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 "B-1 Over Abilene"
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 Marty Pothier

Rotarians on Duty
 Friday, Nov. 14, 2003

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This Week's Program – Friday, Nov. 14, 2003
Fairway Oaks Country Club, 34 Fairway Oaks Blvd., Abilene, TX. 79606



"Our Veterans"

--Speakers--
Malcolm Coco, Oris Greever, Durward Young

Coming Programs
 Program Chairman – Jayne Propst

November 21, 2003
 Speaker: Jim Bryan
 City of Abilene

November 27, 2003
NO NOON MEETING AT FAIRWAY
"Thanksgiving Holiday"



**Rotary salutes the Men & Women
who have served our country so
bravely!**

Veteran's Day 2003

LAST FRIDAY – November 7

It was wet, cold, and crowded, but we had a good turnout for our weekly Rotary meeting. President Turner Cariker rang the bell to start the ball rolling. Second-stringer Raymond Blasingame said the prayer; Bruce Lampert led the singing; our prexy led in the Pledge of Allegiance; and rookie Sam Sloane did a great job of introducing guests.

Friendly Fred Lee Hughes had the winning number in Dealing for dollars, but as quickly as he received the ten bucks he said “put ‘em back in the pot.” (Thanks, Fred; we need all we can get!) There is now \$401 in the pot.

The board of directors was to meet after the program. It is that time of year where the board appoints a nominating committee to select candidates for director positions.

President Turner then gave a short report on the Flag Project. He expressed thanks to Burl Harris for providing a place (and a special drill) to assembly the flag poles and receptacles where the flags will be placed. Thanks were expressed to Joe Sconiers, Frank and Beth Dlugas, Myra Rainey, and Peter Agnell for their work in putting the flags together.

Rotarians were asked to pick up their flags after the meeting, or at Joe Sconiers’ office. If Rotarians did not want to pick up their flags, then Rotarians and other volunteers will place the flags at their home on Veteran’s Day, November 11th.

Fifty flags are ready to go! But, the president said there would be more available. He stressed that the project is to help in eventually lowering club dues. If more flags are sold, then perhaps the club will also have additional funds to help with our community service projects.

Chairperson for the day was Sandi Hugg who introduced speaker Joe Marshall. Joe came from Roswell, New Mexico. He has served in the military and has three degrees – two are from Hardin-Simmons University and Abilene Christian. Joe is active in Kiwanis and has served as a District Governor. Joe

and his wife have three adult children. Dr. Joe is semi-retired and is a professor at Abilene Christian. His topic for the day was Western Movies.

The speaker started out by saying that this year is the 100th year anniversary of the movie, The Great Train Robbery. This film marked the beginning of the motion pictures. This was a silent movie and there was no main hero or star.

The first actor to be considered a main star or a central character in a movie was Frank Billie Anderson. He was in the movies from 1908 to 1917. The speaker said that we, the audience, like to identify ourselves with a main character. He said that is why we like actors like Hopalong Cassidy and Buck Jones.

Dr. Marshall gave a brief history of old time cowboy movie stars, which began in 1930 and ended in 1953. He mentioned Tom Mix who was in movies from 1917 to 1930’s. He said this old cowboy was a big gambler, wore fancy clothes, and was a world champion cowboy rider. After winning \$7,500 in a card game in Arizona this popular Western Cowboy was killed in an automobile accident. His winnings had been paid in silver dollars, and the speaker believes the suitcase with this heavy load hit him in the neck as his car slid down a bridge.

Of course John Wayne was mentioned. The speaker said, “You will never find another John Wayne.” John Wayne, America’s hero was in 48 Westerns.

Other cowboys the speaker talked about were the following: Ken Maynard, Smiley Burnett, the Cisco Kid, Johnny Mack Brown, Gene Autry, Roy Rogers, Buck Jones, Tim McCoy, Tex Ritter (from Texas), Sunset Carson, Wild Bill Elliott, Bob Baker, Tim Holt, Allen Rocky Lane, Rex Allen, Lash Larue, and Bob Steele.

