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BETMAR COFFEE NEWS

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GOOD MORNING BETMAR FRIENDS!!

TUESDAY AT COFFEE:



New Year's Eve Celebration!
Sunday, Dec 31
 8:00 p.m. – 12:30 a.m.,
 Music by Karl Sapp



Refreshments
Party Favors

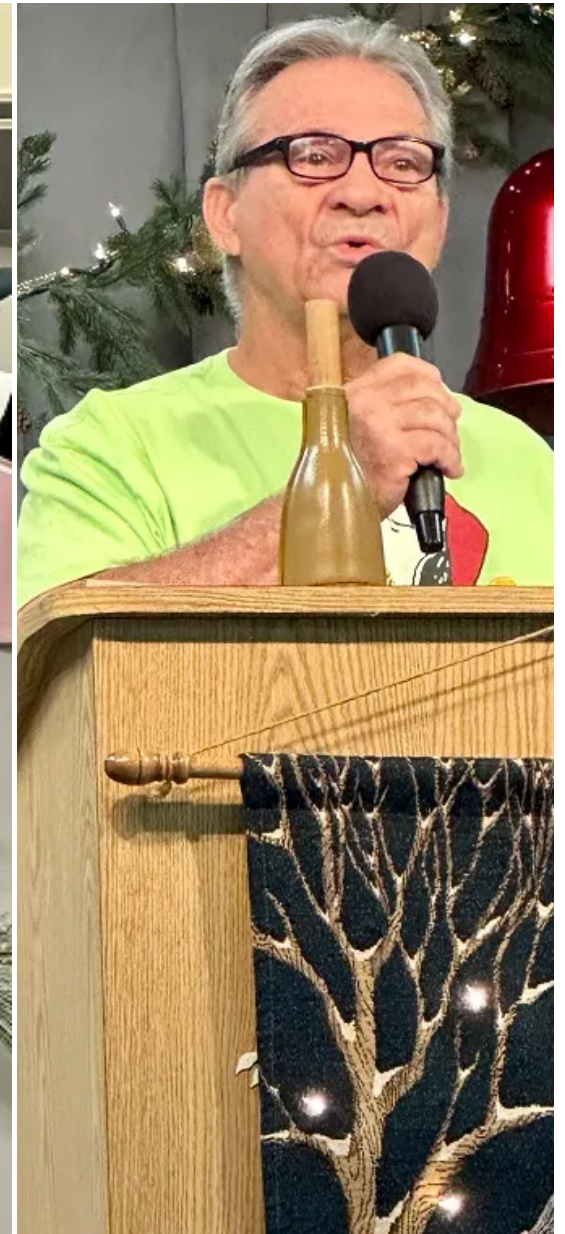
\$20.00 per person Donation

Reservations available for *Betmar Residents only* Tuesday mornings in the 2 Annex, 8-9 a.m. from *Nov 14–November 28*. Reservations available for both residents and non-residents December 2–26. Limited number of tickets available at the door or by contacting Roxanne Bailey at 815-715-4323 or Mary Shedd at 815-715-2051.



