

# L.A.D.S

## “Happenings”



January 2024



**Happy New Year Amigos!  
Thank you for a fantastic  
2023 and here's to looking  
forward to another year of  
helping those in need!!**

Happy New Year!

It's time to pack up the glitz and the glitter (of the holidays anyway) and get down to business. There's a certain satisfaction for me on getting on with life after the Holidays. If you make resolutions or avoid them, I hope that this is your best year ever!

- **Corey**

### **Snapshots (Smile!) – January Scroll Down for More Info!**

#### **EVERY SUNDAY!!**

Every Sunday Bingo! 1pm at Oz Bar. Free Card with sports themed team gear! Hot Dogs!

#### **Dec. 31**

New Year's Eve Bingo and New Year's Eve Party!!!  
Come say goodbye to 2023!

#### **Jan. 6**

General Meeting, Executive Board Nominations. Harry Hester and Jack Leffell Awards Nominations, Santa Goofed Auction After Meeting!

#### **Jan. 17**

Executive Committee Board Meeting

# Hello and Welcome!



Welcome to the January 2024 issue of L.A.D.S Happenings. Wow, what a December to remember! The Christmas shenanigans and giveaways were amazing. Here's to another year of making our goals and helping those in need have a great holiday season! We couldn't have done it without the fabulous support of the L.A.D.S Members and our extremely supportive Community. Let's not forget OZ Bar as well, always there for us with a place to call home and with support in so many ways.

A new year is upon us and as we do with every new year, we start by choosing charities, recognizing people who have gone above and beyond and sketching out fundraisers and events for the year. This year promises to be a great one!

We want to thank each and every one of you for your contributions to our L.A.D.S. charities and to the overall health and vitality of our group. You are all an essential part of what we do. Cheers!

If you are not a member yet but want to be one, please contact any board member and we will get you signed up!

Corey

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## General Meeting/After Meeting Activities

### Saturday, January 6th

- General Meeting at 1:00 PM
- Executive Board Nominations
- Harry Hester Member of the Year and Jack Leffel Frien of L.A.D.S Awards Nominations.
- Santa goofed Auction after meeting!
- Randy tells us this year he will go to the gym!!! (Comedy Stylings)
- Kevin plays Nostradamus and tells us what will happen in 2024!

***ALL MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS WELCOME!***



## Sunday Bingo!

### Every Sunday During Football Season

- Wear any sports themed apparel and get a free Bingo Card!
- Free Hot Dogs!
- Sports themed things get onions for hot dog!
- Change up your “usual drink” for Long Island Iced Teas for 2024!



### January Member Birthdays!

**Andre D.**  
**Jay A.**  
**Randy G.**  
**Ricky A.**



You're getting kind of old, but I still like you anyway!!!

-Unknown

## **Bingo New Years Eve Party!!**

- December 31st! Andre Drops the ball at 3:00pm!
- Party Favors and Champagne!
- Appetizer Bar - Bring your favorite finger food!
- L.A.D.S. 2024 Membership Card distribution.



## Santa Goofed Auction

- After the General Meeting on Saturday January 6<sup>th</sup>!
- Bring a gift that may not have floated your boat, but who knows it may be perfect for someone else!
- Write a sexy clue to be read by the auctioneer, Tony Bartoli!
- Tony is like Sam Elliot...that voice and a sexy clue, just sayin'!



## New Year's Recipe!!

# RITZ White Pizza Meatball Dip, created by Lombardi's Pizza



### Ingredients

- 1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, softened
- ½ cup mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1 cup shredded whole milk mozzarella, divided
- 8 ounces homemade or prepared pre-cooked meatballs, diced
- 3 plum tomatoes, seeded and diced
- 3 pitted black olives, diced
- 3 pitted green olives, diced
- RITZ Crackers for dipping

### Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.
2. Combine cream cheese, mayonnaise, grated Parmesan, and oregano.
3. Reserve 1 tablespoon mozzarella cheese. Stir in remaining mozzarella cheese, meatballs, tomatoes and olives until combined.
4. Spoon into 1 1/2 quart baking dish. Top with reserved mozzarella cheese.
5. Bake uncovered for 25 to 30 minutes.
6. Serve with RITZ Crackers for dipping.



*Financials as of  
11/30/23*

- Charities - \$8,564.32
- Campout - \$340.00
- General Fund - \$3,435.80
- Total - \$12,340.12

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Together for the Fun of It!

## Remember When...



## Curio Corner



A place to showcase the talents of our community. A place to submit photos of your artwork, writing, letters to the editor. When people submit, each week I shall pick one piece to showcase. Let's show the community our creative side! Here is a piece by me that celebrates those who came before us and challenged what was the norm. Make this New Year a good one, but challenge yourself and do something you have always wanted to do but felt held back by the "norm". Happy New Year!

## **The White Sheet Summers**

by

Corey Rowley

There is me, and there is you. A white sheet summer, light and airy with no sultry exception this year.

Those men, our men, took to the drive, horses, cattle. Four months. We wondered if they thought that we were forlorn, barely capable in their absence.

The porch was a place to quilt dreams. In those days, dreams were like rock candy, sickeningly sweet on the tongue, but gone in the time it takes for a lightening bug to draw breath. The magic of that porch and our time held fast, as long as we were dreaming together.

"Remember those dresses we made for each other?"

I laughed and thought about the bits and scraps of cloth from old dresses, cowboy clothes, dishrags.

"I still have mine."

"Me too."

Those smiles were real, comfortable. The only time we left the ranch was to get our necessities. Food, spices, maybe a bit of sherry. We would take the old wagon and had to slide apart a mile or so from town so as not to rouse the busy bodies from their gossip girl nests. When we turned for home, we would slide close enough that a willow reed could not be placed between our hips.

The silhouettes on the horizon that last night, the night of the return to false accountability, weighed more with each step their horses took. That white sheet summer would give way to the underpinnings of a life made for us, but not made of us. We would catch the eye of the other on occasion. Chores seemed like chores again, but the promise of next year's drive gave way to hope and the thought that next summer would be our best.

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