



I had the pleasure of being at the Bayshore Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale. There were outstanding arts and crafts and delicious baked goods from Bayshore members. The Social Committee should be applauded for how well they ran the event. The reason I bring up the Bazaar, though, is that for me, it represented an event that emphasized cooperation and togetherness. Anyone who has lived in Bayshore the past year or so knows that not all members have gotten along. But what I saw at the Bazaar were members who, in previous venues have not seen eye to eye, come together to participate collectively in showing the great talent that resides within our community and/or viewing those talents as they perused the crafts. It not only was uplifting to see and experience it, it caused me to see that we, as Bayshore members, can truly work toward a common goal. What a great holiday gift for all of us!

This month's Breeze is a variation on the typical issue. Rather than have the "traditional" set of articles, this issue is mostly populated by comments and thoughts from you, the Bayshore members. An email went out asking members to submit three different sets of information: their favorite holiday movie, their favorite family tradition, and their wish for the Bayshore community. I thank all of you who contributed to the lists. I know I learned a lot (I had never watched the original version of *Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street*; I just did last night and loved it!). My hope is that you will find some enjoyment reading these ideas from your fellow members. And my wish for the new year is collaboration, understanding, and neighborliness for all of us here in Bayshore.

- Kenn Apel



We asked for members' favorite holiday movies. Here are the films they listed.

1. By far, the movie most often mentioned was, *It's a Wonderful Life*. Here are those who chose that movie and why.
  - a. David Jacobson: If you have seen it and you like it then you will know why. If you have seen it and you hate it all I can say is I hope that someday you have the same Affliction as the Grinch and that your heart grows two sizes one day
  - b. Cindy Bennett: I chose that movie because we all make a difference to others in small and big ways, and we need to remember that and do our best in life.
  - c. Bethany Hunt: A beautiful, fun, old-time movie with message for everyone. The quintessential family Christmas film.
  - d. Roger Kronick: He chose *It's a Wonderful Life* and *Miracle on 34th Street* (1947). They are classics and teach us important lessons we should always remember and keep close to our hearts.
2. Several members chose *A Christmas Carol*. Their reasons?
  - a. David Peter: I chose this movie for its message that money and material things are not the key to life; love, family, ongoing relationships and true genuine giving through good intent and action are what makes a community productive and whole.
  - b. Jeff Clark: The 1951 movie with Alistair Sims. Best version of the story ever.
3. Then there were movies mentioned that spanned a wide range of styles. For example,
  - a. Donna and Carl Andry: *Family Stone*. This is a funny movie with an important message. It shows how our differences can work out to be what ultimately brings us together.
  - b. Debbie White: *White Christmas*
  - c. Stephen Kurzban: *White Christmas*





- d. Margaret Paz-Partlow: *The Lion in Winter*, starring Peter O'Toole as Henry II, Katherine Hepburn as Eleanor of Aquitaine...a terrific ensemble cast. A film version of James Goldman's brilliant play, it gives a new meaning to the dysfunctional family holiday.
- e. Steve Cooper: *ELF*: It cracks me up
- f. Sharon Sexton: There are many holiday movies and animated shows that I and my family enjoy watching every holiday season. It's hard to pick one favorite. However, when *Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer* comes on TV then I know the holiday season has begun. It used to always be the very first holiday show that would air on tv right after Thanksgiving.
- g. Robin Adcock: *Christmas Story*: story line is timeless, and acting is wonderful!
- h. Jennifer Kurzban: *While You Were Sleeping*
- i. Jana Hanford: *Roman Holiday*
- j. Mark B. Murray: *The Bishop's Wife*
4. Finally, there were several members who listed more than one favorite movie, such as
- a. Diane and Rusty Larson: *Home Alone* - funny. *A Boy Called Christmas* - new to us.
- b. Mary Lou Morris: I have two favorite Christmas movies. One is *White Christmas* because it is a musical from my youth and I really enjoy the old musicals. The other movie is *Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street*. My three children and I watched *Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street* when they were growing up. My 50-year-old son still watches that movie every year. He has told me "It wouldn't be Christmas without *Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street*."
- c. Jayne Burrill:
- i. *Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer*.....as a child (I'm a 1960's baby and it was the main Christmas TV show for decades). I also loved it as an adult. My girls watched it every year with me. My girls are now 31 and 28 years old. Both are RN's and working hard.
- ii. *Polar Express*: I watched this with my girls when it first came out. I LOVE this movie for many different reasons. Just watch it....again and again. It's really amazing!



