

National:

AIDS Awareness Month

Universal Human Rights Month

Volunteer Hours Compilation Month

Pima County School Retirees' Association

December, 2016

We welcome all retired school employees



President's Desk

~ Ann Reaban



Holiday time is here... Are you ready?

We watch the magic of the season as it comes alive, bringing a time of joy, a time of friendship, a time of caring and happiness; however, it also brings a hectic busy schedule of decorating, wrapping gifts, and missing loved ones, so we ask . . .

What is Christmas?

Is it the joy of singing the old familiar carols: "The First Noel,"

"Away in a Manger," "Joy to the World," and "Silent Night."?

Is it walking through the stillness of a dark night to see and admire neighbors' sparkling holiday decorations?

Is it the fragrant aroma coming from the kitchen of baking cookies, homemade rolls, and pumpkin pies?

Is it decorating the tall pine tree with cherished ornaments that bring back happy memories of childhood?

Is it the tradition of attending the "Nutcracker Suite" and listening to Tchaikovsky's beautiful music, "Waltz of the Flowers" and "Sugar Plum Fairy" while watching the thrilling adventure of Clara's dream ballet?

Is it the holiday cards and letters sent to keep friends and families informed of happenings in their busy lives?

Is it the bustle of the crowd rushing to their cars, arms loaded with bundles?

Is it the sadness of trying to fill the void of missing family members?

Is it the happiness on a child's face after a visit from Santa?

Is it showing compassion by adopting a family in need to help them enjoy the season?

Is it the power and majesty of Handel's "Messiah" as the listening crowd stands in respect for the final strains of "Hallelujah Chorus"?

Is it the quiet peace during the midnight Christmas Eve Candlelight Service when candles are lit, one by one, passing the peace from person to person?

What is Christmas?

All of these things and so much more . . .

Christmas is that tiny Holy baby, a precious gift from God, given to bring HOPE to all the world!

And the Angels sang, "Alleluia."

Blessings,
Ann Reaban

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November Report

PCSRA 216 members

AASRA (state) 74 members

Scholarship Fund: \$703.50

Scholarship Goal: \$1,500

January 12th Luncheon at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

Cattlemen at the Cantina Bill Black's Poetry

\$10.00 each Postmark by Jan. 5 to:

PCSRA Reservations, 4315 E. Seneca St., 85712.

Menu: Baked lasagna, Fresh green garden salad, Toasted garlic bread, and Brownie

Name _____

Guest _____