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From the Key Board of the President

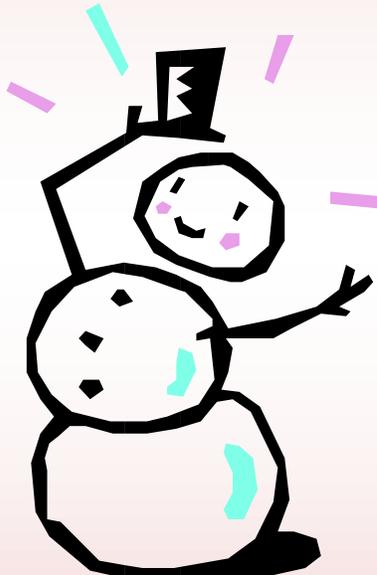
Another year is ending, must be my age, as the days before Christmas fly by twice as fast as when I was a child! The only dates that arrive quicker are birthdays and April 15!-

-News for this letter is low, must be the ages of everyone as it seems the most of my news is bad! Reports of operations, illnesses, death to be found in later pages.

I am racking my brain for something good to report, so I am counting my blessings for you all:

I have my health, [no wealth] but neither have my friends! All belts are tight. We have food, [2 freezers full] heat, [David has chopped and

sawed 16 cords of wood, with the help of his son and his



son's friends]. We have a nice house to live in [no mortgage] . All children well, and David recovering. I have hurting feet, [but at least I have them and I can still walk] an old car and truck, but they are paid for and still run. Compared to some in the world, we live like KINGS, and have nothing to complain about. I

have many good friends, a wonderful hubby, and family . I still enjoy the journey of teaching painting, and still able to do so. I am able to get out to shop, eat, and once in awhile a trip to -Slots-all in all my LIFE IS GOOD, am not ready for that 'dirt bath' for a long time.

How are you on your Christmas plans? Mine are stated below!

No stockings are hung and no gifts are wrapped, no geese are fattened, no snow on the ground, BUT, the tree is up, cards, nearly done, freezer is full, and lights abound. The spirit is low, money is tight, but I wish you all, a happy night! MERRY CHRISTMAS

BETTY ALLEN



People I have appointed as Christmas Elves

CHIEF ELF 'TO TAKE CARE OF THINGS'

Jeannie Warren

She has been caring for her, ill husband for several years and he has just been found to also have cancer! She has the total work load, for the business and family! Bless them all ! Our prayers to them in this difficult time.

HEAD COOK ELF

Linda Coburn

Linda has three sons over seas and she sends them packages full of her home cooked cakes and cookies, every week. She said even the workers in the local post office are sending them goodies!! What wonderful people! I am sure those boys are the most popular in camp!

CHRISTMAS ANGEL

Este Rayle

Este Rayle is one of the founders of TEAM and was in charge of certification, until her husband's health sidelined her for the past 3 years. Her husband is doing better now considering he has had 80 hyperbolic oxygen treatments to hopefully heal his bladder, colon and prostate. They were all in-

involved with complicated cancer with lots of pain. It has been a long hard journey and Este has been with him 24 / 7 for a long, long time. Their family and children have been indispensable! They have shown us the true strength of family love and devotion.

SANTA CLAUS

Betty Allen

Because I have been playing--'Secret Santa

Santa's Helper

Annie Krampitz, for without Annie's corrections, grammar and spell checks, you all would not be able to read this! Thanks Annie!

Santa's Creative Helpers

"Smokey" Beare for dressing up our news letter. Website managers Harold Champagne, Smokey and Ollie Trawick.



Life isn't tied with a bow, but it is still a gift



PEOPLE NEEDING OUR PRAYERS:

Linda Coburn

She is undergoing the third operation on her shoulder as soon as she returns from Vegas in Feb. She is visiting one of her sons who is stationed there and is attending the Vegas Paint convention.

Thelma Henry, Marianne Keefe's sister

Everyone that was at the June Seminar remembers Thelma, the life of the party at Lees entertainment. She was released from the Lahey Clinic in Boston, the end of November, after being a surgical patient for 3 weeks. In November she went to the hospital for an operation, not knowing until a few days before, that she had stage 3 ovarian cancer. She is home now, her address 159 Main Street, Stonham Ma 02180 She has to have chemotherapy every three weeks, 6 times. Cards from you all will help cheer her up.