- iii. *Christmas Vacation!* It sums up our expectations of what a family Christmas should be....all the trying and energy put into finding the perfect tree.....getting it all perfect....there is no perfect. All families have struggles. This movie is funny, has some language, and other fun scenes. Chevy Chase at his best. I watch it every year to laugh and remind myself that Christmas is about family, not perfection.
- d. Tom Hurt: It is hard to make a clear decision. I like *Home Alone*, *The Santa Clause*, *Charlie Brown Christmas*, as well as others. Each had some good laughs but also thoughtful moments.
- e. Deborah Nolan: My favorite movie at Christmas is *Love Actually*. There are several vignettes that have similar themes...happy sad, thoughtful. My husband's fave is *Krampus* which is guaranteed to put you in the Christmas spirit. My grown son's favorite movie is old, campy, and just awful: *Santa vs. the Martians*. We are forced to watch this travesty while decorating the tree.

**All great movies and wonderful reasons for watching them!**



We also requested that members send in their favorite holiday family traditions. We received quite a range of ideas. Here they are:

- Cindy Bennett: In recent years, our adult two daughters have had us stay overnight - one family attending Christmas Eve Church services together, waking up and watching the Christmas morning excitement, then traveling 4 hours to the 2nd daughter's family and experience their afterglow on Christmas Day playing with grandchildren and family games.



- David Peter: Our routine for seeing kids and grandkids as Cindy explained. I also enjoy actually wearing all the items I received during the morning, making an eclectic mixture of sweaters hats, gloves, etc. (until it gets too warm to bear!).

- Jeff Clark: Heart loggers: little smokies wrapped in bacon covered in brown sugar and baked at 350° for 30 minutes covered, then 30 minutes uncovered or until glazed and crispy. A family tradition for decades!
- Bethany Hunt: Wrapping and sending gifts and cards to family far away.
- Donna and Carl Andry: Getting together with friends. My family is distant and we are always looking to meet new people. We laugh and say that we are the holiday house for orphans (us being just that).
- Debbie White: Exchanging an ornament every year. Then when we decorate the tree, we start with the first one and re-visit each year.
- Margaret Paz-Partlow: Hanging a small tree with the painted walnuts we started making the first year we were married and have continued to paint with our son for 15 years. Why? It was personal, it involved us as a family, and it was silly and fun.
- Stephen Kurzban: Setting up the train around the bottom of the tree.
- Steve Cooper: Just spending time with family and watching college bowl games.
- Diane and Rusty Larson: It's just Rusty and me. We FaceTime with the kids on the east coast.
- Carolyn Gardner: The Gardner family loves getting together to eat good food. Ever since Carolyn was a little girl, her family had shrimp for Christmas eve dinner. My grandmother used to take us all out to dinner at the Shrimp House in Indianapolis, Indiana. Once we moved to Illinois, we had to find our own shrimp. It used to be that we could buy 5 pounds of frozen shrimp for \$5.00. Now it costs more, but we still have shrimp and twice baked potatoes. Christmas dinner is a rib roast. I love Christmas because there is time to spend time together. Usually, some time on Christmas day, the hardy members of the family take a hike or walk in the neighborhood, in the woods, or on the beach.
- Jayne Burrill: Having the Dads and Grandpas help construct homemade Ginger Bread Houses on Thanksgiving. It gives the children something to do while the turkey is cooking. It's a great segue into Christmas. I've done this with my two girls, my grands, and other children in my family.



