



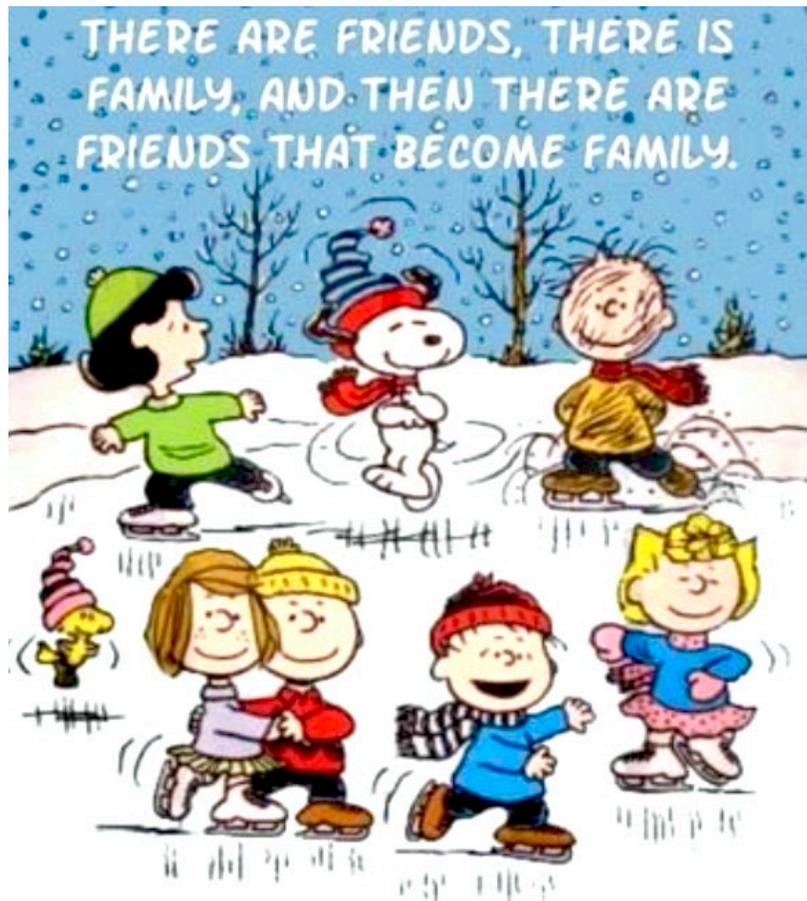
November 29, 2023

Happy“Electronic Greetings”, “Christmas Tree Lighting” and “Square Dancing” Day

I like to begin the newsletter with a celebration-day theme, but since I missed Thanksgiving, I found a few others that are appropriate and are celebrated on this day. The first goes without saying as you are receiving this greeting electronically. The second, well I don't know about you, but I cannot wait to get my Christmas tree up and it is usually done right after Thanksgiving and I try to keep the holiday spirit alive all through Valentine's Day. My Mom used to keep her “holiday tree” up all year and changed the ornaments to suit the occasion. I may be turning into my Mom — which is a good thing (I think). The last, Square Dancing Day is personal since Frank & I met at a Square Dance 48 years ago and have been each other's favorite dance partner ever since. So, enjoy and celebrate whatever holiday works for you.

This big news in Pendaries is that the 3rd Annual Thanksgiving Dinner was a huge hit. The word is out that this is a special event and 30 folks showed up to enjoy fabulous food, warm friendships and fun games.

The weather is definitely colder and we even had about 5” of snow on November 24-25.



Kathy Fehlberg shared this Peanuts message and it is so appropriate to our Pendaries Family.

Thanksgiving Dinner

A relatively new tradition in Pendaries is the annual Thanksgiving Dinner. It originated in 2021, thanks to J.R. and Larena Torres, and then DJ Sword & Kathy Fehlberg took over as organizers in 2022. It began as a pot luck for the folks who were still in the park to share the joys of the holiday with the Pendaries family. Then, the word spread of this special occasion and soon it blossomed into a full-blown, Thanksgiving dinner event. I can't do justice to the fabulous meal — but it included turkey, ham, dressing, gravy, mashed potatoes, vegetables, casseroles, salads, appetizers, rolls and (oh my) the desserts. Then, after dinner, hoping to burn off a few calories, folks played cornhole and enjoyed a round of cards. Thank you to everyone who took the time to plan this event, prepare a feast for the Pendaries family and remind us to be thankful for the fellowship of such a wonderful community.



Above: Tim Isom, Connie & Lee Gann, Gene & Johnnie Strouse, Matt Gaines, Gerry & Beth Averett, Robert & Michele Wright, Lela & Damian Lusch, Charla Yost, TC Haynes, Wayne Whipkey, Jerri Hudson, Debbie Lowrance, Virginia Whipkey, Barry Lowrance, Garry & Carley Snider, Sami (DJ's daughter), Kathy Fehlberg, DJ Sword and Arael Christall. Participants not in photo: Laura Lee Isom, Cynthia Lee, Chris Williams, Martha Banz, Dorothy Stasser.



Just the appetizers! I was too busy eating to take pics of the food. Sorry, but it would just make you hungry.

Snowy Weather

Finally — some much-needed moisture. It has been a very dry season without much in the way of precipitation since the August monsoons. Beginning on the evening of November 24 and through much of the day on the 25th, Pendaries got about 5" of snow. There were still several folks here after the Thanksgiving celebration and they got to enjoy a snowy mountain holiday. Thank you to everyone who shared some amazing photos including: Gerry Averett, Lee Gann, J.R. Torres and Ernie Cuaron.











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To Brighten Your Day

I heard the more colorful your salad is, the **better** it is for you.



So I swapped my croutons for **M&M's**.



My going out clothes have missed me so much!! I put them on today and they hugged me so so tight 🤗🤗



I put my scale in the bathroom corner and that's where the little liar will stay until she apologises

