



News and Views

Myrtle Trace

A Newsletter by Myrtle Trace Residents for Myrtle Trace Residents December 2020

BOARD BRIEFS

Dear Residents,

The Board voted to continue with the current Clubhouse status – open to Myrtle Trace residents only, wear a mask or alternate face covering, keep safe distances, sanitize surfaces and other COVID guidance offered by the CDC. We will continue to monitor the situation. I realize that some feel it is risky to open the Clubhouse, but we are trying to offer some type of normalcy in a non-normal situation. We also understand some residents may not feel comfortable being in the Clubhouse now, and that is okay too. Residents should do what is best for them. Our goal is to keep our community safe.

Now, the news that you have been waiting for – NO INCREASE IN DUES! Thanks to a year where our infrastructure did not break and we didn't have any huge, unplanned expenditures. Thank you to all of our committees and our administrative consultants for getting budget requests submitted on time, and for patience as we sat in several budget meetings to ensure all is well and ready for next year.

I'm sure we see the men in the orange shirts doing this and that, (Hardee Maintenance), as well as, members of Property working on the Clubhouse, or the yard around the Clubhouse. Often residents will pitch in and help. We are so lucky to have these people! They really do so much! They don't complain, they just keep on doing for us. Members of the ARC and Communications committees are helping us to understand policies, or helping with issues, or ensuring that our *News & Views* gets delivered. Next time you see one these volunteers, please give them a heart-felt "thank you."

The holidays will be very difficult and different this year - no sugar-coating that. Residents may not be able to visit with family, we won't have a dining room table of friends and family for dinner, we may not be comfortable attending church, we may not be able to find that special ingredient in the grocery aisles, we may be talking to our loved ones via a window. Some have lost loved ones, and we may be "zooming" instead of hugging. But the holidays will still come, turkeys will still be in the oven, pies will still be made, trees will be decorated, stockings will be hung, packages will be sent (or Amazon will do the sending), people will still share with one another, and the meaning of the holidays will still be celebrated and felt. To borrow from the "Yes Virginia; Santa" letter: instead of Sant Clause I will substitute holidays: "*Holidays exist as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! How dreary would be the world if there was no holiday sentiment.*"

During this special time, let's please remember those less fortunate, and be thankful that we have what we have. When asked for donations to food drives, toy drives, clothes and toys for those children who have none, or for those families who have lost everything, please help. It's the magic of the season, enjoy, be glad, be grateful, be caring. As always, take care of yourselves, take care of each other, and carry on.

Donna Ebling

BOARD ACTIONS TAKEN ON November 18, 2020

The Board approved the following revisions to ARC Guidelines regarding Decorations, page 10 under Lawn Ornaments:

Holiday decorations that emit sound or excessive lighting (ex. mechanical devices, inflatables and spotlights) shall be turned off between 11:00 PM and 7:00 AM as a courtesy to our neighbors.

These guidelines are effective immediately.

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Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays, Everyone !!!

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LAKEVIEW LADIES' COFFEE

There will be no Lakeview
Ladies' Coffee during
December.

ROMEO'S

The ROMEO'S will
NOT meet
during December.



**MYRTLE TRACE
WEBSITE**
www.myrtletracesc.org

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

On November 8th, the Activities Committee held a Veterans Day celebration at the Clubhouse. It was a very nice day and a great ceremony. We had about 28 Veterans whose meals were provided by Kurbside Katering. This was the third food truck that Activities has had come to our community. Beside the vets, we also had 45 residents come out to support our Veterans.

Bingo has started again and the next session is on December 11th at 7 pm. Bingo is limited to 50 people. Hope to see you there.

We are holding the Luminaries and the house and mailbox decorating contest again this year. Check out the flier for all the information. Let's make this night a fantastic one in this trying year.

We will be holding the Christmas Centerpiece class to make your own centerpiece on December 13th. Checkout the flier for all of the information.

Hope you had a Happy Thanksgiving. Happy Holidays. Stay safe and healthy.

