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President's Message



It was going to be a wonderful Holiday Party--but now, it's not going to be a party at all. Because of the dramatic surge in COVID-19 cases, the Governor issued new restrictions to slow the spread and Red's is unable to accommodate DCLP for its December meeting. We can't really blame them, since we know Red's is just doing what it must. It was going to be a rare occasion--a meeting just for socializing--and no guest speaker. I had even prepared a PowerPoint and some entertainment, but I'll have to save it for another time. We were going to ask our members to bring food to donate to the local food bank and I'm hoping that you'll follow through with those donations--either cash or food. There are so many people in our community who need some help this time of year. I hope you and your loved ones stay safe and healthy and that you have HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

—Mary Baldecchi, Emeritus PP, PLS, CLA



DCLP Luncheon Meeting — CANCELLED

Due to new restrictions in place to slow the spread of COVID-19, Red's is unable to accommodate our private holiday party. See you in January! Stay safe and healthy.

A Light Hearted Christmas Trivia Quiz

- A. Who delivers presents to dogs on Christmas Eve? _____
- B. What do you call a snowman on rollerblades? _____
- C. What do snowmen ride? _____
- D. What has no teeth, but bites? _____
- E. What do you get when you cross a Christmas tree with an apple? _____
- F. What do elves learn in school? _____
- G. What nationality is Santa Claus? _____
- H. What do you call people who are afraid of Santa? _____
- I. What do you get if you deep fry Santa? _____
- J. What you get if you cross St. Nicolas with a detective? _____
- K. What do you get if you eat Christmas decorations? _____
- L. How do Christmas trees keep their breath fresh? _____
- M. What do snowmen eat for breakfast? _____
- N. What is a snowman's favorite fast food? _____
- O. What did the gingerbread man put on his bed? _____

Possible Answers in no particular order:

PINEAPPLE	THE ELFABET	CLAUSTROPHOBIC
ORNAMINTS	SNOWFLAKES	FROST
ICEBERGERS	COOKIE SHEET	ICECYCLES
NORTH POLISH	ORNAMINTS	CRISP KRINGLE
TINSELITUS	SANTA PAWS	A SNOWMOBILE

DCLP presents Cognitive Fitness



Are you keeping mentally fit during COVID-19? DCLP aims to help. This month's puzzle is a word search puzzle.

Are you enjoying these puzzles? What kind is your favorite?

Please let The Tickler know by emailing NALSdclp@gmail.com

Answer to the November 2020 Sudoku Puzzle

2	6	3	5	8	9	1	4	7
5	1	9	2	7	4	6	8	3
4	8	7	1	3	6	9	5	2
9	2	1	6	5	8	7	3	4
3	5	6	7	4	2	8	1	9
7	4	8	9	1	3	5	2	6
8	7	2	4	6	1	3	9	5
1	9	5	3	2	7	4	6	8
6	3	4	8	9	5	2	7	1

December

H	T	R	I	B	B	D	U	H	C	I	S	L	E	I	G	H
L	C	A	R	D	S	A	B	I	R	C	V	T	S	B	S	A
R	E	T	N	I	W	I	Y	G	A	Q	H	Y	E	T	T	P
E	Y	S	F	A	R	U	E	N	N	F	O	L	N	E	N	J
C	T	L	N	I	E	L	N	I	B	T	L	E	I	J	E	O
N	U	R	L	I	A	E	M	D	E	S	S	H	P	R	V	L
A	N	J	C	O	T	L	I	D	R	E	N	N	O	D	D	L
D	T	T	K	A	H	L	H	U	R	H	O	L	Y	I	A	Y
L	S	L	E	G	N	A	C	P	Y	Y	O	J	G	R	N	P
T	E	T	W	U	H	D	G	M	L	R	M	Y	R	R	H	N
E	H	O	H	C	V	N	Y	U	L	O	J	E	S	U	S	E
M	C	E	N	G	I	Y	Z	L	K	Y	D	N	A	R	B	L
O	A	U	L	P	I	D	I	P	U	C	Y	U	W	E	R	C
C	P	N	P	V	Y	L	E	M	A	C	R	A	R	H	W	I
D	L	O	G	R	E	L	O	P	H	T	R	O	N	S	X	C
D	H	R	A	E	F	S	T	A	B	L	E	B	M	A	G	I
S	V	M	S	U	R	P	R	I	S	E	M	H	B	D	E	I