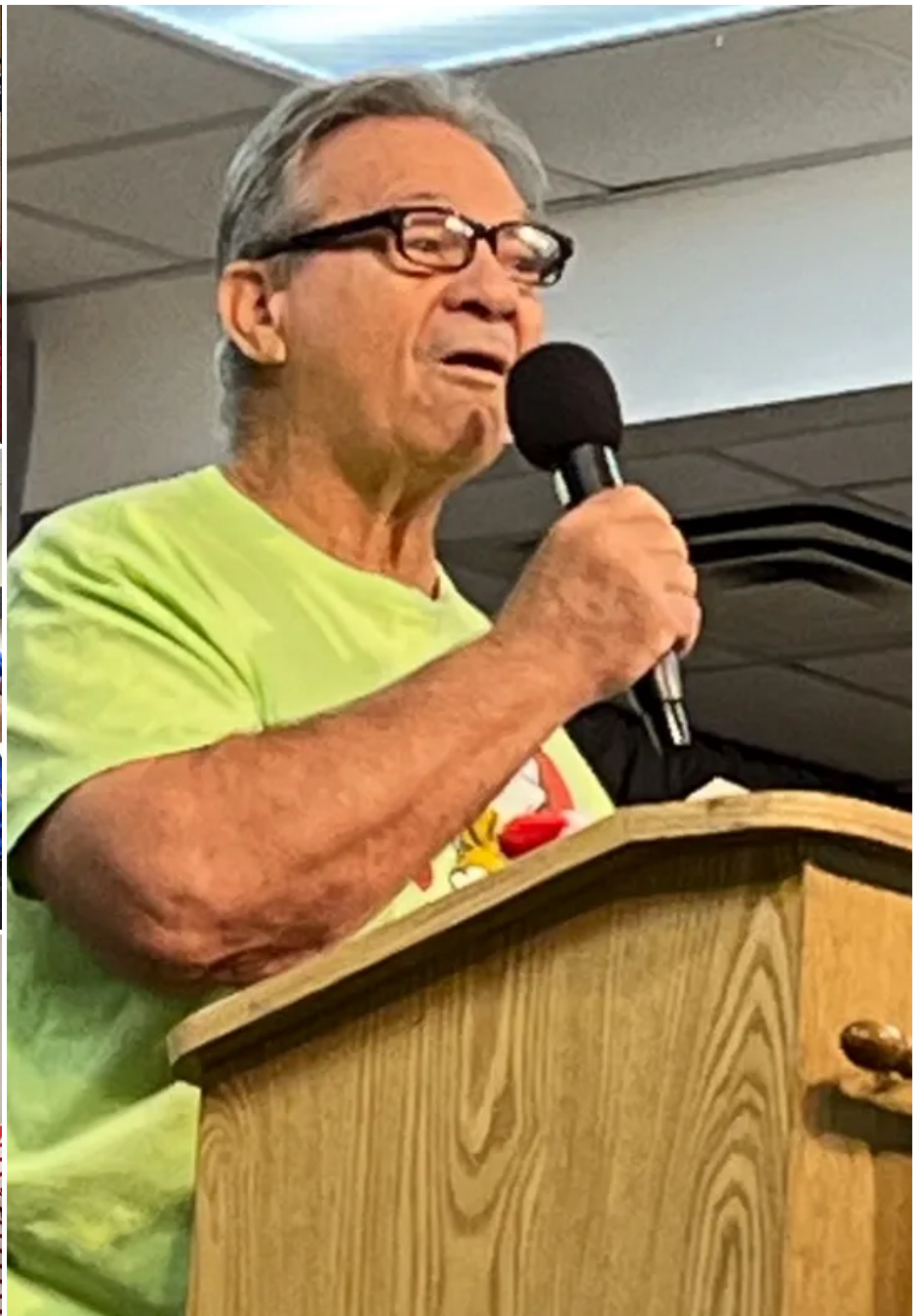














MICHELLE'S MESSAGE

Welcome to December!! I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving. We enjoyed our time with our family in Michigan. It was very cold and snowy so happy to return to Florida-wait, 40' in the morning??? What's with that? Still, no snow here and it will warm up soon!! Last Sunday, I hope you were able to enjoy the awesome job from our Chorus and the tree lighting festivities. Just the beginning of many fun Christmas activities to do here in Betmar-Christmas House Tours, Betmar Travel Group trip to the Ice Show, fish and turkey dinners, caroling, Christmas gift exchange, and many more! I also hope you can get out and enjoy all the lights and decorations. Thank you for making Betmar a great place to live!

VOLUNTEER SHOUT OUT



Helps decorate clubhouse 3 for Christmas

Sells papers at Bingo on Monday nights

Years back, was in charge of dining room when there was monthly breakfasts

Works in the Library

Helps with Share the Wealth at Teeny Weenie

Works every Friday in the summer months and every Tuesday and Friday in the winter months-she is the lady in charge!!

Who is She??

Linda Bentz

NEW RESIDENTS



New Resident-Ginger Holland from Florida-lives on Mandan St,

New Residents-Judy and LaVon Vineyard-
from Michigan-lives on Beth Street



ACTIVITIES:

NO COFFEE HOUR DECEMBER 26th AND JANUARY 2ND-MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

Grace Ave. Is starting its annual Luminaries on Christmas Eve. Grace residents please place your Luminaries out by the road on Christmas eve. Hopefully we will have a great showing and continue this yearly.

**CHRISTMAS GOLF CART PARADE-DECEMBER 17TH. LINEUP AT 5:45 PM PARADE STARTS AT 6.
GOODIES FOR THOSE WHO PARTICIPATE ARE WELCOME TO STOP IN THE ANNEX TO FOLLOW THE
PARADE**

CAROLING AROUND BETMAR-DECEMBER 16TH AT 5:30PM-MEET AT 36648 NILES

DECEMBER 19TH-CHRISTMAS BAG EXCHANGE AT COFFEE HOUR-BRING A BAG

Thank you to the following Coffee Workers for the December-we couldn't do it without you!!