Santo Perry

LIBRARY

Please, Please, Please!! Although we appreciate new books and puzzles, the Library had limited space. Therefore, please do not leave books or puzzles in the Library if you did not originally take them from the Library.

The Library Committee

2020 FALL MINI GOLF

The Myrtle Trace Mini Golf group finished its fall 2020 season at Captain Hooks on November 17th. With the Covid 19 issues, we were all glad to be able to get out and participate in an outdoor activity. We had 40 on the roster this season, with an average of 30 players per game.

Gary Cooper

MYRTLE TRACE LOGO POLO SHIRTS & SWEAT SHIRTS

Orders may be placed by contacting Ted Ackley by phone (843-347-3004 or 843-602-1991) or by e-mail (tedack@sccoast.net). He has a chart of available colors.

MYRTLE TRACE COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

ADDITIONS & CHANGES

As of November 23, 2020

Additions:

Applegarth, Sharon	101 Linden Circle	334-540-5251 MD
Farer, Russell & Dharon	112 Timberline Drive	856-404-8531
Mecca, Irene	111 Cricket Court	864-376-7288 NJ/SC

Changes/Corrections:

E-mail:

Applegarth, Sharon	applesagain@verizon.net
Farer, Russell & Dharon	sfar2107@aim.com
Mecca, Irene	imecca123@yahoo.com
Mulder, Jane	jam161@yahoo.com

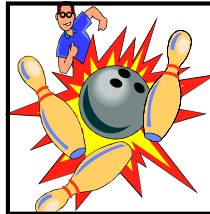
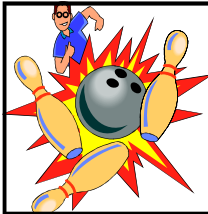
PROPERTY COMMITTEE

The Property Committee wishes to thank it's members that constructed the new walkway from the parking lot to the Bocce Ball Court. During this project they also regraded the surface around the court.

The individuals involved in the project were Herman Rebecho, Thor Kongvold, Roger Kirschner, Paul & Ginger Sallas and Rich McEvoy. Many thanks for a job well done.

On another note, the committee is looking for a willing volunteer to join us for the specific reason of being our pool representative to replace Roger Kirschner. This individual must have mechanical capabilities in order to deal with the operation of the pump room. Please contact Liz Maass or Rich McEvoy if you are interested, our phone numbers are on the back of the MT Directory.

Liz Maass



BOWLING

The Myrtle Trace Bowling League (Senior Strikers) has completed the first part of the schedule with Time to Spare (Ed Buonocore, Sue Adams & Joe Harper) leading the way finishing 6 points ahead of the Catena Cuties (Glinda Walker, Donna Bandura & Mike Pisano), 7 points ahead of the Alley Gators (Della Kohout, Jane Gardner & Wayne Southworth) and 8 points ahead of the High Rollers (Ted Ackley, Jeanie Bastian & Bob Bastian). With two matches bowled, the Catena Cuties are in the lead closely followed by Splits & Giggles (Al Wellman, Vern Bender & Joyce Lockwood) and the High Rollers.

High scores by Tracers include Bob Bastian (584), Harry Fink (572), Bob Bird (571), George Thompson (540), Nelson Fisher (539), Ed McCorkindale (504), Jeanie Bastian (437) and Jeanne Niziol (429).



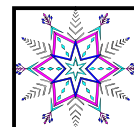
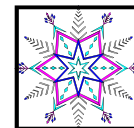
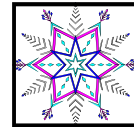
The Myrtle Trace Construction Company, better known as the Property Committee, busily constructing a new walkway from the parking lot to the Bocce Court.

Thank You

To the Property Committee

We appreciate the work that was done on the Bocce Ball Court. With Liz Maass in charge, The committee worked hard to fix and spruce up the court. Also, the much-needed walkway to the court is wonderfull. We can't wait until our Spring Season.

Janet McGrady



**SINGLES
BREAKFAST
CANCELLED FOR DEC.**

MYRTLE

TRACE-MART

I WOULD LIKE TO.....

