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## PRESIDENT'S PODIUM....



**D**ecember, the month of one of the Happiest Holidays of the Year!  
 November was a busy and enjoyable month thanks to the efforts of  
 Joan Schuring and Linda Roy. We thank you both.

Our Executive meeting will be held **November 29th**, 10am at the clubhouse.

Our Membership meeting will be December 1st, 9am. Members are urged  
 to attend.

There are many activities planned this month. Your participation in these events is gratefully  
 accepted and honored.

If you would like to host a month as Activity Chairperson(s), please let me know. January  
 and April are still available if you are interested, please contact me, I am at Mobile 144.

There were many ideas/items of interest discussed with our Board meeting with ELS Park  
 Manager Penny Garcia. As explained at our previous membership meeting on November 3rd.

Another year ending.... After the last few years, what will 2023 have in store for us? It does  
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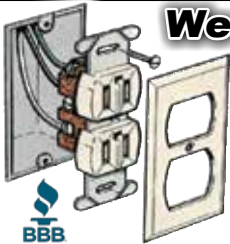
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## MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

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Activities Chairpersons for December: Debra Delphi and Yvonne Campo  
Hall Decoration – Sunday December 4th @ 10am “Free Coffee and Donuts”  
Bake Sale – Thursday December 8th @ 10am  
Humana Food Pantry- Friday December 9th @ 1pm  
Scrooge’s Yankee Swap – Saturday December 10th @ 1pm  
Naughty or Nice Good Neighbor Bingo – Sunday December 11th @ 1pm  
Luncheon – Wednesday December 14th @ 12:30pm “Dutch Treat” Duff’s Buffet  
Christmas Dinner – Sunday December 18th @ 3:00ish pm  
Christmas Caroling – Saturday December 24th @ 6:00pm  
New Year’s Eve Party – Saturday December 31st @ 9pm



## SPORTS COMMITTEE

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The Sports committee will rest for the month of December. However, that doesn’t mean you have to. GO enjoy the shuffleboard courts, billiards table, bocce ball, cornhole, etc. You can find all the equipment needed in the storage shed, ask a Committee Member where the key is.

Coming in January, BOWL A RAMA in back, with a new twist. Annual HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT being planned.

Want to suggest something, tell VP Debra Delphi, or Jim Spinos

## CHRISTMAS DINNER

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Spending time with your family and loved ones on this merriest of all holidays is most important to us all. We will be having Our annual Christmas Dinner on December 18th at 3pmish at the Clubhouse. Roast Beast and all the fixings will be served. Check out the flyer for more details.



## SCROOGE’S YANKEE SWAP

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Please bring a \$5 minimum gift and snacks to share. Soda and Coffee will be provided.

What is a Yankee Swap you ask? It is simple, everyone will be assigned a number at random, then the first player/person will choose a wrapped gift and open it. The second player/person will then choose a wrapped gift and either opens it or swaps it with another players/persons unwrapped gift. This continues until all players/person finish. Never know the gift with which you may leave.



## RUN, RUN, AS FAST AS YOU CAN....

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Up to the Clubhouse, you can't catch me, I'm the Gingerbread Man. Attention all Bakers. Don't let your baking skills escape you, bring them up to the Clubhouse on December 8th @ 10am. Let your neighbors be the fox and buy your Gingerbread Men. Not limited to just Gingerbread Men, you can bake a Pie, Cupcake, Cookies, Brownies, and even a Muffin according to the Muffin Man.



## NAUGHTY OR NICE?

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Play an exciting afternoon of Good Neighbor Bingo White Elephant Style. Not only do you get a chance to win Bingo, but you also have a chance to win a gift with a twist, you can be naughty or nice, keep your gift or swap it for another's. That is of course if your Neighbor sitting beside you gets lucky enough to win a Bingo. Fun for all! Snack and Coffee will be provided, Sunday the 11th at 1pm

## LUNCHEON

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This month's Luncheon will be held at: Duffs Buffet, at 12:30pm, Wednesday the 14th. As always, please sign up on the sheet posted in the clubhouse prior to December 12th. This gives the hosting staff enough time to coordinate with the Restaurant for seating. This event is "Dutch Treat."

## NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

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GOODBYE 2022.... Hello 2023. What a year this has been. What will 2023 bring us? We can start it off with a huge celebration on Friday December 31st starting at 9pm. Music, Dance, Alcohol, Party Favors, and Great Times to be had. Check out the flyer when it comes around.



## Oh Christmas Tree, Oh Christmas Tree....

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Come join us on Wednesday December 1st at 10am to Decorate the Club House, inside and outside, bringing the Christmas Spirit to Glen Ellen. Hang lights, put up the wreaths, jingle the bells, and raise the tree. Fun and enjoyment to be had by all. Soda and Coffee will be available. If you wish, bring a muffin, coffee cake, etc., to share. Special request, a couple of tall people needed for hanging of lights, wreaths, and the Christmas star.



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## Mah Jong

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## Dashing through the Sand...

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## Coming in January:

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## EDITORS' NOTE:

**P**lease make sure anything you need to appear in the next month's **January** edition of the FOCUS be given to Kevin Kimball Lot #221 **prior to the 8th of December**. This gives time to create and send everything to the publishers for review. Everything will be screened, edited, and arranged according to the guidelines set forth by the publishers themselves. Thank you.



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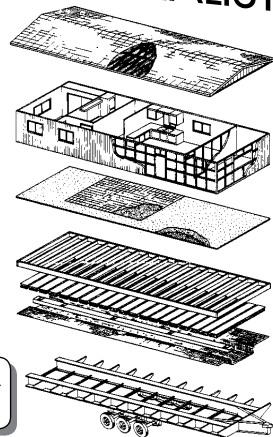
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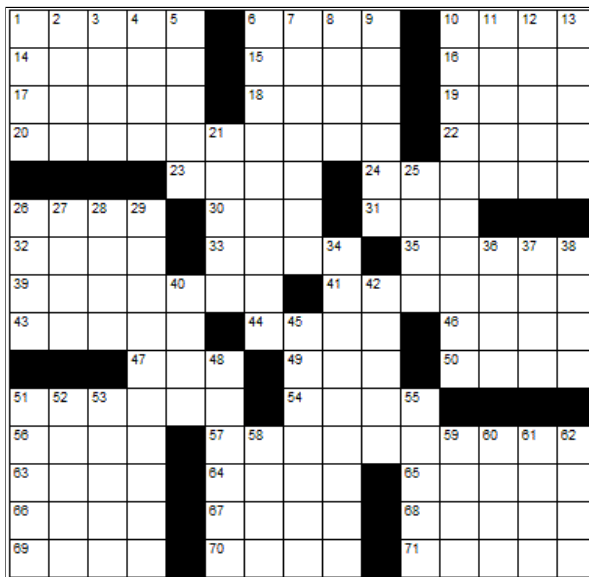
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- 24. Come forth
- 26. Russian emperor
- 30. Form of "to be"
- 31. Zero
- 32. After-bath wear
- 33. Linguistic unit
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- 39. Marjoram
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- 46. Require
- 47. British rule in India
- 49. Joke
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- 56. Absent Without Leave
- 57. Spin-like
- 63. Domestic
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- 65. Love intensely
- 66. Ages
- 67. Celtic language
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- 71. Donkeys

