



Brush Strokes with President Richard


Hello Fellow Lions,

I hope each of you had a wonderful Christmas. As we approach 2020, I wish you a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

I'm looking forward to our meeting on Jan 7th as we welcome District Governor Jimmy Myers to our club. Let's have a great turnout to welcome DG Jimmy!

Yours in Lionism,
Lion Prez Richard

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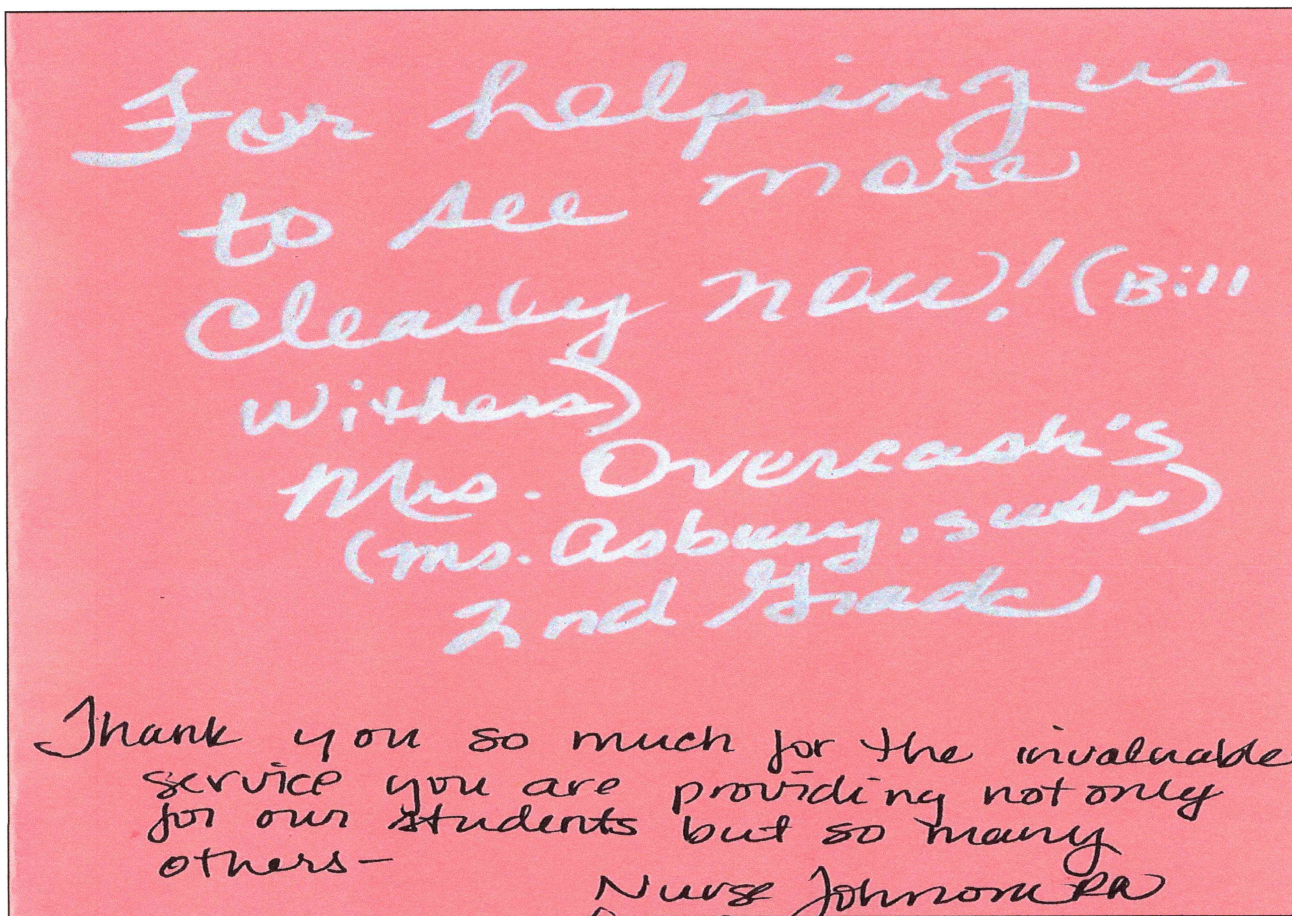
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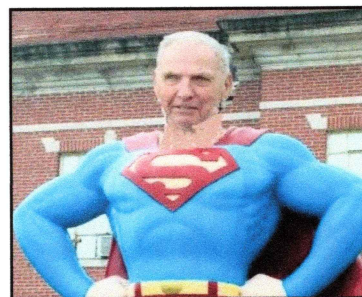
The following is a thank you card from our club received from students and teachers at GW Carver Elementary School for the Vision Eye Screening we conducted:



Christmas in Japan

It's Christmas Eve in Japan. Little boys and girls pull on their coats with the twinkle of anticipation in their eyes. Keeping the tradition alive, they will trek with their families to feast at ... the popular American fast food chain KFC.