TRADE - 20 hours of computer/audio/streaming/cable box/TV consulting for a working treadmill. Will pick up at your location. Please call Curtis at 774-291-9291 (10)

BUY - Portable electric table top sewing machine. Pre-1960's and older metal and rubber toys plus " O gauge " electric trains such as Lionel , American Flyer , Marx , etc. Please call Ron at 843-234-1814 (10)

SELL - Tricycle in great condition - very limited use. Please call Roe 843-347-1058 (10)

GIVEAWAY – Mobility equipment including collapsible walkers and 2 Port-o-Potties. Also selling many décor items. Please call Steve at 843-333-5626. (10)

SELL - Machine tools, woodworking tools. Saturdays 10/3 & 10/10 from 9:00 am to noon. Artists supplies – canvases, oils, brushes and sculpture supplies 10/3 from 9:00 to noon. Contact Richard at 843-234-1168 (10)

BUY - A men's bike. Price depending on condition. Please call Dave at 901-900-6835 (11)

SELL - Craftsman Gas Pressure Washer. 2000 psi. \$75.00. Kenmore 10 Sewing Machine in good condition \$20.00. Please call Ed at 860-933-3684 (11)

GIVEAWAY - Size 13 hearing aid batteries. Please call Charlie at 843-340-4989 (11)

SELL - T-shirts, sweat shirts and hoodies for cat lovers - limited sizes, first come, first served. Great gifts for the holidays - all proceeds go to the Myrtle Beach Humane Society. Call Judi 856-889-7880 (12)

SELL - Allen Bike Rack, Model 103DB/black - adjustable for sedan, truck or SUV, like new! - \$20. Please call or text Colleen at 843-267-0813 (12)

SELL – (1) Compact Frigidaire Refrigerator w/Freezer compartment (4.5 Cu. Ft.). Very good condition; Color: Grey/Black, Size/dimensions: 33-7/8”(H) x 21-1/4" (W) x 23" (D) - Asking \$75 (2) Mini Frigidaire Refrigerator (1.6 Cu. Ft.). Good condition; Color: White. Size/dimensions: 18-1/2”(H) x 18-1/2" (W) x 17" (D) – Asking \$20. (3) Beautiful kitchen table with two (2) matching, padded, tilting swivel chairs w/wheels. Perfect for Breakfast Nook, Sun Room, etc. Excellent condition. Color: White, w/laminated wood top, metal legs on table and chairs. Size/dimensions: 41"(l) x 41" (w) x 28-1/2" (h) - Asking \$75. Can be viewed on Craigslist: ID# 7229630724. (4) Solid wood framed Bolero Landscape mirror. For wall or dresser. Condition excellent. Dimensions: 48"(L) x 1-1/2" (W) x 43" (H) – Asking \$30. Can be viewed on Craigslist: ID# 7229630043. Please call or text Rick at 917-691-7497. (12)

MYRTLE TRACE-MART

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MORE BOARD BRIEFS

The Board approved the purchase of a security camera and security lights to be placed in the parking area near the Cabana and to install dusk to dawn lights which will be placed at the front corners of the Clubhouse.

Budget for 2021 Approved

Property, ARC, Activities, Communications, Administration and the Board worked to get requests in on time, and to determine needs and priorities for next year's budget. The 2021 budget was approved at today's board meeting. A happy outcome – COST OF DUES IS STILL \$85.00.

Myrtle Trace Annual Meeting

The Myrtle Trace Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, February 6, 2021, at 2:00 PM, in the Clubhouse. Specific details describing voting options will be published at a later date. The format of the meeting will be a very limited number of residents able to attend at the Clubhouse, with most residents being able to "listen-in." A dial-in number will be provided, at a date closer to the meeting. More details to follow.

Flood Survey

About 20% of the homeowners responded to the flood survey (thank you). Forty-six residents have flood insurance, and 61 do not currently have it. Only four residents reported serious flood damage. This information will be helpful when participating in grant request to help mitigate drainage issues.

