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Changes:

Bulletin Board (inside).....	Deb Jardine
Bulletin Board (outside).....	Denise Lieber
Clubhouse Properties	Marquis Guimond
Rummage Sale	Karen Payne

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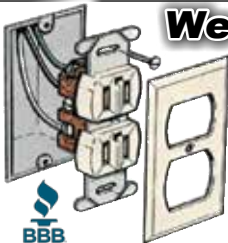
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RECREATION COMMITTEE CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2023

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MONTH	DATE	TIME	EVENT
<u>December</u>			
Thu,	Dec 7 & 21	9-10 am	Coffee Social & Meeting
	Dec 7	10 am	Christmas decorating at the clubhouse
Thu,	Dec 14	6-9 pm	Holiday Social & Ugly Sweater Contest Music by R & B Project
Sun,	Dec 24	noon	Distribution of Luminaries
Sat,	Dec 30	3-7 pm	New Year's Eve Day Event: Football, Games & Food provided. Cost: \$5.00

December Message from the Recreation Board

We wish everyone a happy and healthy holiday season and safe travel to those who leave to join in family celebrations.

There are a few highlights for January, so mark these dates on your calendars:

Mon, Jan 1st,	3-7 pm	New Year's Party with Football, Games & Food. Cost: \$5 50/50 Split the Pot. Please bring dessert.
Sat, Jan 13,	8 am-1 pm	Rummage Sale. Donations accepted starting Nov 7
TBA	7-10 pm	Theme Dance with music by Carlo

New events and times will be posted on Facebook and on the Clubhouse bulletin boards.





December Birthdays

2	John Jones	423
4	Ruth Junetune	332
4	Francis Wildermann	441
5	Jennifer Seitz	370
6	Tom Sopko	371
8	Barbara Gavin	305
11	Gene Wolfert	465
12	Rita Baratta	450
12	Lee Smay	445
12	Wayne Marchand	328
16	Rebecca Reinhardt	449
17	Jacqueline Di Pego	311
17	Diane Sheeley	351
18	Nicole Aluise	408
20	Gary Goessel	384
20	Chris O'Dell	376
20	Gary DeFedericis	338
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24	Bernard Stoneham	411
27	Donna Brotherhood	341
28	Lynne O'Dell	376
31	Gary Moore	314



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ACROSS

- 1. It comes in a loaf
- 6. Cobras
- 10. Play parts
- 14. Spooky
- 15. Not the whole
- 16. The central part
- 17. American symbol
- 18. Request
- 19. Hint
- 20. Wealth and success
- 22. Peel
- 23. Rock
- 24. Little kisses
- 25. Pear type
- 29. Retaliated
- 31. Arithmetic mean
- 33. Resident
- 37. Befall
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- 1. Toot
- 2. Backside
- 3. Therefore
- 4. Afflicts
- 5. Ocean trenches
- 6. Give permission
- 7. Containing salt
- 8. Make-believe
- 9. Remain
- 10. Licensed
- 11. Infant's illness
- 12. Torso
- 13. Sows
- 21. Knickknack holder
- 24. Prison-related
- 25. ___ Ruth, baseball legend
- 26. Not under
- 27. Bristle
- 28. Move back and forth
- 30. Universal
- 32. No longer a child
- 34. Tubular pasta
- 35. Always
- 36. Bird home
- 40. Confined to certain regions
- 41. Deciphers
- 43. Craving
- 45. Gentry
- 46. Protective covering
- 47. Consumer of food
- 49. Work hard
- 51. Information
- 52. Adhesive strip
- 53. Mid-month days
- 54. Beast
- 55. Tidy



December
 Crossword

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- Egg Nog Month
- Handwashing Awareness Month
- Hi Neighbor Month
- Learn a Foreign Language Month
- Made in America Month
- National Drunk and Drugged Driving (3D) Prevention Month
- National Fruit Cake Month
- National Identity Theft Prevention and Awareness Month
- National Pear Month
- Procrastination Awareness Month
- Read a New Book Month
- Root Vegetables Month
- Safe Toys and Gifts Month
- Sign Up for Summer Camp Month
- Stress-Free Family Holiday Month
- Tomato and Winter Squash Month
- Tropical Fruits Month
- Universal Human Rights Month
- World AIDS Awareness Month
- Write a Friend Month



Weekly

- Hanukkah* (changes yearly and lasts for 8 days)
- National Handwashing Awareness Week (first week)
- National Influenza Vaccination Week* (typically first week)
- Tolerance Week (first full week)
- Human Rights Week (second week)

Daily

- December 23: Festivus, National Roots Day, National Pfeffernüsse Day
- December 24: Christmas Eve, National Egg Nog Day
- December 25: Christmas Day, National Pumpkin Pie Day
- December 26: National Whiners Day, Boxing Day, National Candy Cane Day
- December 27: National Fruitcake Day, Make Cut-Out Snowflakes Day



Do we really want to have the Midas touch?

In modern times, the name Midas is associated with someone who has such good luck that everything seems to go his or her way—and they become rich without even trying. But the original meaning of the King Midas story was very different.

Midas was the king of Phrygia, according to Edith Hamilton's classic book *Mythology*. Phrygia was the land of roses, and Midas maintained large, beautiful rose gardens near his palace.

One day, the old man Silenus wandered off from Bacchus' caravan because he was intoxicated. The rotund and aging drunkard was found passed out in a bower of roses near the palace. The servants, having a little fun, bound him with garlands of flowers and crowned him with a wreath of roses and took him stumbling and looking ridiculous to King Midas as a great joke.