Geri Heyl	Sharon Ohana	Sue Flynn
Shirley Huff	Linda Balzer	Nancy Kraft
Joyce Smith	Joanne LaVere	Linda Ames
Barb Vliek	Marion Lafleur	Betty Bradley

Randy LaVere

REMINDER::: Ladies who volunteered to bake 3 dozen cookies for The Thomas Promise Christmas Dinner With Santa, Please bring your cookies next Tuesday 12/12 from 1 PM to 3 PM to the Annex for our group to bag for each child.

Let's Dress the Girls Quilt Raffle

The drawing for our hand sewed hand quilted 90" x 88" quilt is next week on the 15th. Raffle tickets can be purchased at Coffee Hour today in the Annex and next week at Coffee Hour 12/12 OR at the Shuffle Luncheons on Monday 12/11 and Tuesday 12/12. Help support our Betmar Chapter!!

SHED EVENT-RESIDENTS CAN TAKE ITEMS TO THE OFFICE ANYTIME -WE PAY \$1500/YEAR FOR THE SERVICE- THE BIG EVENT SHRED EVENT JANUARY 17TH

BETMAR DIRECTORIES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE-GET YOURS TODAY!!

Thank you to those who helped decorate Clubhouse 2!! I greatly appreciate it!!

Carol and Victor Sambol want to thank all the volunteers who helped
decorate the park for Christmas.

POOL DECORATORS



Dave and Tom decorating
donated decorations
Gail decorating
Joanne decorating
kim decporating
Marsha decorating



Ray and Sue Decorating
sue and i decorating



DINNERS

Tickets are currently available for the Thursday, December 14 Turkey Dinner. They are \$10 each and available from the office, in the annex during coffee hour or from Dave or Cindy Godfrey through Sunday, December 10.

Don't forget about the fish fry this Friday, Dec. 8. Take out starts at 4, dining in clubhouse 2 is from 4:30-6PM. Tickets are no longer available for this event -SORRY

BETMAR BANDSTAND:

Come to Clubhouse 2 tomorrow Wednesday, Dec. 6 and enjoy some great music provided for you by Maine Duo + 1. They will begin performing at 6:00 pm. Be sure to check the Bandstand group page for

updates and pertinent information including any possible calendar changes. Thanks to everyone for your continued support.

KITCHEN BAND

Concert in the Gazebo-December 14th at 2:00PM-then visiting shut ins

DANCE CLUB

Bill D. Williams is back for this Saturday night's Country Western Theme dance. Bill fills the house so get your tickets early if possible. Doors open at 6pm or contact Pam Ward at 989-859-6905

New Year's Eve tickets are now available for both residents and non-residents. Contact Mary Shedd, 813-715-2051 or Maxine Bailey, 352-999-1096 for tickets and details.

General meeting – the dance club general meeting will be held next Tuesday, December 12, at 3pm in the Apache Clubhouse Blue room. Everyone is welcome.

GOLF CLUB:

Wow, there are so many things happening at Betmar and the Golf Club. The multi club Christmas tree's donations are through the roof, we have over \$1,000.00 worth of prizes that some lucky person will get on December 19th at Coffee Hour. Remember \$5.00 gets you six numbers for the drawing. Just ask a Golf, Pool or Garden Club representative where you can sign up for your numbers.

We still have opportunities to buy or if you want to help outsell numbers for the quilt drawing. It's a beautiful quilt and we are offering two options for those numbers, \$5.00 for 6 numbers or 1 for 1. Please contact Mark or Kelly Garrett as the team leaders of the quilt drawing if you want to buy or sell to help out.

You may have seen the paint improvements on the Golf Clubhouse. Thanks to Jeff Antoine and Rob Sipprell for all their hard work and Bob Cutz for providing the paint. It looks great!!!

December Breakfast – What a great success, thanks to Marilyn Williams for being lead on these breakfasts and a special shout out to Mike and Gail Williamson for being in charge of the December Breakfast – what a great job and thank you so much for all the volunteers that made it a huge hit!!! Tickets for January breakfast going on sale soon.

Golf is also having a new Golf Bag raffle at the pro shop, so stop by and buy a ticket. PS – Everyone should know that you **DO NOT** need to be a golf member to shop at the pro shop, they have some very nice Betmar non-golf products, as well NEW golf shirts for men and women. Shop is open every day.

