

ANSWERS TO THE DECEMBER PUZZLER

A	T	B	B	A	G	E	L	B	R	O	K	E
B	O	O	R	S	A	P	O	L	E	N	T	A
A	N	N	U	L	U	S	R	E	D	I	D	G
T	I	N	T	A	C	C	R	A	D	O	L	L
E	G	G	O	N	H	R	Y	C	E	N	T	E
C	H	A	N	G	E	O	F	H	E	A	R	T
A	T	L	E	O	S	O	E	A	R	E	A	S
T	H	U	S	N	I	G	E	L	A	M	M	O
N	A	C	H	E	S	E	L	G	R	E	C	O
A	U	R	O	R	A	L	E	A	T	E	A	T
P	O	E	T	S	L	U	R	E	S	T	R	Y

“Getting Into the Spirit”

Nine Across answers undergo a CHANGE OF HEART in the manner of SCROOGE: their central letters change from BAH, HUMBUG to GOOD CHEER.

Across. 4. BABE + L 8. BRAKE (homophone) 12. BOHRS (homophone) 13. POLENTA (anag.) 14. ANNUL + US 16. REHID (anag.) 17. T(I)NT 18. A(C)URA 19. DO + L + L 20. E(G + G)ON 28. ARE(A)S 30. THUS (hidden) 31. NI + GEL (rev.) 32. AM + MO 34. AC(M)ES 35. EL(G)RECO (*Creole* anag.) 36. A + UR + ORAL 37. A + T + BAT 38. P(O)UTS 39. LUG + E + S

Down. 1. A + B(o)AT + E 2. T(ON)IGHT 3. BON + N 4. B(R)UT 5. ASLAN (hidden) 6. GAUCH(o) + E 7. L + OR + R + Y 8. B(L)EACH 9. RED DEER (*read dear* homophone) 10. ON + I + ON 11. EAGLET (anag.) 21. O + NES(HO)T 22. T(RAM + C)AR 23. C(AT + N)AP 24. GO(N)ERS 25. F(EEL)ER (rev.) 26. LUCRE (anag.) 27. S(IS)AL 28. AL(G + A)E 29. S(O + O)TY 32. (p)ARTS 33. MEET (double def.)