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Researching for others

A few months ago a query was sent to our society about ancestors and relatives buried in a cemetery by Meadow Grove. A search was done and information was sent back to her. Now just recently we received a package containing 2 binders both 2 inches wide filled with information that she has collected in her search over the years. Some of that information is shared below.

In the first 3 ring binder book, Section One is "From Pennsylvania to Iowa" "Families of James A. Boyles and Nancy (Reid) Boyles and Thomas Jefferson Boyles and Uretta (Reynolds) Boyles."

Section Two is "From Iowa to Nebraska" "Family Group Sheets for the Family of Curtis Madison Boyles and Martha Ellen (Rowland) Boyles."

Section Three is "Gravestone Connections" "Families with connections to Curtis Madison Boyles and Martha Ellen (Rowland) Boyles." Some of the surnames in this section are: Cleveland, Alyea, Mahin, Saltz, Williams, Anstine, Hoepfinger, Oaks, Holton, Mills, Cloyd, Lewis, Larson, Higbee, Werner, and Anson.

In the second 3 ring binder book, is "From Nebraska to Wyoming" "The Family of Joseph Jefferson Boyles and Pearl Brazile Hayes." In this book the contents are on Joseph Jefferson Boyles and Pearl Brazil Hayes, the children, the grandchildren, greatgrandchildren, and the great-great grandchildren.

In the binders are the history of the families with pictures, family group sheets, pedigree charts, information obtain from: books, internet websites, and information she has written up on the families.

This work was done by Linda L. (Boyles) Pearson. A big Thank You to her for sending this wealth of information to our society.

From the introduction to the first binder:

"My Family Heritage book bonds the family: it restores the broken links of affection; it gives the family continuity and a purpose in life. It will forever leave your life's footprints on the present and all future generations.

Your heritage is undeniable. Your place on your family tree is an indispensable link between the past and present. There are literally thousands of men and women, each one with different physical traits and distinct personalities from whom your inherited your genes. You are the sum of what they were. Tracing your ancestors is a process of self discovery. The blood of your ancestors runs in your veins; their talents, personalities, physical characteristics and illnesses will show up in your generation.

Climbing your family tree is an adventure across oceans and through foreign lands. You will meet saints and sinners, scholars and scoundrels, comedians and prima donnas, farmers, and adventurers, horse thieves, black sheep and assorted skeletons in their closets. Their life stories are treasures. Most were ordinary people, with an ingenuity and courage to survive wars, plagues, floods, famines and all other natural disasters.

Like your ancestors, you too will leave your footprints in the sands of time. You too will see the same qualities of courage, worries and fears, integrity and self-sacrifice reflected in the lives of your present generation.

You are unique because you are a storehouse of information! It is just as

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President's Message

from Richard Strenge

Greetings to our members,

A new year is now upon us. What things would you like to accomplish in 2013? One of my goals for a number of years has been to get a calendar set up with all of my appointments and other events written it. It has not occurred.....until now. Late in December I purchased a pocket calendar and now have all of my events and meetings written down in one place. An easy reminder that sure will be handy in the months ahead. A notice of our January meeting for our Christmas party is on page 36. We hope the weather and roads will be in good condition so as many as possible can attend.

If you have something to share about family history, news of past events, or information of what can be found and where to look please let us know. We gain knowledge by the information our members and others provide to our society. A big Thank You to Linda (Boyles) Pearson for her contribution on her research she has done on her family lines. She sent up 2 binders that were each 2 inches wide with a wealth of information. You can read some of that information in other parts of this newsletter.

As always we look forward to seeing you at our meetings.

Society News

from Bobette Ferguson, Secretary

The monthly meeting of the Madison County Genealogical Society was held at 10:25 on November 1 7 at the Elkhorn Valley Museum with Vice-president Phyllis McCain presiding. The minutes of the October meeting were read and approved. The Treasure's report was not available.

Karen had information about Fold 3. It would cost the society \$250.00 for a year. It would cost an individual about \$50.00 if order by the end of the month.

The Christmas present was discussed. The party will be at the Granary on January 19 at 1:00. Everyone should bring three or four items for the exchange. Phyllis will send out notices for the party.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

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important to preserve the present as the past. If you do not preserve your memories of what you know, later generations will be deprived of crucial information.