Midas welcomed Silenus and entertained him for two days. Then the king led the old man back to Bacchus, the god of wine and intoxication, where he belonged. Bacchus was so glad to get Silenus back that he told Midas that whatever wish he made would come true.

Without giving the matter any thought, Midas immediately wished that whatever he touched would turn to gold. Bacchus, being a god, of course, immediately saw the folly of the king's wish, but granted it anyway.

Then Midas sat down at his table to take his dinner, but as he lifted his food to his lips he saw that it had become a lump of metal. Frightened, and beginning to suffer from hunger and thirst, he was forced to hurry off to Bacchus again and beg him to take the favor he had been granted back. Bacchus instructed the king to wash in the source of the river Pactolus and he would lose the fatal gift. The king did so, and that is why, they say, that gold was found in the bed of that river.

And what are we to take from this tale? Midas was not able to profit from his riches because he had committed a folly, which was just as fatal as sin. Even though the poor king meant no harm, he had failed to use his intelligence, and because of that he faced certain doom, had he not begged the gods to rid him of what he had asked for.

The story tells us that failing to use our intelligence can bring us to ruin just as quickly as wrongdoing. That being intoxicated with the so-called "riches" of our world can bring us down quickly, and the best course of action is to stop and think about the consequences of what we are about to ask or wish for.



On giving

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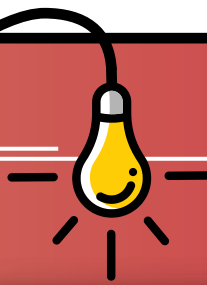


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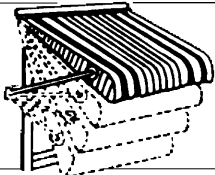
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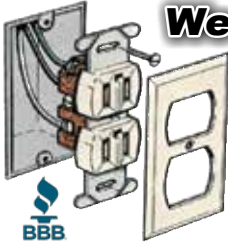
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Q: What do elves learn in school?
A: The Elf-abet!

Q: If athletes get athletes foot, what do astronauts get?
A: Missletoe!

Q: What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire?
A: Frostbite.

Q: Why was Santa's little helper depressed?
A: Because he had low elf esteem.

Q: Why does Santa have 3 gardens?
A: So he can ho-ho-ho.

Q: Where do polar bears vote?
A: The North Poll.

Q: What do you get when you cross an archer with a gift-wraper?
A: Ribbon hood.

Q: What kind of bird can write?
A: A PENguin.

Q: What do you call a cat on the beach at Christmas time?
A: Sandy Claus!

Q: How do sheep in Mexico say Merry Christmas?
A: Fleece Navidad!

Q: Why does Santa's sled get such good mileage?
A: Because it has long-distance runners on each side.

Q: What do you call a bunch of grandmasters of chess bragging about their games in a hotel lobby?
A: Chess nuts boasting in an open foyer!

Q: What did the ghosts say to Santa Claus?
A: We'll have a boo Christmas without you.

Q: If Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus had a child, what would he be called?
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Staying fit in old age keeps the brain sharp, study finds

A study published in the journal *Neurology* suggests that keeping physically fit in old age can also keep the brain functioning normally. “Our study suggests that being physically active in old age could keep the brain fit,” says study author Boukje M. van Gelder.



Physical activity can improve blood flow to the brain and in so doing reduce the risk of dementia, stroke and cognitive decline. Activity could stimulate the growth of nerve cells in the hippocampus, the region of the brain involved in memory function. This could help the brain prevent further deterioration, because there is a “reserve” of nerve cells available.

The study included data on 295 men between the ages of 70 and 90, born between 1900 and 1920. The study began in 1990, and the men were tracked for physical activity and mental agility over a 10-year period.

Researchers found:

- Men who reduced their physical activity by an hour or more were 2.6 times more likely to suffer cognitive decline than men who maintained their activity levels.
- Men who performed their physical activity at a lower intensity over a 10-year period were 3.6 times more likely to suffer cognitive decline than those who maintained intensity level.

Researchers prove learning keeps brain physically fit

Researchers at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology have finally proved that when it comes to brainpower the lowdown is “use it or lose it.”



According to DrWeil.com’s Weekly Bulletin, rats that were put into a two-chambered box and then learned to avoid a darkened area through receiving unpleasant foot shocks exhibited strengthened connections among synapses in the hippocampus.

Weil says that even though this learning/brain health connection has been suspected for decades—that this evidence actually shows the physical change in the brain when learning takes place.

This is an important piece of evidence that learning keeps the brain physically strong.

On kindness

One kind word can warm three winter months.

— *Japanese proverb*

On winter

In the depth of winter, I finally learned that within me there lay an invincible summer.

— *Albert Camus*

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On family

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— **George Bernard Shaw**

On gifts

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— **Bernard Manning**

In department stores, so much kitchen equipment is bought indiscriminately by people who just come in for men's underwear.

— **Julia Child**

On Christmas morning

There's nothing sadder in this world than to awake Christmas morning and not be a child.

— **Erma Bombeck**

On New Year's Eve

*Youth is when you're allowed to stay up late on New Year's Eve.
Middle age is when you're forced to.*

— **Bill Vaughn**

Now there are more overweight people in America than average-weight people. So overweight people are now average. Which means you've met your New Year's resolution.

— **Jay Leno**

An optimist stays up until midnight to see the new year in. A pessimist stays up to make sure the old year leaves.

— **Bill Vaughn**

On friends

Friends are God's apology for relations.

— **Hugh Kingsmill**

On mailing packages

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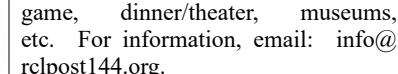
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