- Mary Lou Morris: My family has always gotten together on Christmas



Eve. Christmas Eve used to be a time to get together at my sister's home, her oldest son's home, and then my home in Portland as my children got older. Now Glen and I go to one of my children's homes since all of our family is still in the Portland area. There are usually 20 of us that contribute to a potluck and exchange gifts. Last year was really hard for me: no

family get together. I did get to FaceTime with my family but it just wasn't the same. Really looking forward to this year and being together again.

- Jana Hanford: Making aebleskiver. My Danish grandfather who lived in the U.S. Midwest saw a photo of my grandmother, was smitten, and travelled all the way to Denmark to meet, court, and marry her, bringing her home to the U.S. via Ellis Island. His only request of her was to make aebleskiver every year for Christmas. My mom kept the tradition alive and now my sister, niece, and I do (at least some years).
- Tom Hurt: When the kids were at home, everyone opened one gift on Christmas Eve. On Christmas morning, before opening gifts, we would read together the Christmas story from the Bible. Now with the kids grown and having grandchildren, we have the tradition of gathering together with family, enjoying one another, and taking time to remember the greatest gift of all, Jesus.
- Deborah Nolan: Christmas Eve is party time! It's my son's partner's birthday, too, so we have everyone over, do a huge spread of appetizers and birthday cake, then play poker and open one present at midnight. When we move to Bayshore, they'll all be sleeping in the living room and not driving back to Portland until the next day.
- Kenn and Lynda Apel: Cutting down our own tree, Christmas day brunch, and pomegranate martinis!
- Mark B. Murray: I've no family here, but used to enjoy family gatherings in La Jolla, California over the years.
- Sharon Sexton: Singing and dancing to holiday music while baking cookies and decorating the house. The aromas of fresh evergreens around the house and cookies baking in the oven seems magical to me.
- Robin Adcock: I bake stollen to honor my mother. Every Christmas, she would bake her stollen, filling the house with that wonderful aroma. My mother passed away at Christmas time. I was her hospice caregiver. I was so devastated at the



loss that I could not conceive of celebrating another Christmas. I was able to pull myself together for my children. I bake now in her memory.

Such great ideas for us all to consider!



Finally, the third request was to have members provide their 2022 wish for Bayshore. We received some very heartfelt responses.

- Cindy Bennett: Be kind, extending warm relations to each neighbor, because life is short, and we need each other to feel the best life.
- David Jacobson: That covid be a thing of the past.
- David Peter: For the Community to celebrate its long history and core values, and I would want to participate in efforts to improve our ecology/environment, and add new projects and clubs to build new relationships .
- Jeff Clark: Health and happiness and an end to this ridiculous divisive "pandemic".
- Bethany Hunt: "Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me."
- Roger Kronick: The same as it is for the rest of the world: each of us would treat everyone with love and kindness. It may be farfetched but I can pray and say "Let it begin with me" and that I have no regrets about!
- Donna and Carl Andry: I am in the process of putting together mushroom foraging groups and have found a local Bayshore member that is extremely qualified and willing to help us stay safe and identify edible mushrooms and plants. I would love to see more gatherings of common interest for our neighbors that have fun together.
- Debbie White: People wave and smile (since COVID and last year's election fiasco - this is a lot less frequent).
- Steve Cooper: I wish we will have more effort in the area of beautification and improvements-- landscaping around the clubhouse, holiday decorating the clubhouse and grounds, tennis courts need a new surface and fence repairs, playground maintenance, paving the parking area at the tennis court, etc. I







## AND NOW OTHER GREAT NEWS!



*Celebrations!* Bayshore members Sandy and Mary Locker just celebrated their 73<sup>rd</sup> anniversary on November 21<sup>st</sup>. Congratulations and may you celebrate many more!



*Clear walking:* Thanks to Craig Jacobs (chair, Long-Range Planning and Physical Assets Committee) who initiated and took primary charge of having three of our beach access points cleared so that they are now easily found and manageable for walking.



## *Message from the Board President*

Hello fellow Bayshore members,

I wanted to wish you all a happy and safe Holiday season. Please enjoy the time you spend with family and loved ones and reflect on why we all chose Bayshore, the love of the beach and our community. Have a Happy New Year and I hope to see you all in 2022!!

William Nightingale, President  
Bayshore Beach Club