Of all the actors in Cowboy movies, the speaker signaled out Buck Jones as an excellent role model. Dr. Marshall said Buck Jones did not smoke, drink, or curse. He was kind to women and children. Now, that is the role model that we need in Rotary and around the world!

Thanks, Sandi, for bringing Dr. Marshall our way. It was good for Rotarians to remember the “good old days with all those old cowboys.”

“El Presidente” Turner ended the meeting by leading Rotarians in the Four Way Test.

Joe H. Alcorta

Rotarian of the Week

Mike Weber



Rotarian Mike Weber – Center – drawing a card in Dealing for Dollars.

This young, active, and full of life Rotarian was born on March 22, 1962, in Atchison, Kansas. He graduated from high school in 1980, and earned a bachelor's degree in business Administration from Benedictine College in Kansas.

Being a native of Kansas makes it easy for Mike to be a loyal fan of The Kansas City Chiefs football team. Mike and this writer agreed that it was okay since The Chiefs originated in Dallas, Texas, back in the 60's.

Mike and his wife, Bonnie, were married on April 1, 1989. Megan, 13, and Michael, 10, keeps the husband and wife very busy. Megan attends school at Madison Middle School; and Michael studies at Allie Ward Elementary School.

Mike has found a home at Ben E. Keith, for five years he drove a distributing truck; then he was a salesman for two years; and then helped as a marketing coordinator. Today, with hard work, Mike has worked his way up to the top as general manager. He has been with this company for 18 years.

Mike is very much involved in the community. He is on the Board of Directors of the March of Dimes and the Western Heritage Classic.

In Rotary, this young Rotarian enjoyed working with the annual car races. Recently he was much involved with the AIRFEST and he did take time to help out with the weatherization project. He has been a faithful leader in "Dealing for Dollars."

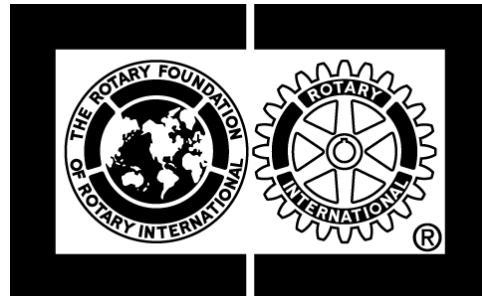
Mike says he enjoys the camaraderie during the Friday meetings. He is proud that Rotary is working hard on eradicating polio. He says that he also like to participate in the blood drives which Rotary sponsors. He has taken time to participate in the Salvation Army bell ringing during Christmas. Mike says: "It is all these things that I enjoy about Rotary. It is all about people helping people." He added: "It is like there is nothing impossible for Rotary to do...you want an AIRFEST, you just do it!"

When he is not working or playing with his children, Mike enjoys hunting, golf and fishing.

The Weber family worships at Holy Family Catholic Church.

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Just for clarification, this would be a "new" donation. Your pledge payment, pledged last year for PolioPlus, is still for the PolioPlus Campaign. Reminder statements for those pledge are being sent this month.

If you need more information, please give Myra a call at 325-668-4632.

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee has been appointed. Chairman is Past President Ed Brokaw. Being asked to serve on the committee are Past President Ron Sharp, David Stubbeman, Dave Boyll and Ted Paup.

They will be selecting six candidates for four positions (president-elect-elect, secretary/treasurer and two directors).

If you would like to make a recommendation for someone to be placed on this slate, please give Ed Brokaw a call at 674-2167.

An announcement of the slate will be made on December 5th with the election scheduled for December 12th. After the four new positions have been elected, the board will convene to elect the president-elect-elect and secretary/treasurer from within their ranks.

