



December 2016 Newsletter

From Helder's Desk



We hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving break and had some time to relax with friends and family. We certainly hope you'll do the same for the upcoming Christmas break! The Machado Consulting team has been active this holiday season in **giving back** in a couple of great programs. The first is St. John's Food for the Poor at the St. Francis Xavier Center here in Worcester. The second is run by the folks over at Abby's House who are running a toy donation. We only have until the 19th to donate for those still looking to participate!

What else is going on at Machado Consulting? Well, we're excited to announce that our Open House will be coming up next month on January 18th. We'd love for you to come by and check out all that we do in the office and join us for a good time. You can **RSVP HERE** with Caroline if you plan on coming to join us.

From the bottom of my heart, I hope you and your loved ones have a healthy, happy and prosperous Christmas and New Year.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Helder'.

Military Experience Wanted

Is Your Phone System Near End of Life?



Worcester Business Journal with Helder Machado

When Helder Machado worked in the corporate world, he was told by more than one boss to put everything he had learned in the Army aside because it didn't apply to his field of information technology. So, he learned to compartmentalize his two specialties and keep them separate in his mind. Turned out they were more helpful than he anticipated...

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Play it Forward!



Christmas Toy Drive

Help us make the holidays a little brighter by donating toys to families in need! Abby's House in Worcester will be taking all our donations and distributing to those parents who don't have the fortune of providing well-deserved presents to their kids.

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Do you have an end of life Cisco phone system that is no longer eligible for support? If so, it's time to consider upgrading to a more modern Unified Communications (UC) system.

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Employee Spotlight



Brian Stretch

It's closing in on four years since Brian joined Machado Consulting as a technical consultant. Today, we're happy to announce Brian Stretch has been promoted to Service Manager.

Congratulations Brian!

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Open House!

2017: The Year of Windows 10



Since the release of Windows 10 this past July, we've been piloting Windows 10 in our office and watching Microsoft work out all the "kinks" with their latest operating system. At the beginning of the new year, Machado Consulting will begin offering computers with Windows 10 preinstalled. Worried about losing some of your favorite Windows 7 feature or a little uneasy about learning a new operating system? Don't worry, we have you covered...

[What About Windows 7?](#)

News You Can Use

Understanding the Cloud and How it Can Help Your Business



If your business is still on the fence about implementing a cloud solution, we don't blame you. Moving to the cloud can be a daunting task, and you don't want to jump the gun and make such a big decision on a whim.

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Overwhelmed With Email? Try These 3 Helpful Tips



Email is a central part of any functional modern office, but if you aren't proactive in keeping your inbox under control, you could be wasting time on unnecessary messages or spam. If you want to get the most out of your workday, it's imperative that you take back control of your business email inbox.

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Study Shows How Reading Novels Can Help Your Business Succeed



We have our Open House / Client Appreciation Night coming up on the 18th of January. More details are coming soon and we hope to see you there!

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Worcester Christmas Lights!



Being in downtown Worcester, it's hard to miss the lights this time of year. Click on the link below to see our neighborhood!

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Quotes

Maybe Christmas, the Grinch thought, doesn't come from a store.

Dr. Seuss



I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year.

Charles Dickens

The busy business owner rarely has time to indulge in extracurricular activities, but there are still ways that you can make progress--even when you're not actually in the office or working on important plans, there's still the opportunity for self-improvement. One way that you can do this is by being well-read.



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