



January 1, 2025

Happy New Year!

Hoping you've had a wonderful holiday season and hope someone or something has given you a spark of hope, kindness or humanity. Wishing you a new year filled with family, friends, joy, happiness and good health. Looking forward to this summer when friends return to Pendaries and we can rekindle friendships, play games and enjoy shared meals. And, if you can't wait until summer, there are three gathering opportunities coming up for Pendaries friends in the cities of Lubbock, Amarillo and Albuquerque. I've included the email notice from PLOA President, Gary Flowers with details.



"MAY YOUR COMING YEAR BE FILLED
WITH MAGIC AND DREAMS AND GOOD MADNESS.
I HOPE YOU READ SOME FINE BOOKS
AND KISS SOMEONE WHO THINKS YOU'RE
WONDERFUL, AND DON'T FORGET TO MAKE
SOME ART - WRITE OR DRAW OR BUILD OR
SING OR LIVE AS ONLY YOU CAN. AND I HOPE,
SOMEWHERE IN THE NEXT YEAR,
YOU SURPRISE YOURSELF"

- NEIL GAIMAN
SWEATPANTSANDCOFFEE.COM



Pendaries 2025 Mid-Winter Get Togethers

Here are some opportunities to get together with a few of your friends and neighbors before heading back to the Park. The first get together is in Lubbock in about 3 weeks. There will also be get togethers in February and March in Albuquerque and Amarillo. If there is a location that's not set up to host one, but you think there should be, then PUT ON YOUR BIG BOY/GIRL BRITCHES AND SET ONE UP!!! Send Gary Flowers the when and where and he'll get the information out to 150+ of your closest Lot Owner and Previous Lot Owner friends!

Lubbock and Surrounding Area Pendaries People (LSAPP) mid-winter meeting

When: Friday, January 24, 2025, from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

Where: Harrigan's Prime Grill Restaurant

[11814 Indiana, Ave., Lubbock, TX](#)

(Click address for map)

What: Order from Menu ([Menu image unavailable](#))

Jackie Shelton (Coordinator) - **RSVP by January 20** to:

Email jjshelt50@gmail.com or Call/Text (806) 786-3092

Albuquerque and Surrounding Area Pendaries People (ASAPP) mid-winter meeting

When: Wednesday February 26 from 11:30 am to 1:45 pm

Where: Sunnyside Up Breakfast and Lunch Cafe:

[6909 Menaul Blvd NE, Suite A, Albuquerque, NM](#)

(Click address for map)

If the parking lot is full, overflow parking is available on the north side of the building and/or hotel north parking lot.

What: ([Click HERE for menu](#))

TC Haynes Coordinator- **RSVP by February 19** to:

Email whitefeather87111@yahoo.com, or Call/Text (505) 681-9003

Amarillo Area Pendaries People (AAPP) mid-winter meeting

When: Friday, March 27, 2025, from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

Where: Route 66 Family Buffet

[2221 S. Soncy Rd., Amarillo TX](#)

(Click address for map)

What: Wide Selection Buffet ([No menu available](#))

Gary Flowers Coordinator- **RSVP by March 23** to:

Email gflowers@suddenlink.net or Call/Text (806) 683-9962

Christmas Lunch

In December, a dozen folks celebrated the 1st (Annual - let's hope) Pendaries Christmas Lunch Pot Luck on the deck of Laura Lee & Tim Isom. A big "thank you" to Tim and Laura Lee for hosting the event and for smoking a delicious ham. The guests brought yummy side dishes and we all sat outdoors, warmed by patio heaters, and watched the resident deer frolic in the meadow. We even had some snow flurries to remind us that it was winter (even though the days leading up to Christmas were warm and sunny).

Photo below L->R: Laura Lee Isom, Kathy Fehlberg, