



Red Bird Report

December 2018

Tis' the season... to be Jolly, or Holy or just to enjoy time with your family and perhaps a whole day off of work if you are actually in the work force. So many of the readers of the Red Bird Report are no longer in the work force that many days seem like a holiday. Perhaps we can point out some of the "special" days in December and celebrate each of them.

First we have the Holy days: Hanukkah on December 3 and Christmas on the 25th.

Next are the Jolly days: the first day of Winter on December 21 and New Year's Eve is, of course, on the last day of the year, December 31. Finally, we have the Flag Appreciation days of December 7, Pearl Harbor Remembrance and December 13, the birthday of the US National Guard. So many wonderful opportunities to celebrate just being alive and fortunate to have a free country in which to enjoy these blessings.

As of the writing of this report, Winter has not yet come to Central Florida. None the less, I know that our beautiful Lake Toxaway has already felt the cold sting of ice and freezing rain. Please remember to drive with caution when the roads are less than dry and clear.

The Thursday Meet and Greet group closed off their 2018 season in October but is planning to resume the very enjoyable gatherings again in 2019. The garden club had a meeting in November but I am not aware of a meeting for December or January. Perhaps someone will call or email into the LTCA office with a schedule for 2019. (*LTCA phone 828-966-9453 or email LTadmin@ipmhoa.com*) We would be pleased to include that information in the RBR. Additionally, we are aware that a number of our members play Mah Jongg on a regular basis. This schedule and the Bible Study group and/or any other regular meeting of LTCA members will be made available in the RBR with sufficient notice.

If you are interested in exact measurements, I submit the following:

2000 pounds of Chinese soup = Won Ton

1000 milliliters of wet socks = 1 literhosen

1 millionth of a fish = 1 microfiche

And finally... 100 Senators = Not even 1 decision

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Notable quotes:

The year was 1998

The Mayor of Washington DC was Marion Barry: "Outside of the killings, Washington has one of the lowest crime rates in the country."

The year was 1968

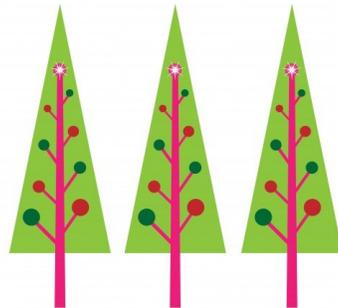
Former Mayor of Chicago during the 1968 Democratic National Convention: "The police are not here to create disorder. They're here to preserve disorder."

And so the old year ends with a bit of humor.

My wish to each of you is a happy holiday season, Merry Christmas and a safe and joyful new year.

Looking forward to 2019 and renewing many friendships at our beautiful Lake Toxaway.

Don Molitor



The LTCA office will be closed

Christmas Day,

Tuesday, December 25th.

Happy Holidays!

Lake Toxaway Charities

Lake Toxaway Charities is pleased to announce two NEW initiatives for 2019

1. The creation of the Lake Toxaway Charities Website which describes the history, vision, values, agencies we support financially, methods to give, ways to volunteer your time, and our annual All Sports Day and Dinner/Dance Gala. Jenny Renfro and Sherry Minnich have dedicated massive effort in leading this launch. Carroll Summerour coordinates our agency grant contacts.

The new website address is <https://laketoxawaycharities.org/>

2. Lake Toxaway Charities will help educate and link our Lake Toxaway residents to volunteer service opportunities available within the 40 agencies that we support. Many of our residents want to “give back” to the needy with their time, knowledge, experiences, and passion for helping others. Lake Toxaway Charities will provide additional information about this process/need and host a couple of meetings in 2019 to allow our residents to meet our agencies and better understand how they can volunteer their time and energy. Mary Anne and Bob Hamilton are leading the volunteer service process.

Save the date!

July 20, 2019

The 44th Annual Lake Toxaway Charities Fundraising Gala and
Sports Day at Lake Toxaway Country Club

Invitations will be mailed June 1, 2019

In 2018, Lake Toxaway Charities donated over \$300,000 to 40 agencies in Transylvania County and over \$2 million dollars in the last 12 years.

Chip Brown
Lake Toxaway Charities Co-Chair





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GIVING SEASON GIFTS



GIFT A TREE IN HONOR OF SOMEONE YOU LOVE

Your generous gift will sustain our red spruce restoration efforts and help us pay it forward for the benefit of us all. To learn more and donate, visit <http://bit.ly/givespruce>.

SHARE A PRIVATE TOUR

with the garden lovers in your life!
For available dates, please visit our website
Tours/Events page.

VISITORS' DAY FOR THE FAMILY

Enjoy the morning together while you learn
more about high elevation forests
and gardening at 4500 feet!

To learn more, visit southernhighlandsreserve.org



Leaving for the Season?

If you are leaving for the season, there are some things that you should check before heading out.

- Ensure doors and windows are closed and locked.
- Disconnect the water hose.
- Consider turning off the water heater.
- If you have an alarm, inspect the system, and see if you have a battery back-up. If you do, make sure it is in working order.
- Contact Allied Universal at 828-989-0508, if you wish to be placed on the home check list.
- Consider hiding a key outside, or have a local caretaker who can access your home if necessary, and notify security of the key location, or who you have designated to be a key-holder.
- Notify the US Postal Service to forward mail, if you have been receiving mail here.

We hope you have a safe trip, and encourage you to contact us if you forget anything, and need us to check!