The Rotary's 4 Way Test

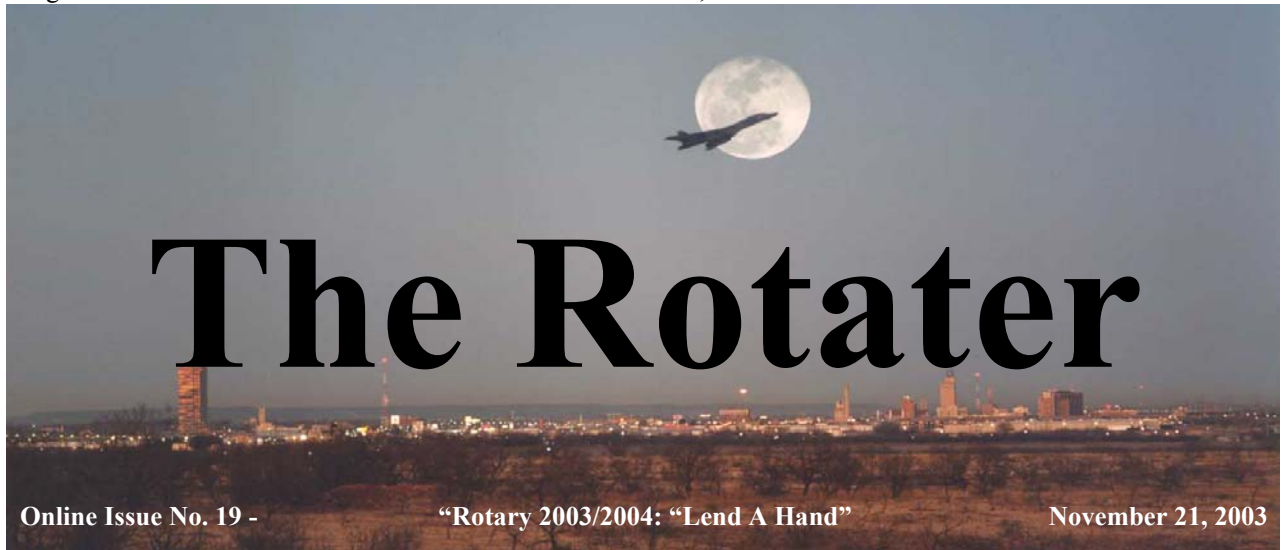
- 1. Is it the TRUTH**
- 2. Is it FAIR to all Concerned**
- 3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**
- 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned**

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Happy Thanksgiving

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Well, it was very appropriate for the tough Marine to ring the bell to get things going relating to our U.S. military men and women. Bob Kuykendall said the prayer in which he asked for the health of Don Etter. Pinch hitter, Joel Wilson led the singing; and the prexy Marine led in the pledge to Old Glory. Dependable Michael Burke came through to introduce guests.

President Turner said 48 Rotarians had purchased flags; and, that 48 flags were placed in homes on Veteran's Day, November 11. With a little humor, he said Rotarians picked up more than 48 at the end of the day, so he assumed the Lions must have lost some! Again, the president expressed his thanks to all Rotarians who are participating in this worthwhile project.

The Rotarians with a birthday in November were recognized. Rotarians sang "Happy Birthday" to Marty Pothier, the lone ranger present.

Scott Golding made an announcement regarding an immunization program. He is the chairman and will be looking for contributions. RI will match whatever amount the local club raises (up to \$1,000). This project is called the Blane Immunization Program and you can read about it in The Rotater.

Michael Burke was the lucky winner in dealing for dollars. Joe Sconiers said there were 69 tickets sold and that the pot is now up to \$465.00.

The president recognized Mike Weber as Rotarian of the week. The president said some nice things about this young Rotarian.

"Mr., Aggie", Fred Lee Hughes, was the chairman of the day. There are very few Rotarians who can preside with a sense of humor and dignity like Fred Lee. The former rotary president said today's program was to honor all military personnel in conjunction with Veteran's Day. Fred Lee said there are about 25,000,000 living veterans. He said about Veteran's Day: "It is a time to celebrate life and demonstrate love of country." With a little humor, Fred Lee said regarding a bumper sticker, which read: "If you can read this, thank a teacher. If you can read it in English, thank a veteran!"

The chairman recognized those Rotarians who had served in World War II, Korean War, Vietnam, and Dessert Storm. Paul Ruska, absent for the day, was recognized as a former prisoner of war.

Fred Lee introduced three Veterans who related some of their experiences curing their time of service. The

three Rotarians were Malcolm Coco, Oris Greever and Durward Young.

Space does not permit to relate all these three great stories from these men. In brief:

Malcolm Coco is a retired Air Force Lt. Col. With 22 years of service. His military career started in Big Spring, Texas in 1969 for flying training and then a one-year tour in Viet Nam beginning in 1969.

Malcolm said: "WWII was, as you know, a totally different war than Viet Nam. So, to keep this all in perspective, my experience, compared to our WWII veterans, was a cakewalk. Therefore, I salute and admire our WWII veterans and thank them for their service."

Oris Greever said: "During WWII people were very patriotic, with emphasis on Mom, Apple Pie and Flag, or to use another term, they were "Gung Ho." I was too young for the real fighting, but as the war was ending I was eager to serve. I became a Marine at the age of 17 years old and 133 pounds!

"After Boot Camp I was sent to El Toro, MCAS and assigned to VMF 214, a Marine Fighter Squadron better known as the "Black Sheep." We went from there to an aircraft carrier and set sail from North Island in San Diego on Friday the 13th for the South Pacific. A group of us really bonded and 58 years later with only three of us still alive, we have semi-annual reunions to share each others good and bad times like a family."

Durward Young began by saying that at the age of 8 in Stamford, Texas, he could see two movies for 10 cents that lasted 4 hours; and afterwards he could buy a double dip ice cream for a nickel! Now that was living. Durward said that in June of 1943 his life changed forever. For two years this quiet Rotarian served Uncle Sam in Europe.

Durward talked about the rough training he went through. He talked about 25 mile hikes. And he mentioned all those injections soldiers must take. The hard training paid off as he took part in Normandy invasion and he shared how close to death he came at times.

Our hats are off to these men for sharing their stories. This writer would encourage all military people to write their stories – it will be good for family members.

Rotarian Oris shared these words at the end of his talk:

"It is the soldier, not the reporter, who has given us freedom of the press.

It is the soldier, not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech.

It is the soldier, not the campus organizer, who has given us the freedom to demonstrate.

It is the soldier who salutes the flag, who serves beneath the flag, and whose coffin is draped by the flag, who allows the protester to burn the flag.”



We ended by reciting the Rotary Four Way Test.

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Rotarian of the Week

Sam Sloane

This young, active Rotarian was born in Rome, Italy. However he considers Abilene and New York City as his homes. Sam's father served as Vice Consul and Attaché for the United States State Department in a series of international postings including India, Iran, Italy, Korea and Vietnam.

Sam graduated from Lawrenceville Preparatory School located in Lawrenceville, New Jersey in 1985. Four years later he earned a Bachelor's degree in Political Science from the University of Vermont and, in 1997, attended Middlebury College in Vermont for post-graduate work in Russian.

Sam married Courtney Vletas on April 26, 1997 at Heavenly Rest Episcopal Church here in Abilene where they continue to attend.

Since 1989 Sam has worked in international private banking and investment management and is currently with RBC Dain Rauscher.

In the community, Sam is Vice President and head of fundraising for the Center for Contemporary Arts and also serves on the Executive committee for Military Affairs. He and Courtney are Honorary Commanders for the 7th Bomb Wing Logistics Readiness Squadron and maintain a very active schedule at Dyess Air Force Base.

Sam says he is working a lot nowadays but he does continue to travel, maintaining an office in

New York City, and enjoys the arts and outdoor activities.

In Rotary he enjoys the diversity of people who are members and likes the structure and continuity of Rotary. He says it is nice to know the solid good history of Rotary and its emphasis on integration and service to the community.

Sam has enjoyed introducing members at club meetings, and this year he was chairman of the fundraising for the AIRFEST.

Derral Reed proposed this young Rotarian into the club. You can email Sam at sam.sloane@rbcdain.com.

Rotary Blood Drive

There will be a Rotary Blood Drive at the Sears Parking Lot on Friday, December 5, 2003, from 1 to 5PM. Rotarians are encouraged to give or ask someone to give in their place. We need to go all out and support this effort.

