

Never Lose Sight of the Best Gifts in LIFE

*'Tis the Season
for Music, Laughter & Love*

December 1, 2023

Dear Friends,

It's holiday time, which for many means twinkling lights on people's homes; lots of oversized blow-up Santas and Rudolphins on front lawns; the warming and inviting smell of evergreens, poinsettias, eggnog, and Yule logs; and of course, presents wrapped under very large Christmas trees. I'm sure a lot of you still recall with much fondness that for many years, my now late husband Gene and I created the tallest decorated Christmas tree in the entire country right here in Palm Beach County!

For others, the holidays are about the lights on the Hanukkah menorah and the retelling of the story of the improbable but heroic victory of the small band of Maccabees, led by Judah, over the much larger Seleucid army; the rededication of the Jewish Temple; and the miracle of the small cruse of oil found in that Temple lasting not one but eight nights. And still for others, it also means lights – those marking the annual celebration of African-American culture and the communal feast called Kwanzaa.

Regardless of how one celebrates, I'm hoping that you do so with gatherings of families and friends and lots of great food – and especially desserts!



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World's Tallest Decorated Christmas Tree:
The National Enquirer Tree on December 12, 1988.
The tree featured 1,200 colored balls, 250 red bows,
180 candy canes, and snowflakes and was topped
with a 6-foot lighted silver star.

I'm no Irving Berlin, the legendary Jewish composer of "White Christmas," which until recently was the highest-selling and most-recorded Christmas song of all-time. Nor am I Mariah Carey, who last year claimed the top spot with her magical "All I Want for Christmas is You." But, as many of you know, I was a Broadway performer in my younger days. This, I feel, means I am slightly qualified to put my own spin on a few favorite holiday lyrics. So please indulge me; here are but a few from my philanthropic "songbook":

"Joy to the World

The Time Has Come
For Lois' Vision4Kids
Those Children Who Have Poor Sight
Will See Better Day and Night
Prescription Eyewear for Free
Will Help Them to Clearly See
And Guide Them Through School and Life
To Victory."

"Silent Night. Holy Night.

All is NOT calm. All is NOT bright.
Round your children and keep them
embraced
Too many are hungry,
Too many are unsafe
But through our Lois' Food4Kids' support
We can help ensure their transport
Into Sleep, with full bellies, in Earthly Peace,
Sleep in Earthly Peace."



Happy Holidays from
Lois Pope and Joy Joy, LIFE's Mascot.

"On the first day of Christmas,

my LIFE supporters and friends gave to me
The means to help all Veterans with PTSD
Have a Certified Service Dog at their knee.

On the fifth day of Christmas, my LIFE
supporters and friends gave to me
5 Golden Retrievers
4 German Shepherds
3 French Bulldogs
2 Full-Size Beagles
So that all Veterans with PTSD have a
Certified Service Dog at their knee.

On the 12th day of Christmas,
my LIFE supporters and friends gave to me
12 Dalmatians a-spotted
11 Parson Russell Terriers
10 Lapponian Herders
9 Lakeland Terriers
8 Malamutes from Alaska
7 Siberian Huskies
6 Giant Schnauzers
5 Golden Retrievers
4 German Shepherds
3 French Bulldogs
2 Full-Size Beagles
So that all Veterans with PTSD have a
Certified Service Dog at their knee."

And finally:

"I don't want a lot for Christmas,

There is just one thing I need
I don't care about the presents underneath
the Christmas tree
I don't need my stocking there upon the
fireplace
Santa Claus won't make me happy with a toy
on Christmas day
No – there is just one thing I need
More than you could ever know
All I want for Christmas is YOU, (my dear
friends and supporters)."

And with all the discord and discontent in the
world today, all we should want for Christmas
is what the poet Henry Wadsworth
Longfellow wrote way back in 1863:
PEACE ON EARTH, And GOOD WILL TO ALL
OUR FELLOW HUMAN BEINGS!

With Love Always,
Lois

Holiday Cheer

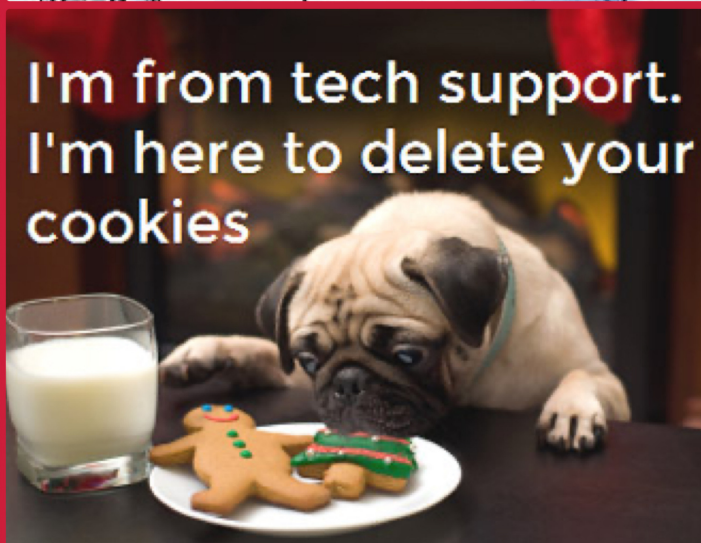


Photo of the Month



Santa's little helpers . . .

LOIS POPE AND THE BOARD OF LIFE
PROUDLY PRESENT LIFE'S 30TH ANNUAL

LADY IN RED GALA

MARCH 17, 2024

THE BREAKERS, PALM BEACH

STARRING GLOBAL SUPERSTAR

PAUL ANKA

AND COMEDY ICON

JAY LENO

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*Reserve your tables and sponsorships
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historic event.*

Proceeds benefit:

Disabled Veterans through American Humane's
"Pups4Patriots" Program and South Florida youth
through Palm Beach County Food Bank's Lois'
Food4Kids Program.

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