FIND THESE WORDS

BIRTH	CARDS	CHIMNEY	BELLS
MAGI	CRIB	PLUM PUDDING	LIGHTS
HOLY	WINTER	CRANBERRY	RED
GOLD	NOEL	MERRY	PINES
SURPRISE	ANGELS	ADVENT	TOYS
NORTH POLE	JOY	ICICLE	STABLE
CAMEL	BRANDY	SHOPPING	MARY
CUPID	DANCER	PRESENTS	MANGER
JESUS	COMET	INN	ELVES
MYRRH	CANDY	IVY	CHESTNUTS
JOLLY	STAR	RUDOLPH	PUNCH
DASHER	WREATH	DONNER	HOLLY
SLEIGH	ALLELUIA	TINSEL	

From the Washington Post ... dated 11/25/2020

With ballots behind it, the Postal Service is tackling letters to Santa

The mail agency will digitize letters and gift wish lists sent to Kris Kringle so 'elves' can send presents to children and families.

The Postal Service says children have been mailing letters to Santa for 108 years, and agency employees and nonprofits helped pen responses for many of those years. In 2017, the mail service launched a gift-donation campaign in New York to allow volunteers to contribute gifts and lighten Santa's rounds on Christmas Eve. The online program expanded to 17 cities in 2019. ***This year, for the first time, gift-givers can send presents from anywhere in the country.***

Most letters are from children asking for such things as toys, gadgets and books, according to a postal spokesperson. But many seek only necessities: a winter coat, a mattress, school supplies. Parents struggling to make ends meet also frequently write in, hoping for help providing gifts for their children.

The Postal Service redacts all personal identifying information before uploading the letters to the Operation Santa website, where they will be searchable by state starting Dec. 4. "Elves" or folks interested in adopting a letter, can register online with the Postal Service, then mail the gifts.

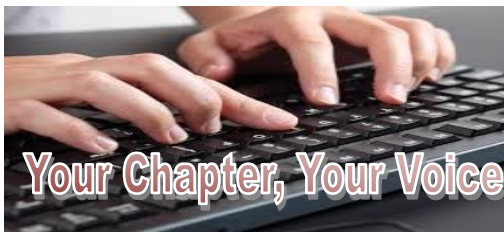
<https://www.uspsoperationsanta.com/>

Last year, more than 11,000 packages were mailed in response to the letters to Santa Claus.

"Letters to Santa tend to be message-in-a-bottle-type letters," said filmmaker Dana Nachman, whose documentary "Dear Santa" on the letters premieres Dec. 4. "People put out their most sometimes funny, cute, poignant messages. Sometimes they're sad and showcase poverty in America. But they're all written in such an earnest, real way that I can't think of any other opportunity to get into the mind of people in such an authentic way, and it has the emotional breadth of really nothing else I can think of. You on the one hand can have a letter that's hysterical. You're crying with laughter. It's so funny. And then on the other hand, you're crying because people are asking for mattresses and refrigerators and taking nothing for granted."

The Postal Service says letters to Santa should be addressed to 123 Elf Road, North Pole, 88888 (which the agency says is Santa's workshop and not his residence), include a return address and a stamp. Children can send letters to the North Pole all year, but the Postal Service only accepts them for Santa until Dec. 15.

"The letters written to 123 Elf Road are processed just like any other piece of stamped, First-Class Mail," said Postal Service spokesperson Kimberly Frum. "The address is an official, physical address for Santa's Workshop and all letters are delivered to this location. You could try to enter it into a GPS. Sometimes it shows up, sometimes it doesn't. But then again, the magic of the season is unpredictable."

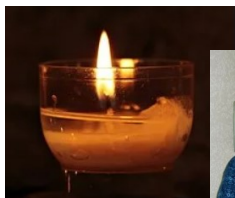


December 10 — Nancy Hoy, PP, PLS



Mary Baldecchi won the Black Marble draw at the November meeting.

Our marble bag will be replenished and open for business in January.



Our sister-in-law, Sandra Gibbons Williams lost her husband Monty Axe Williams to COVID-19 recently. Our condolences to Sandra and her family.



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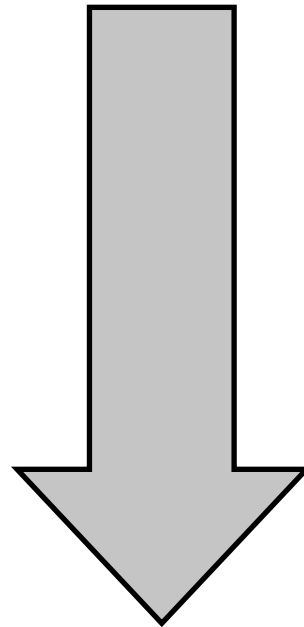
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