Club Website

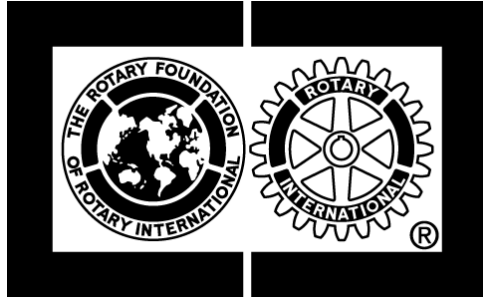
The club's website – www.abilenerotaryclub.org - is currently under reconstruction. All pages of information are being reworked, however, the Home Page, Weekly Program Page, Officer's & Director's Information, and the weekly newsletter are now back online. In the next few weeks, the website will be completed.

It is our goal to have a virtual office online for our members to find the information they need when they need it, to continue their orientation in Rotary, various forms to use, and committee information. This will be a definite convenience for those in leadership positions in the club.

But we won't lose the "human" touch, you can still call Myra or Beth.

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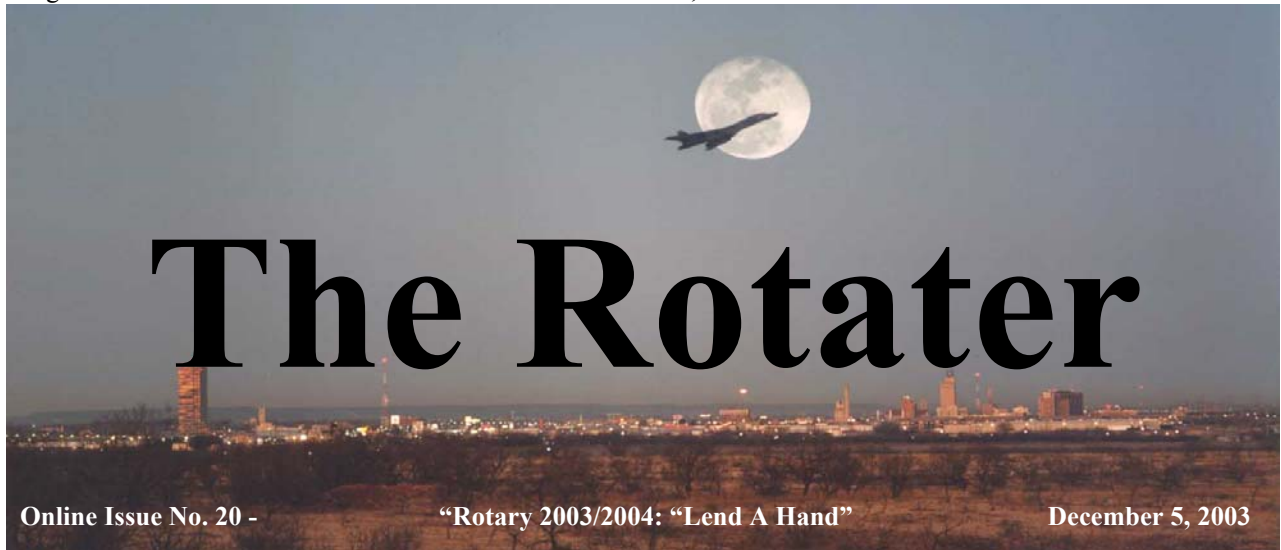


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December 12, 2003
 Speaker: Keith Boswinkle
 Republic Beverage Company
 “Wine”

December 19, 2003
 Speaker: Texas Fiddlers
 ”Music to Your Ears”
 Spouses’ Christmas Luncheon
 Invite your spouse!!!

December 26, 2003
 NO NOON MEETING
 Merry Christmas!

Rotary Blood Drive
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1:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Sears Parking Lot

Rotarians needing our prayers:

Myra will be out of pocket for a couple of weeks to help her daughter, Donna, who is having surgery on Monday, December 1st.

Remember Rotarian Sonny Hermann and his wife, Frances, as they continue to improve.

Fellow Rotarian, Lowell Queen, of the Southwest Rotary Club, and his wife, Sara, are moving into an assisted living facility. Sara has recently suffered a stroke. Lowell is either 90 years old or approaching it.

If you know of others who are in need of prayer and support, please call the Rotary office and let Beth know – 529-5805.