The passage of time depletes the storehouse of available information that only you possess. Whatever facts, memories, experiences and feeling you set done on these page will become a point of departure for your descendants. Future generations will read your words with interest, affection, delight and gratitude. There is no better gift to your descendants than the priceless record of your heritage. The Pages that follow are for their years and yours.

Unless you write down what you know, how will anyone know that you were here. Be proud of your heritage."

May love and laughter light your days, and warm your heart and home.

May good and faithful friends be yours wherever you may roam.

Irish Blessing

Social Security Numbers by State

Prior to 1972, the numbers were issued according to where the person applied for their Social Security card. The first 3 numbers will tell you the State where the card was assigned. This can be a good clue to looking for other records of your family!

Social Security State Codes

001-003 New Hampshire (NH)

004-007 Maine (ME)

008-009 Vermont (VT)

010-034 Massachusetts (MA)

035-039 Rhode Island (RI)

040-049 Connecticut (CT)

050-134 New York (NY)

135-158 New Jersey (NJ)

159-211 Pennsylvania (PA)

212-220 Maryland (MD)

221-222 Delaware

223-231 Virginia (VA)

232 North Carolina (NC)

232-236 West Virginia (WV)

247-251 South Carolina (SC)

252-260 Georgia (GA)

261-267 Florida (FL)

268-302 Ohio (OH)

303-317 Indiana (IN)

318-361 Illinois (IL)

362-386 Michigan (MI)

387-399 Wisconsin (WI)

400-407 Kentucky (KY)

408-415 Tennessee (TN)

416-424 Alabama (AL)

425-428 Mississippi (MS)

429-432 Arkansas (AR)

433-439 Louisiana (LA)

440-448 Oklahoma (OK)

449-467 Texas (TX)

468-477 Minnesota (MN)

478-485 Iowa (IA)

486-500 Missouri (MO)

501-502 North Dakota (ND)

503-504 South Dakota (SD)

505-508 Nebraska (NE)

509-515 Kansas (KS)

516-517 Montana (MT)

518-519 Idaho (ID)

520 Wyoming (WY)

521-524 Colorado (CO)

525, 585 New Mexico (NM)

526-527 Arizona (AZ)

528-529 Utah (UT)

530, 680 Nevada (NV)

531-539 Washington (WA)

540-544 Oregon (OR)

545-573 California (CA)

574 Alaska (AK)

575-576 Hawaii (HI)

577-579 District of Columbia (DC)

580 Virgin Islands

580-584 Puerto Rico (PR)

585 New Mexico (NM)

586 Guam, American Samoa, Philippine Islands

587 Mississippi (MS)

589-595 Florida (FL)

596-599 Puerto Rico (PR)

600-601 Arizona (AZ)

602-626 California (CA)

627-645 Texas (TX)

646-647 Utah (UT)

648-649 New Mexico (NM)

654-658 South Carolina (SC)

667-675 Georgia (GA)

700-728 RR Retirement Board (All States - until July 1, 1963)

NOTE: The same area, when shown more than once, means that certain numbers have been transferred from one State to another, or that an area has been divided for use among certain geographic locations.

More information from the Social Security website on the numbering system can be found on page 28 of this newsletter.

The official website of the U. S. Social Security Administration can be found at http://www.ssa.gov/

Social Security Numbers The SSN Numbering Scheme Source: copied from http://www.ssa.gov/history/ssn/geocard.html

Number Has Three Parts

The nine-digit SSN is composed of three parts:

The first set of three digits is called the Area Number

The second set of two digits is called the Group Number

The final set of four digits is the Serial Number

Area Number

The Area Number is assigned by the geographical region. Prior to 1972, cards were issued in local Social Security offices around the country and the Area Number represented the State in which the card was issued. This did not necessarily have to be the State where the applicant lived, since a person could apply for their card in any Social Security office. Since 1972, when SSA began assigning SSNs and issuing cards centrally from Baltimore, the area number assigned has been based on the ZIP code in the mailing address provided on the application for the original Social Security card. The applicant's mailing address does not have to be the same as their place of residence. Thus, the Area Number does not necessarily represent the State of residence of the applicant, either prior to 1972 or since.

Generally, numbers were assigned beginning in the northeast and moving westward. So people on the east coast have the lowest numbers and those on the west coast have the highest numbers.

Note: One should not make too much of the "geographical code." It is not meant to be any kind of useable geographical information. The numbering scheme was designed in 1936 (before computers) to make it easier for SSA to store the applications in our files in Baltimore since the files were organized by regions as well as alphabetically. It was really just a bookkeeping device for our own internal use and was never intended to be anything more than that.

Group Number

Within each area, the group number (middle two (2) digits) range from 01 to 99 but are not assigned in consecutive order. For administrative reasons, group numbers issued first consist of the ODD numbers from 01 through 09 and then EVEN numbers from 10 through 98, within each area number allocated to a State. After all numbers in group 98 of a particular area have been issued, the EVEN Groups 02 through 08 are used, followed by ODD Groups 11 through 99.

Group numbers are assigned as follows: ODD - 01, 03, 05, 07, 09-----EVEN - 10 to 98 EVEN - 02, 04, 06, 08-----ODD - 11 to 99

See the latest Social Security Number Monthly Issuance Table for the latest SSN area ranges issued to date. Alleged Social Security numbers containing area numbers other than those found on that table are impossible.

Serial Number

Within each group, the serial numbers (last four (4) digits) run consecutively from 0001 through 9999.

Emblems and Monument Symbols part 1 of 2



Civil War emblems

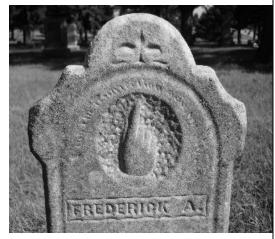




A husband's hand on right clasping the wife's hand on the left



A finger pointed towards Heaven



Baby shoes on top of monument



Dove atop a monument for a young girls grave



Emblems and Monument Symbols continued







Top row of pictures with military emblems for World War II and Korea.



Picture on left is a dove on a monument.





A cemetery that shows a burial for a person only by a number at the graveside. Monument numbers are not in death order.



The Symbols and their meanings

The list below is just a few of symbols that can be found on monuments and their possible meanings.

Angel, Flying or Trumpeting - Rebirth; Resurrection.

Angels - Angels mean spirituality and they guard the tomb.

Arrow - Mortality

Bible - A single Holy Bible is often found on Christian stones.

Bird or Bird Flying - Eternal life, Resurrection.

Birds - Eternal life or resurrection.

Broken Column - This image represents the decay. It usually represents the loss of the Family head.

Broken Ring - The family circle has been severed.

Butterfly - Short-life.

Candle being Snuffed - Loss of life.

Chalice - Usually used to represent the Sacraments.

Cherub - Cherubs are angelic and signify innocence.

Child Sleeping- Victorian death motif

Coffin - mortality.

Column Broken - sorrow; broken life

Columns with Doors - heavenly entrance

Cross - the Cross is an emblem of faith.

Cross: - The Cross means resurrection to many Christians.

Crossed Swords - Military person of high rank.

Crown - The soul's achievement and the Glory of life after death.

Crown - reward of faithful, victory, triumph, glory; righteousness; resurrection

Crown on Cross - sovereignty of Christ

Dog - Implies a good master worthy of love.

Dove - seen in both Christian and Jewish cemeteries, the dove means innocence and/ or peace.

Dove, Flying - Resurrection.

Drapery over anything - sorrow; mourning Figure with Dart - Mortality

Flame, Light, Lamp or Torch: - Immortality of the Spirit, Resurrection.

Fruits - Eternal plenty as in the fruit of life. Garland or Wreath - Symbol of saintliness and glory, Victory in death.

Grim Reaper - Death personified.

Hands: hands in cemeteries are usually in one of the following four positions; clasping, praying, pointing, and blessing.

Hand, Pointing Up - Pathway to heaven.

Hands, Clasped - Farewells or the bond of marriage

Hands, Praying - Asking God for Eternal life.

Hands, Blessing - Blessing of those left behind.

Hand of God - pointing downward-mortality, sudden death

Hand of God - pointing upward-the reward of the righteous; confirmation of life after death

Hands - devotion, prayer

Handshakes - farewell to earthly existence

Hands Clasped - in death as in life, the devotion of these two is not destroyed

Harp - Praise to God.

