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“A good conscience is a continual Christmas.” Benjamin Franklin

“Christmas Eve was a night of song that wrapped itself about you like a shawl. But it warmed more than your body. It warmed your heart.....filled it too with a melody that would last forever.” Bess Streeter Aldrich

“Christmas is the day that holds all time together.” Alexander Smith

“Christmas waves a magic wand over this world, and behold everything is softer and more beautiful.” Norman Vincent Peale

“It came without ribbons. It came without tags. It came without packages, boxes or bags. Christmas can't be bought from a store....maybe Christmas means a little bit more.” Dr. Seuss



Light the Festive Candles

Light the first of eight tonight-
the farthest candle to the right.

Light the first and second, too,
when tomorrow's day is through.

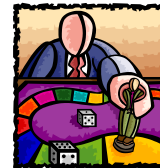
Then light three, and then light
four –
every dusk one candle more

Till all eight burn bright and
high,
honoring a day gone by

When the Temple was restored,
rescued from the Syrian lord,

And an eight-day feast
proclaimed –
The Festival of Lights – well
named

To celebrate the joyous day
when we regained the right to
pray
to our one God in our own way.



It's time to order **2013 Mah Jong Cards**. Regular size is \$7, large \$8. People Program earned a \$108 rebate from last year's group order of Mah Jong cards from the National Mah Jong League. Please either mail a check to Diane Schleifstein, 6508 Hastings St., Metairie, La. 70003 or drop off your check or cash at the Lakefront office. Orders will be accepted until January 31, 2013.



We are busy collecting scarves, hats and gloves for the victims of Hurricane Sandy. You can acquire yarn and patterns from Laura Guerin- Hebert to create a gift, or donate one that you have purchased. Donations to cover postage can be placed at the desk, main campus. Last day to donate is Dec. 14th. Thanks to all!

Butter ‘Em Up and Sock it to ‘Em

In the Christmas Spirit? Let it shine by donating socks(adult) and peanut butter for the homeless. Please bring your gifts to any campus so that we can forward them to Sister Magaret Maggio, CSJ. Merry Christmas!

PLEASE LET SISTER JANINE KNOW IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PURCHASING A COPY OF THE DVD, "WE SHALL NOT BE MOVED, THE CATHOLIC NUNS IN NEW ORLEANS AFTER KATRINA".



GIFTS THAT GIVE TWICE

Gift your loved ones AND be a good steward of our precious Earth!

At ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION you can order:

- **Rain Forest Rescue Chocolate and Arbor Day Coffee** are delicious and ready to send. Sustainably shade grown in Latin America, both provide incentives for farm families to protect rain forests at home while earning a fair wage and gaining more access to health care and education.
- **Give-A-Tree Cards:** Plant trees in our national forests devastated by wildfires. You'll receive beautiful cards that you can resend to friends and loved ones. Every card plants a tree in honor of your recipient. This gift lasts a lifetime!
- **Gift Trees** are small evergreen seedlings beautifully packed in poly tubes perfect for gift-giving.

An attractive label identifies the species, and planting instructions.

- Become a member of **ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION** and receive the gift of free trees or shrubs for yourself or to give as gifts. Or, give a membership gift to friends and family members. (arborday.org or 1-888-448-7337)

To purchase, go to arborday.org/gifts or see S. Janine for an order form.



Special thanks to Laura Guerin-Hebert and her classes and to all who contributed to the Sandy relief project. Bless your hearts!



Prayers Needed

Mary Kay Barbay
Sutton Lian (*baby girl in NICU*)
Dolly Stakelum
Judee Morovich
Katherine Ancar
Nola O'Connor
Thomas O'Connor
Sr. Johanne Pedersen, CSJ
Lorraine Alfred
Maddox Riley McKimm
(*Infant Great-Grandson of Verna Larkins*)
Genevieve Jones
Mary Lee Martin
Janet Daniel
Andy Boisseau
Sr. Bertrand Lieux
Joseph Hoppe
Betsy Lonergan
Sr. Mary Daniel, OP
Blake McKee
Ida Jurisich

Holiday Greetings from the Staff...

To all People program Staff, teachers, and members: May the Christmas spirit of peace and love be with you throughout the holidays and the New Year.

Lynn

A recent TV ad says: "It's not what's UNDER the Christmas tree that matters; it's whose around it." Powerful! At People Program we have many "gatherings" so it is Christmas everyday! Jan

My wish for each and all is the richest blessings this holy holiday season has to offer! What awesome folks you are, and I so enjoy being with you!

Have a wonderful holiday and a peace-filled new year!

S. Janine Beniger, CSJ

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! This semester has gone by so fast...don't we say that about each semester? I am thankful for the members and teachers who have "merged" once again from Metairie. We are still searching. I miss it! (You know what I mean.) So Lord willing, we'll meet again in January. Thank-you for the love and support of our program.

Jane

As the season of Advent becomes part of our daily lives, we are reminded to be forever grateful for the many blessings that God continually bestows on us. Marcia