Printable versions of the golf membership application can be found on the Betmar Website golf club page.

TOPS

"A month from now you can have progress, results and confidence. Or you can have the same old excuses, guilt, regret and shame." Christina Carlyle

TOPS (Taking Pounds Off Sensibly) meets Wednesdays (except 12/6 and 12/27) with recommended weigh-in at 8:15 am followed by our support meeting at 8:45 am. All Betmar residents are welcome

COMPUTER CLUB:

At 1:00 today our class will be on what you need to know to book your next airline trip.

At 2:00 bring in your devices and we will help you to solve your problems Mary Ann Gifford

TABLE AND CHAIR SET UP

Block assignments for Table & Chair volunteers are published in each month's Betmar Bulletin. Blocks are mapped out on page 28 of the phone book. The block assignment for the first half of December is Blocks G & H ((west end of 8th and Sandra, Betty and Vera).

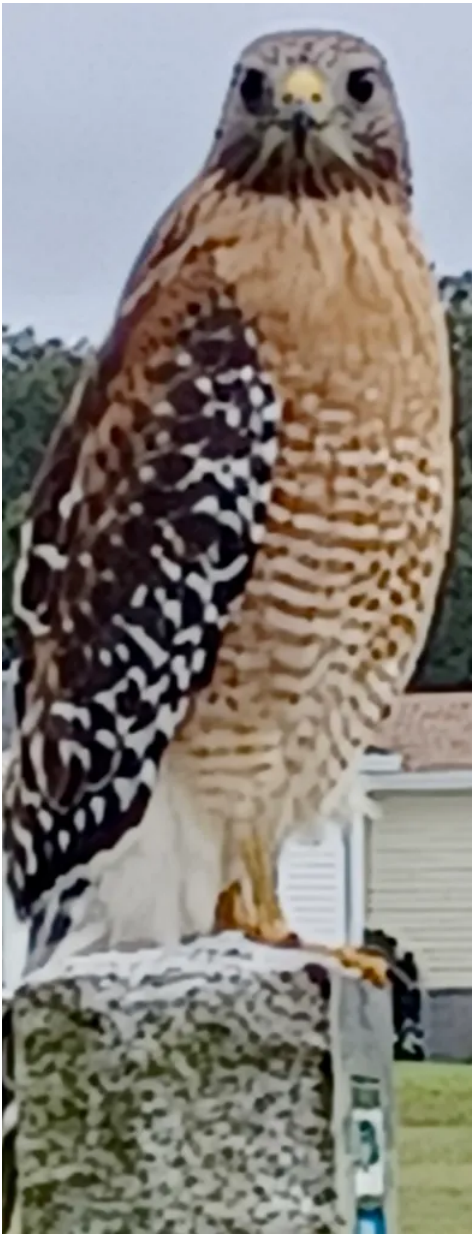
Schedule for this period follows:

Wed 12/6	8 am	Bandstand (major)
Thu 12/7	8 am	General Assembly & Fish Fry (major)
Sat 12/9	8 am	Dance (major)
Mon 12/11	8 am	Bingo/Shuffle Lunch & Chorus(major)
Mon 12/11	12:30	Reset Shuffle Lunch to Bingo (minor)

HOSPITALITY CLUB:

Hospitality members – attend the meeting on December 7th at 1 pm in Clubhouse #3. Lots of agenda items and the start of assembling 1,700 Valentines for distribution. We welcome new members!

AROUND BETMAR



AROUND BETMAR CHRISTMAS





hobby club friends



LIBRARY:

"Books are no more threatened by Kindle, then stairs are by elevators." Stephen Frey

A big thank you to the elves that decorated the outside of the Library. It looks stunning.

One of our Elves has decorated the inside of the Library. Thank you.

New Books:

The Vault (# 5 Detective Morgan series)

K. J. Kalis

The Sweetheart List (# 4 Sunrise Cove series)

Jill Shalvis

Hide me Away (# 1 Bishop Smokey Cove serie)

Lauren Street

We still have several good books for sale. Come check us out.

We accept donations of books, puzzles, and audio books. Not over 10 years old.

Please return checked out books in a timely manner.

Please no cook books, Readers Digest or How to books. We just simply have no room for them.

As always, shut ins receive book pick-up and delivery. Just call us 813-788-9761.

Thank you for all of your continued support!

