To The Left, To The Left

The meta answer is a seasonal greeting.

ACROSS

1. King for whom a university is named
5. Queue before Q
9. Escargot
14. Cookie with a Double Stuf variety
15. Osso ___
16. Barbera's partner
17. Big head
19. Letter-shaped girder
20. "___ Look Sharp" ("1776" song)
21. Interrupt a dance
23. Composer Bach (not J.S.)
24. Storm center
25. Emil von ___, winner of the first Nobel Prize in Medicine
27. Teller of dumb jokes
28. Children's virus
30. Third-century year
31. School in Bourbonnais, Ill.
32. Utterly forgettable "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" villain
34. Frenzied
36. "WWII fighter planes"
37. Steroid type
38. Less warm
40. "2012 Nicki Minaj song"
42. *One leaving the office (there's an alternate answer)
44. Sewing case
46. *Part of picking a candidate to win
47. Safe havens
48. "___ Perpetua" (Idaho state motto)
50. It may be real
52. "Suggestively named mountain range"
53. Bath scents?
54. Arrests
55. Strangely abbreviated units
56. Leonardo's home
58. Scholarly ending
59. Guest bed
60. Gherman ___, second human to orbit the Earth
61. Tip one's hand
63. Latin for "elsewhere"
65. Out of the ordinary
66. Feathery wear
67. Chess rating system
68. *2012 Nicki Minaj song
69. Sign of the cross
70. Beanpole
71. Humorist Bombeck
72. Org.

DOWN

1. Soap bottle
2. Dry riverbed
3. *Mercury, by another name
4. Grisly fate
5. Wharton deg.
6. *Michelangelo's implement
7. Take place
8. Type of justice
9. *Roof part
10. Arrest
11. Singular data?
12. Frenzied
13. Country led by Ali Bongo Ondimba
18. Take place
19. Tip one's hand
20. "___ Look Sharp" ("1776" song)
21. Interrupt a dance
22. "___ Perpetua" (Idaho state motto)