Heart - Love. Stylized hearts stand for the affection of the living for the dead. Two joined hearts on a stone mark a Marriage.

Heart (Sacred) - Usually found in Catholic cemeteries, this heart refers to the suffering of Christ for our sins.

Horns -- The Resurrection

Hourglass - Time has run out.

Ivy- Friendship, Immortality.

Lamb - Usually marks the grave of a child and means Innocence.

Laurel -- A symbol of worldly accomplishment and heroism.

Lily - The virgins' flower and also the symbol of innocence and purity.

Lion - The Lion's eternal watch guards the tomb and stands for Courage.

Menorah - An emblem of Judaism Morning Glory - Signifies the beginning of Life

Oak., Oak Leaves and Acorn - Oak leaves on tombs can stand for power, authority or victory.

Palm Branch - Signifies Victory and Rejoicing Pineapple - hospitality

Pomegranate - immortality; resurrection; unity; nourishment of the soul

Poppy - symbolic of sleep, therefore, death. Eternal Sleep.

Rod or Staff - Comfort for the bereaved.

Rooster- Awakening; Resurrection.

Rose- (Full-Blown Rose) The deceased died in the prime of life

Roses - Roses signify completion and the brevity of earthly existence.

Rosemary - Rosemary is for remembrance.

Scales - weighing of souls; justice

Scythe - An instrument of the harvest, death cuts us down.

Skull and or Skull/ Crossed Bones - Death.

Spade or Crossed Spade and Shovel - Death

Star - Death could not overpower the Light

of the Spirit which still shines in the

darkness.

Stars and Stripes Around Eagle -- Eternal vigilance and liberty. Often seen on military markers.

Star of David or Mogen David - Recognized as the international symbol of Judaism.

Star, Five Pointed - Star of Bethlehem; star of Jacob; divine guidance and protection

Star, Six Pointed - the Father, Creation, heavenly wisdom

Sun - A symbol of light and warmth, renewed life and life everlasting.

Thistle - Deceased was of Scottish descent.
Thistles can also stand for remembrance.

Tree or Trees -

A Tree stands for life.

A Tree Sprouting stands for life everlasting.

Tree Trunk stands for the brevity of life.

Tree Stump stone in Cemetery -Stones shaped liked Tree Stumps usually signify that the deceased was a member of The Woodmen of the World

Weeping Willow Tree - Perpetual Mourning; Grief.

Trumpeters - Harbingers of the Resurrection

Urn - soul; mortality

Urn, Draped - death, sorrow

Urn - Immortality (The storing of the vital organs was of extreme importance to the ancient Egyptians who believed that life would be restored through the vital organs placed in the urn).

Urn with Flame -- Undying remembrance Wheat Strands or Sheaves - The divine harvest. Weeping Willow Tree - Perpetual Mourning; Grief.

Willow, Weeping - grief; death (carried at Masonic funerals); earthly sorrow, the symbolic tree of human sadness, Nature's lament

Wreath - victory in death, indestructible crown worn by triumphant Christian; eternity Yew - immortality

Epitaphs

A Precious One From Us Has Gone A Voice We Loved Is Stilled A Place Is Empty In Our Home Which Never Can Be Filled.

You taught us these things and made us a family to love one another, seek wisdom, find humor, and expect the unexpected.

Rest in Peace.

What is an epitaph? It is a short phrase or poem that is inscribed on a gravestone marker. Some examples are below.

Our brief partings on earth will appear one day as nothing beside the joy of eternity together.

He lived life to the fullest.

She filled every second of her life with laughter, love and happiness.

All things change but God remains.

What we keep in memory is ours forever.

Gone from home but not from our hearts.

Our little angel.

A friend to many and sadly missed.

It's hard to look back on any gain in life that does not have a loss attached to it.

They gave their today for our tomorrow.

He enriched our lives.

She always brightened our days.

I have fought the good fight I have finished my course

I have kept the faith.

Remember well, as you pass by, As you are now, so once was I, As I am now, so must you be, Prepare for death and follow me.

Sickness was my portion, Medicine was my food, Groans was my devotion, Drugs did me no good, The Lord took pity on me, Because he saw it best, And took me to his bosom, And now my soul's at rest.