SHUFFLE:

Shuffleboard state tournament Mon, Tues Dec 11th and 12th. Come watch to learn a little more about the game. Shuffle lunches both days 11am-12:30. Thank you for the pie and cake donations.

Turkey Shoot in the Shuffle board courts after coffee until 10:30. No membership or money required. We will furnish you with a cue stick. Prizes for highest score for Novice (or those that never played) amateurs and pros. Check it out!

HEALTH O RAMA:

Bringing health care to you!!!! Skin cancer prevention and treatment. We are excited to announce that the Board approved this new service for our residents. A mobile Dermatology Clinic coming to us called OnSpot Dermatology. It is a full-service clinic offering exams, procedures and follow-up. Their website is: onspotdermatology.com .

Their first visit will be **December 12th, 2023, 7:30-3pm** and they will be parked where the bloodmobile usually parks. Onspot is in-network with major insurances and has competitive self-pay rates. Phone 941 444 0011 or visit onspotdermatology.com/betmaracres to book an appointment. Walk-ins may be possible. (Marsha Frain)

CREATIVE WRITERS:

"The scariest moment is always right before you start. " Stephen King

Creative Writers begins after the holiday season. We look forward to seeing you then.

SWIM CLUB:

Thank you to those of you that helped decorate the pool!!

Music Entertainment:

Music Entertainment this Friday night, CH #3, 7:00 o'clock. Also mark your calendars for Music Entertainment's big Christmas show right here in CH #2, December 15 @ 7 o'clock and December 16 @ 2:00 p. m. This show guarantees to put you in the Christmas spirit.

Tickets on sale in Annex. \$5.00 donation or contact Carol Kelly.



MINI GOLF:

Mini golf volunteer Kelly Garrett and I have each repainted two concrete 2' tall great blue herons. They look great, but as we get closer to Christmas, I am reminded of one of my favorite Christmas movies "A Christmas Story" in which the child star Ralphie wanted to get a BB gun so badly from Santa, but everyone was telling him that he shouldn't have one, because he would "Shoot his eye out". The beaks on these birds are so long that I'm afraid an out-of-control five-year-old grandchild might poke his/her eye out. Therefore, I am looking for two items to separate the birds from the grandchildren. 1) 12-inch-long concrete blocks that look like the ones you find around the park in many of our gardens. And 2) artificial reeds to place around the herons to make them look like they are in a swamp. Contact Deb Reitchel at 207 530-0943. If you forget the number, I live directly across from the Apache Club at 5703 Apache Street. Drop off if I am not there. Thank you.

PICKLEBALL NEWS

A big "THANK YOU" to all the pickleballers who spent Friday afternoon at the home of Darlene and Dave Paine wrapping more than 250 gifts for Thomas Promise. These wrapped gifts will make a big difference in the lives of many young people in the area. Those participating in this event were Rita Glieden, Belinda Anderson, Susie Griffin, Dottie Whalen, Sue York, Sue Burns, Karen Quinlan, Maria Wells, Max Wheelock, Judy Wheelock, Eileen Fields, Kathy Bolduc, and Darlene Paine.





GOLF CLUB:

Painting of the Betmar Golf Clubhouse



Golf Pancake Breakfast





CHORUS TREE LIGHTING AND CONCERT:







TRIVIA:

Yes we are back!

Every Sunday night at Clubhouse 3. The fun starts at 6.30pm when your host that lovable Brit Dany Jackson will be asking the questions. Rounds include current news events, multiple choice, picture and an almost famous audio round. Come with your friends, up to four people per team.

The quiz is funny, entertaining and informative with prizes galore (actually a bottle of wine for the winners.)

Here is an actual sample question from last week...

Which former US President admitted to experimenting with marijuana while studying at Oxford for his degree?

A. George H.W. Bush B. George W. Bush C. Bill Clinton D. Barak Obama

Answer: C-Bill Clinton

I heard that he did it most of the time. He did it in rain, he did it in snow, but he didn't in hail...

THEATRE:

Theater Meeting Weds Dec.6 at 1 pm CH2

GAME CLUB:

Game club meeting at 11:00 on December 7th in the Apache Clubhouse Blue Room.

WHAT NOT BARN/SALE:

There will be a table in the annex open during coffee hour in December featuring What Not Jewelry suited for the holidays. Reds, greens, metals and holiday shapes will be featured.

January What-Not Sale:

Here is the current list of where we need additional volunteers. **Department Heads**, please contact the volunteers on your list to see if they are still available. Once you determine how many more volunteers

you need, let us know. We will not be sending any volunteers to your department unless you inform us of your needs. Please let us know if you are all set as well. This list will be updated weekly.