No Yard Sales in Myrtle Trace

Per the "Policy on Tag Sales: Yard sales are prohibited. Sales of personal belongings are permitted inside your home, (sometimes referred to as Tag or Estate Sales) but must be confined to the interior of your home. No article for sale can be from a source outside your home. The owner or Company holding the tag sale is responsible for seeing to it that emergency or normal traffic flow is not impeded and that mailboxes or driveways are not blocked, and must ensure that a singlewide lane is available at all times. *Effective, May 1, 2010.*

Roadwork

Roadwork will begin sometime soon on the cul-de-sacs of Beechwood and Berry Tree; it should only take two days. Property and Phase Reps will notify residents a few days ahead of the work and will provide more details.

Missing Cleaning Supplies from the Clubhouse

Property and the board have purchased sanitizing and cleaning supplies for residents' use in the clubhouse. They are kept accessible for residents to use as needed. Recently, some supplies were reported as missing. We would appreciate these supplies being returned or replaced.

HTC Work

HTC trucks will be in our neighborhood to re-lay cables. The current cable lines will be disturbed when the new frontage road is constructed from Singleton Ridge to West Perry Road. This is part of the Ride III project. We have been told our service will not be interrupted when the new cable is being run.

Thank You Residents:

Bill Alexandra and Hardee Maintenance for installing a sump pump and electrical wiring near the clubhouse. We have been having high water issues in heavy rains and don't want our air conditioner to be drowned.

Herman Robocho and Thor Kongvold for doing additional research on lighting and security cameras for the clubhouse parking lot, for their recommendations, and for their time for installing. Any residents who want to help with installation, please let them know, they would welcome your help.

Herman Rebocho, Thor Kongvold, Paul and Ginger Salas, Rich McEvoy, and Roger Kirschner for the work they did constructing a path to the bocce ball court and basketball court. Before constructing the bocce ball path, they removed all surface roots which were presenting a tripping hazard. They also power washed the bocce ball court and worked on the horseshoe pits.

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE

At this time the Nominating Committee has identified three residents who will be candidates for the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting which will be held February 6, 2021 in the Clubhouse. Their names will be announced at the December Board Meeting. Their resumes will be included in the meeting packet which will be distributed on or about January 9, 2021.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

At 1:30 pm on November 8th, a caravan of 8 cars left Myrtle Trace headed for “Churches Assisting People” in Conway. Their trunks and back seats were full of donated food from the wonderful people of Myrtle Trace.

“Tracers on the Go” can’t thank the residents enough for their generosity and overwhelming response to our food drive.

Bless all of you and your families during this special holiday of sharing. You have truly made a difference to many families who will enjoy a great Thanksgiving!!

This is an awesome community to be a part of.

Anne Kongvold

HALLOWEEN TREATS

On a positive note.....the pandemic is showing us lots of ways to be creative and enjoy the holidays in a new way. Halloween is not just for kids anymore! “Tracers on the Go” found joy in visiting some of our residents and giving them a surprise Halloween treat.



GARDENERS GATHER

Indeed it has become much more comfortable to be outdoors. Many folks are walking and there are lots of bike riders and it is so pleasant to see couples on their three wheel cycles. These activities allow us to really “see” our environment, i.e. the plants, colors and symmetry of our community and we can maintain “social distancing” while greeting a fellow resident.

Cooler temps make it easy to do projects in our home landscape. Some in my neighborhood are choosing to eliminate older shrubbery and the need for constant trimming. Others have been changing the type of mulch/bare ground treatment, thus totally creating a new “look” to their surroundings. This makes for a refreshing change to our neighborhood scenery.

If you’ve done all you can in your own landscape and want to be out and doing more, please remember there are always clean up and maintenance tasks in the Clubhouse landscape gardens. A pair of gloves, a weeding stool, a rake (to clear the names-on-pavers stone path) or a pine cone picker-upper are all the tools you’d need to make a difference in the upkeep of this community area. We’ll leave the pine straw as a blanket for the plants through the winter.