Cloyd Brothers Invent Wood Slicing Machine

During the slack season in the carpenter trade during the winter Donald and Jess Cloyd have not been idle. They have put in a lot of time perfecting a machine which they use in slicing strips of wood to be used in the making of egg crates.

There are many egg crates used each year from in town as well as others in this vicinity. The cases must be bought by the dealers so just as well buy them at home.

With the use of this machine they are able to make many cases a day. The wood used is green cottonwood. It is first sawed into blocks about 12 inches by 16 inches and then cut to the proper length. This is then put into the newly made machine that is run by tractor power and the slicer cuts off strips about 1/4 inch thick.

One of the difficulties with working with the wet wood is that these slices, will curl and they must be put into a press for some time to get them straightened.

From one block 12 by 16 inches they are able to get enough strips to make sides; tops and bottoms for 16 cases as well as the end pieces for 6 cases.

Source: Meadow Grove News, Thursday, April 28, 1932, page 1.

Death Notices

Mrs. Wm. Arrison (Astella Cora Newell) was born at Walker Iowa, Jan. 14, 1869. Died Jan. 10, 1932 at Tilden, Nebraska. She was married to Wm. Arrison in 1888. Source: excerpts from Meadow Grove News, Thurs. Jan. 14, 1932, page 1.

Mrs. Francis H. Palmer (Sarah Ellen Spangler) was born in Wooster, Ohio on April 7, 1845. She was married to Francis Palmer, Aug. 24, 1862 at Dubuque, Iowa. He died on Jan. 16, 1920. She died at San Marino, Calif., on March 26, 1932. Source: excerpts from Meadow Grove News, Thurs. Mar. 31, 1932, and Apr. 7, 1932, page 1.

Three From Norfolk

This City was Represented in the Fighting First

Only Frank Owen Returned

Julius Nelson went to Iowa and Doug Bridges remained in San Francisco. Young Own is Glad to be Home— Thrilling Experience and Narrow Escapes

Norfolk had three soldiers in the Fighting First---Frank Own, who enlisted in company C at Beatrice; Julius Nelson, company K, Columbus: Doug Bridges, company F, Madison. Of the three only Frank Owen returned to this place, and he came straight through without stopping to participate in the celebration at Omaha yesterday, arriving here at noon, as stated last evening. Julius Nelson who was a clerk at the Oxnard before joining the company left his comrades at Omaha and went over into Iowa to see his parents. Doug Bridges, who at one time was also a clerk at the Oxnard, remained in San Francisco, though what he purposes doing is not known.

Frank Owen is looking fine and says he never felt better in his life. He is glad to get back where can see mother and be among friends. He says the climate of the Philippines is not so objectionable as has been pictured, and although it is very hot he did not feel the heat there any more than he did here yesterday. While in the service he spent about three weeks in hospital, when he was sick with dysentery. This is the prevailing complaint among soldiers and with some of them the results are serious. During the three weeks he was affected he was reduced from his normal weight of 140 pounds to 118.

Frank has a good deal of respect for the fighting qualities of the Filipinos. He says they do not know the meaning of the word fear, and that they know how to build

trenches successfully, putting up backs of bamboo strongly fortified with earth in front.

He had some thrilling experiences while in the Philippines. Five of his company were wounded and two of them were marching on one side of him and one on the other. One day he was engaged in dressing a wounded soldier when a bullet zipped over his shoulder, striking the soldier in the head and killing him instantly. At another time he was helping a wounded comrade to get behind a protecting clump of reeds, when a bullet crashed against the gun he held in his hand. Although he had many close calls, he did not receive a scratch, and on the whole he is glad that he had the experience but more glad that he can speak of it as in the past.

Source: <u>The Norfolk Daily News</u>, Thursday, August 31, 1899, page 7

W. B. Vail, the jeweler and optician, is putting in a line of sewing machines and supplies.

Sturgeon is the piano man.

Source: <u>The Norfolk Daily News</u>, Monday, May 7, 1900, page 3

Miss Flora Van Buskirk, a patient at the asylum, was found dead in bed yesterday morning. She was from Sherman county and had been an inmate of the institution since the 24th of August. She was subject to epileptic fits and it was presumed that she had an attack during the night, from the effect of which she died. When found her face was buried in the pillow, indicating that she might have become exhausted and smothered. Coroner Tanner was notified and came down from Battle Creek last evening to hold an inquest. Messrs. A. J. Johnson, J. J. Clements, C. E. Hartford, W. R. Hoffman, Prof. Richardson and J. A. Trulock were summoned as jurors, and a verdict was retuned in accordance with the facts. The young lady's people were notified of her death, and they wired back to bury her here. She was about 20 years of age.