Kathi Sojka

Kathi will be having shoulder replacement surgery on Jan 14, 2014, she will also appreciate our prayers and cards. Her address is PO Box 119, Glenwood, NJ 07418

Carole Webers' son

Under went bariatric surgery on Nov 6, which took longer then expected, but he is doing well now.

David Allen

I am sure my husband would say no, no prayers, but he can always use a boost, his last PSA test was 0, which is good. He still might need surgery in January, but we have fingers crossed.

Carol Krause

Some will remember Carol, she has MS and used to paint with TEAM, now that her husband can no longer care for her, [he is now also sick!] she will have to go to a nursing home and she is devastated. Also, her daughter just found out that she also has MS and cannot help. Cards would be a blessing for one who is so much in need of a kind word. Her address is Carol Krause, Box 138, 700 Delaware TNP Clarksville NY 12041

THE FOLLOWING IS A MEMORIAL TO JOHN GIBSON

I am sure some will remember him, and some of you never had the pleasure of meeting him. He was only 64 years old. He was in the first Alexander Art Certification class back when Brenda Harris and Pat Riley started. He passed away Nov. 27. He had an infection that had hospitalized him for 12 days. He came home, went to bed, and never woke up. He and his partner Richard were together for 32 years. John taught painting, made beautiful quilts, and did machine embroidery on clothing. He was a really nice guy and will be missed.





Preliminary information ON THE 2013 SEMINAR

JUNE 21-22-23 PAINT DAYS [arrive the 20? leave the 23?]

MARK POLOMACHAK National teacher -- PRICES AND PAINTINGS to be determined

Location-- BETTY ALLEN'S HOME-- MOUNT DESERT, MAINE

100.00 SENT TO ANNIE KRAMPITZ, 47 SUMMERHILL RD. WALLINGFORD, CT. 06492 WILL HOLD YOUR spot , [spots reserved in order of receipt] CALLING FOR T.E.A.M ARTISTS WHO WOULD LIKE TO TEACH, CALL BETTY ALLEN E-MAIL eallensart@gmail.com OR TEL. 207-244-7071 FOR INFORMATION

NEEDED-----nominations for OFFICERS IN 2013 present officers listed at bottom page 4--I **WILL NOT RUN FOR PRESIDENT!** It is TIME FOR NEW BLOOD NEW SEMINAR! AND NEW NEWS-LETTER PERSON! CONTACT ANNIE with the names of your nominee.

Miscellaneous

PARAPROSDOKIANS NEW WORD FOR THE WORD LOVERS

Figures of speech in which the later part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected; frequently humorous

1. I am supposed to respect my elders, but its harder for me to find one now!
2. Where there's a will, I want to be in it!
3. We really never grow up, we just learn how to behave in public!
4. You are never to old to learn to do something stupid! [I love these]

2014 Dues are due! Mail to Annie

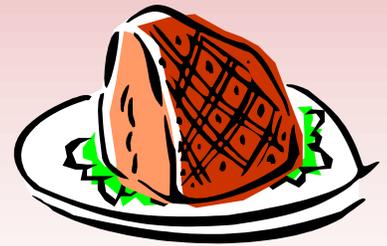
Send news for next newsletter!

Recipe from Annie for your Christmas Ham

Aunt Jo's Raisin sauce for Ham

All of the amounts are approximates as I do not measure, stuff!

1 cup of orange juice, about 3T brown sugar, 1 28oz can of crushed pineapple, 1 16 oz jar of maraschino cherries, chop including juice, about 3/4 to 1 cup of raisins, corn starch to thicken.



Place OJ and B. sugar in a sauce pan and heat until the sugar is melted. Add all of the remaining ingredients and bring to a simmer. Mix corn starch with a little water and add a bit at a time to the hot sauce, to thicken it. If you add too much corn starch and it is too thick, add more OJ. It makes quite a lot of sauce, but it freezes well. Save some for Easter!!! You may adjust this recipe to your taste.

Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year

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