



# Kiwaniis<sup>®</sup>

## CENTENNIAL INTERNET CLUB

### January 2023 Newsletter



#### **President message**

Happy New Year, fellow Kiwanians! 2023 brings a fresh slate for us all to write another story in our lives. For some, that will be without loved ones who we lost in 2022. For others, it will be with loved ones gained either through birth or union. My new chapter began a few days earlier than the new year on the sunny sands of Daytona Beach where my family gathered to celebrate my marriage to Jennifer Frey. It only took me four and a half years to propose to her, which happened on her birthday last April. And while our engagement was somewhat short, the timing couldn't have been better. A wedding on the winter solstice is said to be blessed because it marks a turning point in lives, just as the solstice marks a turning point in the seasons and the world. Additionally, as December usually is reserved for holiday gatherings and celebrations, we figured this would add one more special occasion.

There's a great article I found online that I've shared below here about the winter solstice which I encourage you to read. May this be a "time of peace and reflection, embracing the darkness and forgiving, accepting and loving embracing goodbye the past year" as we usher in 2023 and all of the opportunity that it holds.

Written by Bridget Anna McNeil

The winter solstice time is no longer celebrated as it once was, with the understanding that this is a period of descent and rest, of going within our homes, within ourselves and taking in all that we have been through, all that has passed in this full year which is coming to a close... like nature and the animal kingdom around us, this time of hibernation is so necessary for our tired limbs, our burdened minds.

Our modern culture teaches avoidance at a max at this time; alcohol, lights, shopping, overworking, over spending, comfort food and consumerism.

And yet the natural tug to go inwards as nearly all creatures are doing is strong and the weather so bitter that people are left feeling that winter is hard, because for those of us without burning fires and big festive families, it can be lonely and isolating. Whereas in actual fact winter is kind, she points us in her quiet soft way towards our inner self, towards this annual time of peace and reflection, embracing the darkness and forgiving, accepting and loving embracing goodbye the past year.

"Winter takes away the distractions, the buzz, and presents us with the perfect time to rest and withdraw into a womb like love, bringing fire & light to our hearth".

.. and then, just around the corner the new year will begin again, and like a seed planted deep in the earth, we will all rise with renewed energy once again to dance in the sunlight. Life is a gift a Happy winter to you all...

Sincerely,

Jim Janosik

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**Guest speaker:** Key Club International President Lilian Thai



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## AIDSPIRIT

Below is the link to the AIDSPIRIT annual letter that I mentioned during our meeting on Tuesday. Thank you so much for sharing this link with the Centennial Internet Club members.

<https://shoutout.wix.com/so/c7OKJF9RM?languageTag=en>

Tom Jacques

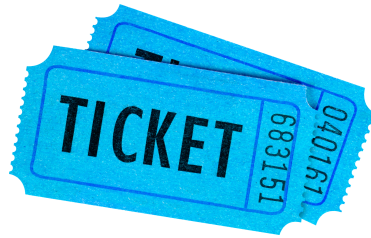
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To

Paul Kasoff the 5<sup>th</sup> of January,

Kathleen Moylan and Stefanie Stamatopoulos the 15<sup>th</sup> of January,

Greg Wegrich 18<sup>th</sup> of January,

Charles Gugliuzza, Franz Nagelseder and Jan Boen the 20<sup>th</sup> of January,

Sujan Shrestha the 25<sup>th</sup> of January,

Tadao Oda the 30<sup>th</sup> of January.

## **Upcoming Schedule meetings**

Tuesday, January 10 @ 5p Eastern -- Member Meeting

Tuesday, January 17 @ 5p Eastern -- Board Meeting (everyone welcome)

Tuesday, February 14 @ 5p Eastern -- Member Meeting

Tuesday, February 21 @ 5p Eastern -- Board Meeting (everyone welcome)

Tuesday, March 14 @ 5p Eastern -- Member Meeting

Tuesday, March 21 @ 5p Eastern -- Board Meeting (everyone welcome)

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Meeting Information: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86460111515>

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