Christmas Greetings from Around the World....

- (Afrikaans) - **Gesëende Kersfees**
 (Afrikander) - **Een Plesierige Kerfees**
 (African - (Eritrean) Tigrinja) - **REHUS-BEAL-LEDEATS**
 (Albanian) - **Gezur Krislinjden**
 (Argentine) - **Feliz Navidad Y Un Prospero Ano Nuevo**
 (Armenian) - **Shenoraavor Nor Dari yev Pari Gaghand**
 (Azeri-Azerbaijan) - **Tezze Iliniz Yahsi Olsun**
 (Basque) - **Eguberri Zoriontsuak eta Urte Berri On**
 (Bohemian) - **Vesele Vanoce**
 (Brazilian) - **Feliz Natal e Prospero Ano Novo**
 (Bulgarian) - **Chestita Koleda Tchestito Rojdestvo Hristovo Tchestita Nova Godina**
 (Catalan) - **Bon Nadal i Felic Any Nou**
 (Czech Republic) - **Vesele Vanoce**
 (Chinese - Cantonese) - **Gun Tso Sun Tan'Gung Haw Sun Sing Dan Fai Lok**
 (Chinese - Mandarin) - **Kung His Hsin Nien bing Chu Shen Tan**

- Sheng Dan Kuai Le**
 (Croatian) - **Sretan Bozic**
Èstit Boiæ i sretna Nova godina
 (Czech) - **Prejeme Vam Vesele Vanoce a stastny Novy Rok**
 (Danish) - **Glaedelig Jul**
 (Dutch) - **Vrolijk Kerstfeest en een Gelukkig Nieuwjaar**
 Dutch (Netherlands) - **Prettig Kerstfeest**
 (English) - **Merry Christmas**
 (Eritrean) - **REHUS-BEAL-LEDEAT**
 (Esperanto) - **Gajan Kristnaskon**
 (Estonian) - **Roomsaid Joulu Puhhi Roomsaid Joulu Puhhi ja Uut Aastat**
 (Filipinos) - **Maligayang Pasko**
 (Finnish) - **Hauskaa Joulua Hyvää joulua ja Onnellista uutta vuotta**
 (French) - **Joyeux Noël et heureuse année**
 (Gaelic-Irish) - **Nolag mhaith Dhuit Agus Bliain Nua Fe Mhaise**
 (Gaelic-Scot) - **Nollaig Chridheil agus Bliadhna Mhath Ur**
 (German) - **Frohe Weihnachten Frohe Weihnachten und ein glückliches neues Jahr Fröhliche Weihnachten und ein gesegnetes neues Jahr Frohe Festtage**
 (Greek) - **Kala Christougena**
Kala Khristougena kai Eftikhes to Neon Ethos
 (Hawaiian) - **Mele Kalikimaka**
Mele Kalikimake me ka Hauloi Makahiki hou
 (Hebrew) - **Mo'adim Lesimkha**
 (Hindi - India's national language) - **Shubh Christmas**
 (Hungarian) - **Kellemes Karacsonyi unnepeket Boldog Karacsonyl es Ujevl Unnepeket Kellemes Karacsonyt Es Boldog Uj Evet**
 (Icelandic) - **Gledileg jol og farsaelt komandi ar Gledlig jol og Nyar**
 (Indonesia) - **Selamat Hari Natal**
Selamah Tahun Baru
 (Iraqi) - **Idah Saidan Wa Sanah Jadidah**
 (Irish) - **Nollaig Shona Duit**
 (Irish) - **Nodlaig mhaith chugnat**
 (Iroquois) - **Ojenyunyat Sungwiyadeson honungradon nagwutut. Ojenyunyat osrasay.**
 (Italian) - **Buon Natale e Felice Anno Nuovo Buone Feste Natalizie Buon Natale e felice Capodanno**
 (Japanese) - **Shinnen omedeto. Kurisumasu Omedeto.**
 (Korean) - **Chuk Sung Tan Sung Tan Chuk Ha.**
 (Latvian) - **Priecigus Ziemas Svetkus un Laimigu Jauno Gadu.**
 (In Lebanon) - **Milad Saeed wa Sanaa Mubarakah**
 (Lettish) - **Priecigus Ziemassvetkus**
 (Lithuanian) - **Linksmu Kaledu linksmu sventu Kaledu ir Laimingu Nauju Metu.**