HELP WANTED

(volunteers needed for the January 11-13th What-Not Sale)

Number & lengths of shifts flexible

Department	Additional volunteers needed
ANT MARCH – need all able-bodied persons (anyone who can carry a box) to help unload the What-Not Barn at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan 10 th . No need to get your name on a list. Just show up and we will direct you, PLEASE!!!!!!	200+
SHARE THE WEALTH — Judy Whitkopf needs more people to help with selling tickets. If you are not a shy person, she needs you for some short periods to help give away money to lucky people.	3 or 4
FURNITURE: out in What-Not Barn	3 or 4
MEN'S CLOTHING	3
LINENS	4
PLASTICWARE	2

If you would like to sign up to help in these areas, please notify Tom/Dee Brown.

BOUNTIFUL BLESSINGS:

Bountiful Blessings is a no judgment zone. Please do not assume anything unless you know all the facts. We have heard a few comments about people we deliver food too. We are a non judgmental group and we can guarantee that a determination is made to be sure the resident needs our help. Please think twice before speaking about someone. You have no clue what is happening in their life.

Remember that not everyone is going to be holly & jolly all season. People are grieving, financially stressed, burnt out, and doing the best they can. Holidays are a tough time of the year for a lot of folks & you never know what someone else is going through.

Christmas Baskets – BB will be posting what our residents need at this time and for the baskets on the FaceBook pages (Betmar Bountiful Blessings & Simply Betmar) . We have also posted the Wish List at the Club Houses. Our residents were so excited about the turkeys, we will be purchasing real hams (not canned) for the Christmas Baskets. The auction was successful, but we will need help with the hams – – if you have refrigerator space, please let Sue and Cheri know. Also, Please request to join our FaceBook page Betmar Bountiful Blessing for all updates.

We will be calling everyone on our Christmas Basket List to determine if they still need a basket. If you know of anyone who needs a basket, please let us know. We will need the name, address and phone number.

GUESTS:

Sandy Bedingfield has two nieces here from Kentucky-Vanessa and Vanita Latham

Judy and Vic Becker visiting Sandy Ames-from Hudson Michigan

BIRTHDAYS:

Daniel Jenks December 7

Connie McCormick 12-4

Judee Langley Dec 6

Theresa Bosley 11-29

Ada Tombs 11-30

Ralph Shaffer 12-1

Janet Gagne 12-9

Linda Parkhurst 12-11

Judy Hall 12-11

Michael Arbour Dec 2, 75 years young

BETTY.....

To Submit a Birthday Announcement, Click [HERE](#)

ANNIVERSARY:

Marilyn and Ron Williams December 11 – 47 years

Mike and Kathy Supianoski 46 years

Debbie and John Archibald 12-1 19 Years

[To Submit an Anniversary Announcement, Click HERE](#)

SICK BAY:

NONE

JOKE OF THE DAY:

Mac and I went into town to shop for the grandkids Christmas presents. When we came out, there was a cop writing out a parking ticket. I went up to him and said "come on man, how about giving a senior citizen a break?"

He just ignored us and continued writing the ticket. I called him a "butthead". He glared at me and started writing another ticket for having worn out tires. So my husband called him a "jerk". He finished the second ticket and put it on the windshield with the first. Then he started writing more tickets. This

went on for about 20 minutes. The more we offended him, the more tickets he wrote. He finally finished, sneered at us and walked away.

Just then our bus arrived, and we got on it and went home. We try to have a little fun each day now that we're retired. It's so important that our age. Happy Christmas shopping for the grandkids!

POEM:

POEM

Read by Mary Ann Gifford

The Reason He Came

in the still of the night

when all were asleep

a star shone bright

as a promise to keep

the village was full

not a bed to be found

Had to sleep on the ground

holiness birthed

midst the dirt and the hay

no one noticed at first

God had planned it that way

because he came for the ones

who were humble, alone

he came to change lives

that's why the star shone

he came to draw people

to be a holy example

a life filled with love

but this one who was holy

who was righteous and good

was rejected by many

he was misunderstood

because sin was so great

as it still is today like them, we're self-centered

and we want our own way

so stop and remember

the way this One came

a humble example

let us be the same

step out of this world and into His light

make Christmas today

be blessed in his sight

give Jesus your heart

that's the reason he came

and he will change your life as you honor His name



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