

PEOPLE PROGRAM FALL NEWSLETTER



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Christmas in Bethlehem. The ancient dream: a cold night made brilliant by a glorious star, the smell of incense, shepherds and wise men falling to their knees in adoration of the sweet baby, the incarnation of perfect love.

Lucinda Franks

Christmas, my child, is love in action. Every time we love, every time we give, it's Christmas.

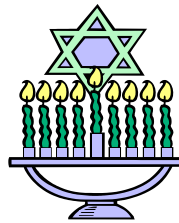
Dale Evans

Christmas is not a time or a season, but a state of mind. To cherish peace and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas.

Calvin Coolidge

Christmas waves a magic wand over this world, and behold, everything is softer and more beautiful.

Norman Vincent Peale



The miracle of Hanukkah is that a small amount of oil enough for one day lasted for eight days. The oil maintained the eternal light in the temple. What precipitated the miracle was that the Jewish people, led by the Maccabees, against all odds, reclaimed their central House of Worship. The reality was that somebody in the temple had the day-to-day responsibility of doing the hard work. Somebody had to pick the olives, press them, produce a special oil, and then every morning use the oil to feed the flame. Yes, there's the miracle of the oil lasting days, until a fresh supply could be produced. But there's another miracle here, as well. And that is the miracle of our own human selves to do something special with our lives, to keep the fire burning, to tend to the flames of our faith, friendships, work, and responsibilities.

Rabbi Charles S. Sherman

We need your help!

Plans for our **spring gala** have been underway, and next year it will be bigger and better than ever. **The date is Sunday, March 15, 2015 at the University of New Orleans Grand Ballroom!**

People Program is a unique community, and we need your help in assisting us to find company sponsors for the event. If you have a connection at ANY company in the New Orleans area, please let the staff know. This is very important to the success of our largest fundraiser. Thanks!

Registration Reminder: There is a one hour break from noon to one on each registration day that allows staff to have lunch and catch up on the morning activities. Checks dated for months in advance cannot be accepted. Please speak with a staff member if there is a financial problem. We will do all we can to assist you.

Holy Spirit campus is in need of a French and a Piano teacher. If you or someone you know can fill this vacancy, please let Delores know.

The Lakeshore campus is looking for a Violin Teacher to fill in until Gus Beniger returns.

It's time to order the 2015 Mah Jong cards. They are \$8 for regular cards and \$9 for large print. People Program earned a \$217 rebate for last year's group order. To order your cards, send a check to Diane Schleifstein (6508 Hastings, Metairie, La. 70003) or leave an envelope at the front desk before leaving for the holidays.

Shakespeare in December and January

In December, Nola Project presents the comedy, *Twelfth Night of What You Will*, in the Great Hall of NOMA. Production dates are Dec. 7, 9, 11, 14, 17, 18, & 21 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$18 or \$24 dollars if you are a NOMA member. (504-658-4100) On January 9, the New Orleans Shakespeare Festival at Tulane will present *Midsummer's Night Dream*. Tickets for seniors are \$10 and can be purchased at the door or by calling 504-865-5106. Several members of the Dream class plan to attend.

A happy and healthy Holiday Season to all. Classes resume on Tuesday, January 20.

The Staff



Please pray for...

- Chris Carroll
- Ellen Goldring
- John Matthew
- Anna Rita Williamson
- Ed Howell
- Margie Boe
- Shelley McClanahan
- Richard Beverly
- Doris Philips
- Jackie Juge
- Grace Harrison
- Lory Rummel
- Deena Manguno
- Tay D'Amour
- Gaytana Adde
- Janet Peterson
- Anna Guillaume
- Anna Craig
- Cynthia Brenes
- James Adams
- Carolyn Hecker
- Roma Gibson King
- Donald Rowan
- Linda Walker



In Memoriam

Karen Butler Henry
(Doris Manuel's Sister)

An Interesting Comparison:

The Gospel of Santa Claus:

To stimulate business: Let the one who has a coat get another.

Blessed are the wealthy.
Blessed are the powerful.
Blessed are the comfortable.
Blessed are the satisfied.

Love your own. Love your friends.

Befriend the full, the healthy, the well-housed, the respectable.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ:

“Let the man with 2 coats give to the one who has none.”

Blessed are the poor in spirit.
Blessed are the meek.
Blessed are the sorrowful.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness.

Love your neighbor. Love your enemies.

Befriend the hungry, the naked, the homeless, the prisoner, the stranger.