- (Malta) - **Il-Milied It-tajjeb**
 (Manx) - **Ollick Ghennal Erriu as Blein Feer Die. Seihil as Slaynt Da'n Slane Loght Thie.**
 (Navajo Indian) - **Ya'a't'eeh Keshmish**
 (Norse-Danish) - **Gledlig jul og godt Nytt Aar.**
 (Norwegian) - **God Jul Og Godt Nytt Aar**
 (Papiamentu) - **Un Felis Pasco y un Prospero Anja Nobo**
 (Peru) - **Feliz Navidad y un Venturoso Año Nuevo**
 (Philippines) - **Maligayang Pasko at Manigong Bagong Taon**
 (Polish) - **Wesolych Swiat Bozego Narodzenia Wesolych Swiat Bozego Narodzenia i szczesliwego Nowego Roku.**
 (Portuguese) - **Boas Festas Boas Festas e Feliz Ano Novo Feliz Natal e propero Ano Novo.**
 (RAPA-NUI -Easter Island) - **Mata-Ki-Te-Rangi. Te-Pito-O-Te-Henua.**
 (Romanian) - **Sarbatori Fericite Sarbatori Fericite. La Multi Ani.**
 (Romanian - in Moldova Republic) - **La Anul si La Multi Ani.**
 (Russian) - **S prazdnikom Rozdestva Hristova i s Novim Godom**
 (Samoan) - **La Maunia Le Kilisimasi Ma Le Tausaga Fou.**
 (Serbian) - **Hristos se rodi**
 (Serb-Croatian) - **Sretam Bozic. Vesela Nova Godina.**
 (Sinhalese - Ceylon/Sri Lanka) - **Subha nath thalak Vewa. Subha Aluth Awrudhak Vewa.**
 (Samoan - Merry Christmas) - **Ia Manuia le Kerisimasi**
 (Samoan - Happy New Year) - **Ia Manuia le Tausaga Fou**
 (Slavey- a Dene Language from the Northwest Territories in Canada) - **Teyatie Gonezu**
 (Slovakian) - **Vesele vianoce Vesele Vianoce. A stastlivy Novy Rok.**
 (Slovene) - **Vesele Bozicne. Screcno Novo Leto.**
 (Slovenian) - **Sretan Bozice**
 (Spanish) - **Feliz Navidad Feliz Navidad y prospero Año Nuevo.**
 (Swedish) - **God Jul Och Gott Nytt År! Denna hälsning kommer från Sverige. Glad jul och ett gott Nytt ar.**
 (Tagalog - Filipino) - **Maligayang Pasko. Masaganang Bagong Taon.**
 (Turkish) - **Noeliniz Ve Yeni Yiliniz Kutlu Olsun Yeni Yilnizi Kutar, saadetler dilerim.**
 (Vietnamese) - **Mung Le Giang Sinh. Cung Chuc Tan Nien.**
 (Ukrainian) - **Srozhdstvom Kristovym Veselykh Svyat i scaslivooho Novoho Roku. (Vitayu) z Rizdvom ta Novym rokom**
 (Welsh) - **Nadolig Llawen Nadolic Llawen. Blwyddn Newdd Dda.**
 (Yugoslavian) - **Cestitamo Bozic**

Christmas Celebrations World Over

Caroling, feasting, and gift giving along with the prayers and wishes - the Christmas is celebrated with high spirits all over the world. Though the mode of celebration, the dates and the traditions vary, the main spirit remains the same everywhere. For instance, the Christmas flower. If poinsettia is a Christmas flower here in United States, it is white rose in the British Isles. If gifts here and in Britain are given on Christmas, it is done on New Year in France and many other countries. While most of us celebrate it as a festive season spreading over a week, for some it is a month long festival that starts with the Advent on Sunday next to November 26 and ends on January 6 with the feast of Epiphany.



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