Christmas isn't a national holiday in Japan—only one percent of the Japanese population is estimated to be Christian—yet a bucket of “Christmas Chicken” (the next best thing to turkey—a meat you can't find anywhere in Japan) is the go-to meal on the big day. And it's all thanks to the insanely successful “Kurisumasu ni wa kentak-kii!” (Kentucky for Christmas!) marketing campaign in 1974.



*Lion Harold Jenkins, the
“Man of Steel”*

When a group of foreigners couldn't find turkey on Christmas day and opted for fried chicken instead, the KFC saw this as a prime commercial opportunity and launched its first Christmas meal that year: Chicken and wine for 834 2,920 yen (\$10)—pretty pricey for the mid-seventies. Today the Christmas chicken dinner (which now includes cake and champagne) goes for about 3,336 yen (\$40).

New Year's Eve Facts and Trivia

New Year's Eve is a time for people to get together, reflect on the old year, welcome the new, and most of all, party. While you're drinking spirits or watching the ball drop, you might wonder where the holiday came from. Here are a few fun facts about New Year's Eve and the traditions behind it.

Celebrating the new year dates back 4,000 years

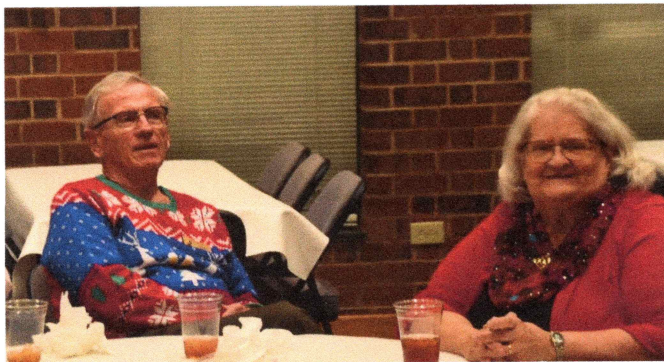
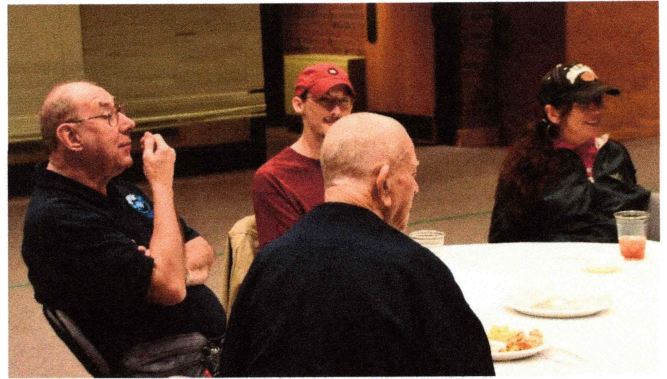
The ancient Babylonians were the first recorded people to celebrate the new year 4 millennia ago, [History.com](https://www.history.com) stated. While the calendar we use now to mark the new year is the Gregorian calendar, the Babylonians celebrated the new year based on the moon. For them, the new year arrived during the first new moon that occurred after the vernal equinox. The vernal equinox is a day on which the amounts of darkness and daylight are equal, and it occurs in late March.

The first Times Square celebration had to do with *The New York Times*

The first New Year's Eve party in Times Square occurred in 1904, and was a celebration of *The New York Times's* new headquarters, the Times Square official website states. At the time, the *Times* tower was the second-tallest building in Manhattan. The celebration involved a street festival that lasted all day, which ended in a show of fireworks. More than 200,000 people were in attendance.

Many New Year's meals have legumes because they are believed to bring future financial success due to their resemblance to coins. This includes black-eyed peas in the south of the U.S. and lentils in Italy. People in Japan eat toshikoshi soba, or buckwheat soba noodles, at midnight in order to say goodbye to the past year and welcome the new one, according to CNN Travel. Dishes in Greece, Mexico and the Netherlands, among other places, feature ring-shaped cakes or pastries to symbolize the year coming full circle.

VIP Christmas Party



Annual Club Christmas Dinner

A special thank you to Lion Georgianne Jenkins for organizing the Christmas Dinner at Port City Club in Cornelius. A very Merry Christmas to all who made it and to everyone who was unable to attend. The meal was wonderful.





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Calendar of Events



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| Jan 1 | | Happy New Year |
| Jan 7 | 6:30PM | Club Meeting - District Governor's Official Visit |
| Jan 14 | 6:30PM | Board of Directors Meeting |
| Jan 20 | | Flag Display - Martin Luther King Birthday |