Due to the virus guidelines, we cannot offer workshops as we have in the past, but if you want to do some “inside” creating, may I suggest the website [Alicestable.com](https://www.alicestable.com). The site offers virtual wreath making and such. There is a fee and it gets you supplies shipped to your door and the codes to access a “class”. It uses ZOOM to facilitate this activity. I have not tried it, but you might want to check it out. Stay safe,

Ginger Sallas

Ladies Coffee Klatch

All Myrtle Trace Ladies Welcome

Saturday, December 5, 2020

10:00 AM

Myrtle Trace Clubhouse



Come and join us for a cup of coffee - bring your own !!
Time to reconnect and visit with friends. Wear your mask and bring
your smile. We will be social distancing...

**25 MILES
PER
HOUR!**

Christmas Centerpiece

With John Drohan

Create your own using fresh flowers & greens placed
into a low oval vase

Sunday December 13 at 1 PM at the Clubhouse

Sponsored by the Gardeners Gather Group



Limit of 25 participants

Cost per person \$23.00

Bring clippers/scissors

RSVP Immediately to

128 Myrtle Trace Drive

Name _____

Phone _____

Number _____ x \$23.00 = _____

Check payable to John Drohan

MT Holiday Homes and Mail Boxes Decoration Competition



We would like to have a Holiday decorating competition again this year. If you would like to participate please indicate below which category you would like to be entered in.

Please enter my **Home** – Name & Address:

Please enter my **Mailbox** – Name and Address:

Please submit your entry to either committee member below beginning December 1st:

Debi Perry – 125 Berry Tree Lane ~ debip.51@yahoo.com

Jeanne Niziol – 210 Beechwood [Court](#) ~ jdollfreak@aol.com

The judging will be held the night of the Luminaries - 12/12

Illuminate Our Community

To Celebrate

The Holiday Season

Date: Saturday, December 12, 2020

Rain Date: Sunday, December 13, 2020

4:00 PM Set Up

5:00 PM Lighting of candles

10:00 PM Extinguish your candles or upon retiring for the evening.

Bags should be set up on each corner of your drive way or line the yard edge.

Bags should be turned down twice (Approximately 1 inch) which will prevent bags from catching on fire.

Candles, bags and sand may be purchased on December 5th at the Clubhouse

Between 12: 00 to 2:00 PM.

You may also purchase supplies after December 1st at the following homes:

Cathy and Bob Smith 134 Myrtle Trace Dr.

Mickey Jarossy 192 Glenwood Dr.