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- 1. Lack of difficulty
- 2. Urban renewal target
- 3. Belgrade native
- 4. Therefore
- 5. Inscribed pillar
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- 9. Make unhappy
- 10. Fuel
- 11. Radiolocation
- 12. Beside
- 13. Get together
- 21. Illustrated
- 25. Grinder
- 26. Gait faster than a walk
- 27. Fern clusters
- 28. Assist illegally
- 29. Irrespective
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- 36. Affirmatives
- 37. Docile
- 38. Combines
- 40. Nitpicky to a fault
- 42. In accordance with law
- 45. Conceit
- 48. Sports pullover
- 51. Bigot
- 52. Mindful
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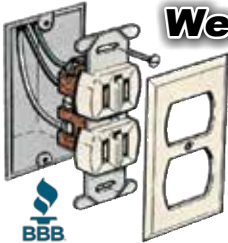
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<p>4</p> <p>Hall Decoration</p> <p>10am "Free Coffee and Donuts"</p> <p>Texas Hold Em</p> <p>7pm</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Bingo 7pm</p>	<p>Mah J</p>
<p>11</p> <p>Naughty or Nice</p> <p>Bingo 1pm</p> <p>Texas Hold Em</p> <p>7pm</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Bingo 7pm</p>	<p>Mah J</p>
<p>18</p> <p>Christmas Dinner</p> <p>3:00ish pm</p> <p>Texas Hold Em</p> <p>7pm</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Bingo 7pm</p>	<p>Mah J</p>
<p>25</p> <p>MERRY CHRISTMAS</p> <p>Texas Hold Em</p> <p>7pm</p> <p>Christmas</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Bingo 7pm</p>	<p>Mah J</p>



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<p>6 Luncheon 1pm</p>	<p>7 Shuffleboard 11am  Pearl Harbor Remem- brance Day</p>	<p>8 Coffee Hour 8:30am Bake Sale 10 am</p>	<p>9 Humana Food Pan- try 1 pm</p>	<p>10 Scrooge's Yankee Swap 1pm</p>
<p>13 Luncheon 1pm</p>	<p>14 Shuffleboard 11am Luncheon 12:30pm "Dutch Treat" Duffs Buffet</p>	<p>15 Coffee Hour 8:30am</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>20 Luncheon 1pm</p>	<p>21 Shuffleboard 11am</p>	<p>22 Coffee Hour 8:30am</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 Christmas Caroling 6:00pm  Christmas Eve</p>
<p>27 Luncheon 1pm</p>	<p>28 Shuffleboard 11am</p>	<p>29 Coffee Hour 8:30am</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 New Year's Eve Party 9pm  New Year's Eve</p>

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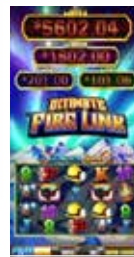
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To the boy's surprise he heard his words come back to him from the mountain, "I'm afraid."

Startled and frightened, the boy called out—"Who is there?"

Again his words traveled back to him asking the same question he had asked—"Who is there?"

The boy was angry now at whoever was evading answering his question, "Chicken," he called out.

"Chicken," the response came back to him.

The boy looked frightened and asked his grandfather what was happening.

The old man laughed and said to listen. He called out, "You are wonderful!"

The voice answered back, "You are wonderful!"

The grandfather smiled and said, "You're amazing!"

"You're amazing!" came tumbling back out of the mountains.

The boy looked back at his grandfather, still wearing a look of confusion. "I do not understand, grandfather," the boy said.

The old man laughed again, and said, "My child, this is called an echo. But pay attention, because it is really life.

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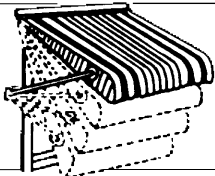
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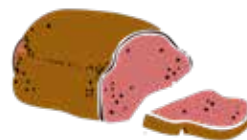


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## So just what are trans fats anyway?



When you go shopping these days it's likely that you're going to see lots of items claiming they are low in or have no trans fats. Just what are trans fats? Trans fatty acids are made by heating liquid vegetable oils in the presence of hydrogen, according to the Harvard School of Public Health. The process is more commonly known as hydrogenation. It's easy to figure out how hydrogenated an oil is—the harder the oil will be at room temperature the more hydrogenated it will be. So if you go into the store and you have a choice between stick margarine and a soft and spreadable margarine, you know the spreadable one is less hydrogenated, and therefore contains less trans fats.

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