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## COMING EVENTS

January 11: Monthly breakfast meeting at ABBY'S restaurant, 9a.m.

January 18: Spaghetti Dinner by Chef Denis Perkins

To be announced: visit to Calapooia Museum and Radio Museum, downtown Sutherlin.

January 23: Join Jacks and Jills for Annual pie Day .

## THE PREZ SEZ

December gone! We've used up another year of our lives. We don't know how many years we've been allotted. But we do know we now have one less. Now comes January. A new year now begins. It's for us to use- just for ourselves- or to make the world a bit-even a teeny bit-better for all.

Now, being active in Chapter 9 is not going to cause earth shattering changes for good. But it could enrich old friendships and encourage new ones.

As the winter season enshrouds us we need the enrichment and enhancement of involvement with others. So brave that cold dash to the car, turn up the heater and come join us in the fellowship of friends , new and old.

Remember the second week of the month we meet at Abby's for breakfast at 9 a.m. Everyone is welcome to all our events:

members and non-members. ....**JANUARY 2023**.....

**January 11** we'll meet at Abby's for a breakfast meeting at 9 a.m. Okay, so it's early but one morning a month can't you get up early??

**January 18:** this is Betty Bush's Spaghetti Dinner. Betty and family have health issues so she's begged off this year. Chef Denis will be preparing a spaghetti dinner for us.

**January 23** is Jack's and Jill's Annual Pie day. Peggy Russell is in charge. Watch for announcements of pie contest etc.

Sometime in January we hope to do a downtown visit. Plans are to go to the Calapooia Museum and the Radio Museum. This may include lunch somewhere and a movie at the Radio Museum. Folks who have visited these museums say they're well worth the visit. Rhonda Scott is in charge. More later.

## SOMETHING OLD, SOMETHING

For about 3-4-5 years as Covid thinned our ranks, Terri Hilty, Chuck Williams and Betty Bush provided for our cooking needs.

They served faithfully and we came to rely on them. Now health issues are rearing their ugly heads and the triumvirate would like to step aside for a well-earned rest. We thank them from the bottom of our hearts for a job so well done. There is no thanks big enough for their service.

Now, let's introduce our new resident, Chef Denis Perkins and his wife Robin. Denis served as chef in the Navy on a submarine for 22 years. He's already introduced us to things we doubt the submarines saw! The cute little candy sleighs and lovely rice crispy Christmas trees are his contributions. Several of us had the fun of learning how to make them for our Christmas Celebration dinner.

Denis has worked several places as a chef. He owned a Pappa Murphy's Pizza, wore cowboy boots and cowboy hat and became known as Pappa Cowboy . Denis met and married his wife Robin when they were both in the Navy; they've been married 44 years (or is it 45?). We welcome him and his enthusiasm for cooking.

.....CHRISTMAS EVE DINNER.....

Our Christmas Celebration, provided by Jacks and Jills, was enjoyed by 67 people with 8 take-outs. So many folks worked (played?) to make this a wonderful occasion. Those cute little candy cane sleighs? We made additional (3 in all) batches as we watched the sign-up sheet list grow. The bingo players moved tables and chairs into position for 80 seats. The tables were decorated with Christmas rope, bright colors on the white table cloths.

Somehow pounds of potatoes were peeled (do you think Dennis would use "artificial" potatoes?). Turkeys, hams and all the fixings were prepared. From 2:30 on the pot-luck contributions poured in. The long table down the middle of the room fairly groaned with delights.

Cathey Johnson's great-grandson, Aaron, played his saxophone for us as we waited for dinner. We've watched this young man (almost 13 years old) grow up from a tiny baby proudly displayed by Grandma to a talented young musician. Sharon Elliot stole the show as a leading cardiologist (outstanding in the field) with wacky health advice for all of us. She also read an "original" poem, "The Night Before Christmas in Timber Valley".

Big thanks must go to the ones who did the unglamorous job of cleaning all those kettles (Denis, did you use every kettle in the kitchen?) and the other dishes. And a gallant "young" man even carried out the big black garbage bags.

Oh, yes, what to do with the left-overs: the best part of Christmas dinners. Chef Denis is preparing two soups: Turkey Noodle and Lima Bean Ham for Wed. Dec 28 at noon. \$2 will be charged to help cover the costs of additional ingredients (and help with the over-run from Christmas Dinner!!) Denis would like to prepare soup every Wednesday?? You can bring a bowl, sit and socialize, or take some home. Does that idea of nice warm soup once a week appeal to you?