like one of my squeaky toys, well, things can get a little hairy (even if she’s not convinced). But Simba and I sniffed out the stories of the five new Board Members, and we’re wagging our tails to introduce them to you!

Simba:

Purrs and whiskers, Larry Pegg! I hear you walk under the sign of Leo—a fellow cat in spirit, perhaps—and it’s with feline finesse that I curl up for this interview. Larry padded into Bayview around 2011, his curious nature leading him first as a cell phone installer, soon entwining him with the cell tower group for the community. He and Lori found their first cozy shelter in a trailer at what’s now Creekside RV, and spent some time lounging at Lakeland RV. Their own sailboat? Just the thing for a spirited adventure, docked at the Bitter End Marina, where the wind toys with your fur and the water stretches invitingly.

With the quiet strength of a well-trained mouser, Larry spent eight years in the Air Force before the Peggs claimed their territory on Merriweather, building a home worthy of a proud pride. Ever alert to the needs of his clowder, Larry began volunteering for the Chamber, eventually becoming the Board’s Member At Large. His ambitions: to grow the Chamber’s ranks and make its financial bed as plush as a sun-drenched windowsill.

Now, if only he kept a stash of catnip in that sailboat...

Huckleberry:

Woof woof! I get to wag my tail and interview my favorite human, Kevin Elmore! You know, Kevin is top dog in my book because he always kept delicious bones in his car for Jenny and me whenever we strutted our stuff around Macdonald’s Hudson Bay Resort—though Jenny, with her barky ways, ruined that treat train by yapping at every single dog we met!

Kevin told me he was born way over in Spokane, Washington (I bet there are amazing smells there), then his pack moved all the way to New York. But guess what? Every summer, he’d sniff out a path right back to Bayview!

Eventually, during his last year of high school, his family came home for good. I’ve heard he used to ride Marsha’s big, rumbling yellow school bus—maybe he even snagged Liz Wright’s favorite spot by the window to stick his nose out!

In 1988, Kevin started working at MacDonald’s Resort. Back then, Gary MacDonald was in charge of the Fourth of July fireworks—almost lost a paw, yikes! So Kevin was trained as Bayview’s official pyrotechnician. That’s right, the guy who gets to make all the booms and sparkles (some of us dogs hide, but it sure is exciting). And let’s not forget, his grandma, Mrs. Bardill, helped start up the Community Center way back when it was just a puppy of an idea!

Kevin’s big goal? More tail wags, more playtime, and lots more friendly fetches—he wants to bring our community together for real, nose-to-nose connections.

Move over it is Simba’s turn:

If I were to curl up and tell you about Liz Wright—with the elegant poise of a feline—I’d begin by purring that she’s spent most of her nine lives in Bayview, only wandering off to Meridian for a spell, but always returning to her home turf because her mother and stepfather provide a comforting nest. Liz was a regular on Marsha’s big bus, and she’d sometimes saunter into Marsha’s house for a steamy cup of cocoa—a perfect treat for a chilly tail.

Her resume is as varied as the patterns on a calico’s coat, but the most striking tabby stripe is her profound work with Rape Crisis and Suicide Centers. Liz once aspired to become a Judge, but fate—like a mischievous kitten—batted her on to a different path as family and cubs needed her attention. She also prowled the role of Reserve Deputy for Kootenai County, showing she’s got claws when it comes to protecting her community.

Where Liz truly sparkles is in her gift for fundraising for non-profits, batting at causes with determined paws. She’s even watched over Bo and Sugar so Huckleberry, Mom, and Dad could hop into their rolling kennel and travel all the way to Arkansas to visit Simba, Baby, Princess, and Lucas—her watchful whiskers making sure everyone is cared for.

More than anything, Liz simply wants to give back to her community, and every creature in our neighborhood is lucky to have her in their pride. Meow!



LOU

LUNCH



WEDNESDAYS @ NOON

beginning on

January 14th

Mary Owen and Jackie Lloyd are serving  
creamy chicken chili, corn bread, and salad

January 21st

Jenny Prince, Pam Tonhofer and Joy Shantz are  
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Everyone is welcome to join us  
for our community lunch

Dates open for LOU sponsor cooks are  
January 28th, February 4th & 25th., March 4th & 25th. April 1st & 15th

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proceedures attached for sponsoring LOU.

- bring a dessert to share • suggested \$5 donation
- help is always welcome with cleanup and setup

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## HOW WOULD WE RATE OURSELVES?

This time, we are addressing all ages of women, in our area, although I am sure numerous times the talents of husbands and friends might be recruited.