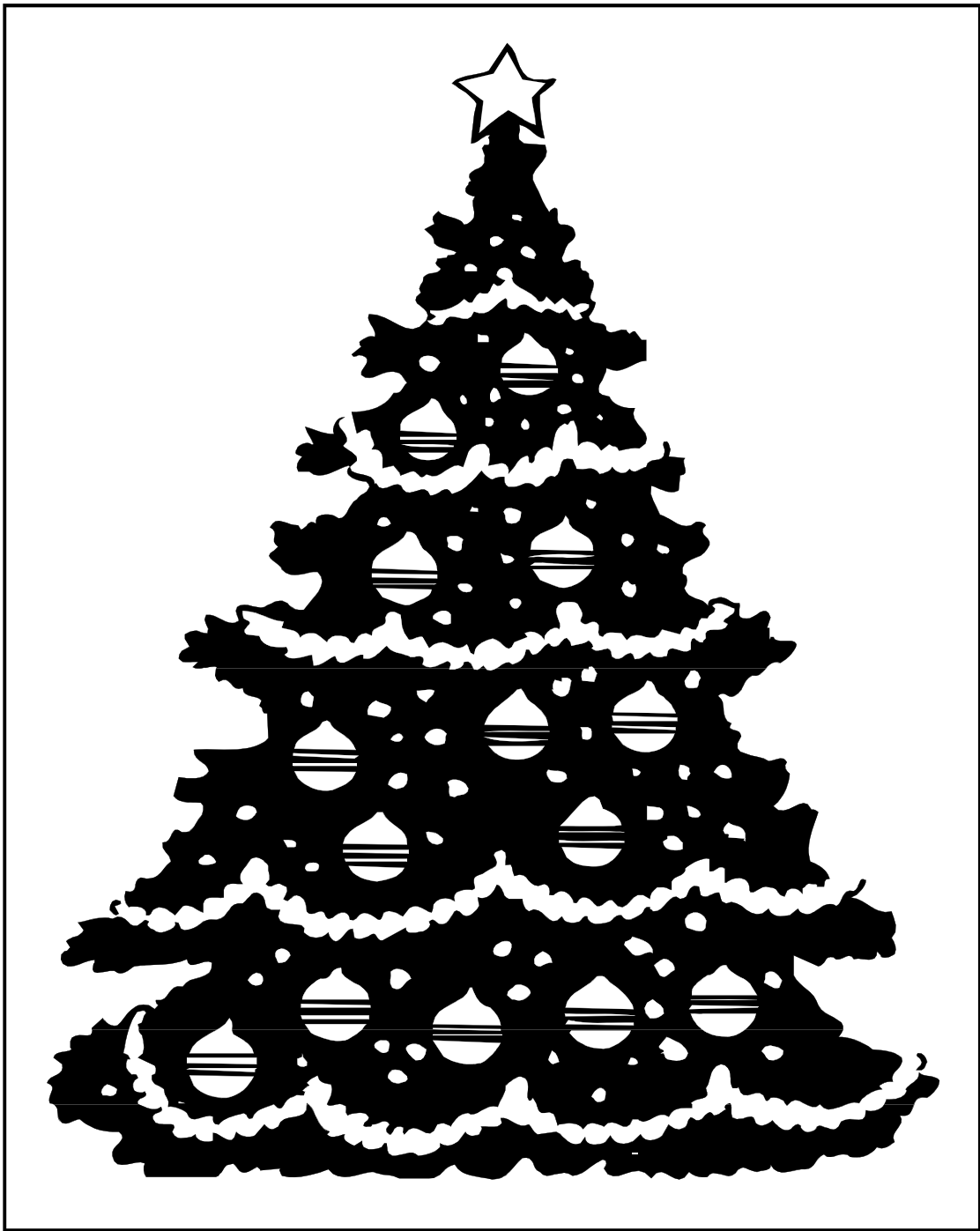
Anne Kongvold 103 Linden Circle

Supplies will be outside homes with a basket available to leave your money

Package cost, (1 cup sand, 2 candles and 2 bags). \$.75 cents.

Or, bags 10 cents each, candles 25 cents each, sand 15 cents per cup.





Merry Christmas Everyone !!!

MYRTLE TRACE ACTIVITIES

December

2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
CALENDAR Pat Paxson – 347-1609 Alternate Ted Ackley – 347-3004	Exercising Clubhouse M-Th 7:45-9:00	1 12:30 Mah Jongg 1:00 Hand & Foot 5:30 King's Poker 7:00 Dealer's Choice Poker	2 12:00 Chinese Maj Jongg 12:30 Bridge 6:30 Men's Poker	3 9-11 Crafters 1:00 Grove Poker 6:30 Singles Mtg	4 1:00 Canasta	5 10:00 MT LADIES COFFEE
6 6:30 Game Night	7 10-11:30 Bible Study 6:00 Bunco	8 9:30 PROP. COM. 12:30 Mah Jongg 1:00 Hand & Foot 5:30 King's Poker 7:00 Dealer's Choice Poker	9 12:00 Chinese Maj Jongg 12:30 Bridge 6:30 Men's Poker	10 9-11 Crafters 5:30 King's Poker 6:30 Mah Jongg	11 1:00 Canasta 7:00 Bingo	12 5:00 Luminaries & Decoration Competition
13 1:00 X-mas Centerpiece	14 10-11:30 Bible Study 3:00 ARC MTG. 7:00 ACT. COM.	15 12:30 Mah Jongg 1:00 Hand & Foot 5:30 King's Poker 7:00 Dealer's Choice Poker	16 9:00 MTHOA BD MTG. 12:00 Chinese Maj Jongg 12:30 Bridge 6:30 Men's Poker	17 9-11 Crafters 1:00 Grove Poker 5:30 King's Poker 6:30 Mah Jongg	18 1:00 Canasta	19
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