Source: <u>The Norfolk Daily News</u>, Friday, October 1, 1894, page 3.

2012—2013 Officers

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Our future meetings

January 19
February 16
March 16
April 20
Join us and bring some one along with you.

MCGS established in June 1973

You can contact our society by mail at the address above or by e-mail at **mcgs@telebeep.com** or **mcgs.nebraska@centurylink.net**. Any queries can be sent to either e-mail address. We are here to help you in your research for your ancestors in Madison county and in the nearby counties.

If you have any submissions for the newsletter please send it to this e-mail address mcgs.nebraska@centurylink.net or send it to our mailing address.

Please send us your change of address to this e-mail address or our mailing address.

Memberships are \$15 per year starting at the time of your membership and it includes our bi-monthly newsletter. If you would like to join our society please send your payment to our mailing address.

Meetings: 3rd Saturday of each month except December and January at 10 a.m. at 515 Queen City Blvd., Norfolk, NE., Elkhorn Valley Museum and Research Center.

Website: http://mcgs.nesgs.org or www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nemcgs/

The 90th birthday of Mrs. Louisa Maas, mother of Mrs. C. F. Haase, was celebrated yesterday by a large crowd of friends at the home of C. F. Haase, north of the city. A pleasant time was enjoyed by those in attendance. Source: The Norfolk Daily News, Friday, September 1,

1899, page 3.

Harry Reeker is the proud owner of a new Nash six sedan.

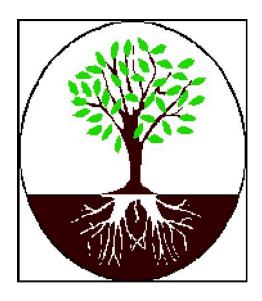
Mrs. Orson Davis and daughter of Wayne, spent last week with her mother, Mrs. Beal. Source: <u>Meadow Grove News</u>, Thursday, April 21, 1927, page 1

J. M. Kingery of Tilden passed away at his home last Thursday morning and funeral services were held Sunday at Tilden.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Testerman celebrated their fifty-ninth wedding anniversary Saturday. Robert A. Testerman was born at Silas Creek, N. C., Feb. 22, 1854, and Lucinda Jerkins was born at Grant, Va., Oct. 23, 1846. They were united in marriage

Jan. 2, 1873, at Jefferson, N. C., by the Rev. S. Pennington, of the Methodist church, South. They made their first home at Heiton, N. C. They are the parents of eight children, all of whom are living. They are: Wiley, Akron, Ohio; Tray, Cleve, Horton and Oscar, Virginia; Steve and Montague, West Va.; and Mrs. A. W. Burton, Meadow Grove. Source: excerpts from Meadow Grove News, Thursday, Jan. 7, 1932, page 1.

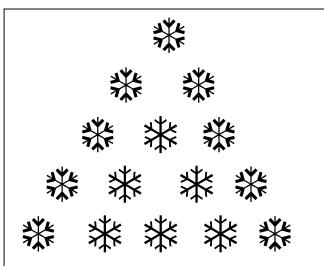
Frank Riley the traveling salesman for an Omaha Liquor house, who was up before the police court here on the charge of 'drunk and disorderly" continued his spree after leaving this city and died in the Black Hills last week of heart failure, caused by alcoholism. He was a good salesman but the liquor he sold and sampled too often was his undoing. Source: The Norfolk Daily News, Monday, May 7, 1900, page 3



Christmas Party announcement is below

Your membership renewal date is on the address label.

TEMP RETURN SERVICE FIRST CLASS



The MCGS will be holding our Christmas party on Jan. 19th at 1 p.m. at the Granary 922 S. 13th Street. You pay for your own choice from the menu items. Join us for a time of socializing, eating and some fun activities. This party will take the place of our January business meeting. We will have a gift exchange this year. Please bring 2 to 4 items for it.

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