In 1956, a group called BAB's began. It was created by a group of housewives who wanted a way for any and all women, from the entire Bayview-Athol-Belmont area, to get together to discuss recipes, methods of cooking and preserving foods, along with sewing and other forms of needle work and crafts. A gathering, for a few hours, once a month where ideas and laughter could be shared with like-minded individuals.

Of course, at the time, very few married women worked outside of the home and country homes could be spaced a good distance apart. Social media consisted solely of phone calls or handwritten notes or letters or even meeting at the Post Office. This newly formed group allowed women the chance to share their numerous ideas and talents. As time passed, they even used their talents for fundraising events so they could support their entire communities in various ways. The scope of their generosity changed with the times and needs of others.

Now, with more women in the work force, BAB's membership might consist mainly of retired women but the door is open to all ages who might have like interests or can contribute ideas. The club even brings in speakers who can share topics of interest.

BAB's tries to benefit education for women with their NIC scholarship fund and helping a high school girl, from the entire Lakeland School District, attend the annual Idaho Girls' State, in conjunction with the Athol American Legion. They support children's reading with their donations to the Athol Elementary School Library and feeding the needy with their continued donations to the Athol Food Bank. They even support our veterans with their generosity.

Their biggest fundraisers are their annual Spring Tea, the July Bazaar, the Christmas Bazaar complete with the Hot Soup Lunch, silent auctions, and bake sales and of course their big raffle for their annual quilt. Each year many of the ladies work together to create a truly magnificent quilt. Even if we buy a raffle ticket and don't win the quilt, we can still be sure our donations are going to a very worthwhile cause.

Instead of sitting home, doing nothing, join this group. They meet at the Bayview Community Center, on the third Tuesday of each month, at 9:30 a.m. They do have an annual dues of \$25. Everyone has some form of talent so come join the fun and share your strengths with others. These ladies are also noted for their caring for each other. Someone who needs care after surgery or help getting to a medical appointment or ????? There will be a friend to assist you.

Don't forget - *All You Can Eat Pasta Feed*, Saturday February 7, 2026 – 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

***HAPPY 70<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY BAB'S!***

## Look Up – Keep a Happy Heart



With the age of computers and social media, our need for the constant use of a dictionary diminished drastically, at least compared to how many of us used them in the past. Sometimes this new digital method, called “auto correct”, can work against us. I always equate it to the drunken leprechaun who lives in my phone, especially when it insists on changing the specific words I want to text into something totally unrelated, at the same time I hit “send”. However, most of the time the corrections can be quite helpful. Every so often I do need to refer to the online dictionary because my spelling is so terrible even the sober leprechaun can't find a clue.

All of those years spent learning the correct spelling of words and now we are in a new age we can refer to as acronym texting. I hate to say it, but it seems the actual spelling of many words is slithering down the drain when used by the younger generation. They have entered a world filled with acronyms. R U ready? Believe it or not there is even a dictionary for those abbreviations because while they might be common language for the younger set, they can really be confusing for many of us who are struggling to keep up with these rapidly changing times. Even my *BFF* (“best friend forever” or is it “best friend fell”?) doesn't understand my *DAMHIKT* (don't ask me how I know that) whenever I use an acronym in place of actual words.

Since there is a standard version of acronyms, plus a senior addendum, we can also give a text multiple meanings depending on how we interpret the message. Maybe the age of the sender or the receiver might help. Is FYI “for your information” or “found your insulin”? How about LOL – “laughing out loud” or “living on Lipitor”? Another one to decipher is BTW – “by the way” or “bring the wheelchair”?

As if we needed even more information, there are also symbols. :<> Amazed :-|| Angry :-(- Crying :-) Drooling face (I always thought this was a happy face and I think many others did too, if my interpretation of its use, over the years, was correct.) :-D Laughing :-(- Sad These are just a few from the list but now comes the question - who is the guru who decides all of these meanings?

Sometimes many of us feel like we don't need any more “clutter” in our minds and our years of education doesn't allow us to feel comfortable with so many acronyms. The good old standbys of FYI (for your information), BTW (by the way) and ASAP (as soon as possible) are about as far as we want to deviate from the actual words.

When we take the time to send an email or a text, we don't want any confusion as to the meaning of our message. Of course the mood of the recipient can make a huge difference on how they interpret any message. With that in mind, if we always try to read a message as though we are hearing the sender's voice, talking to us, in their normal tone of voice, we will read more positive messages and can receive them with a happy heart.

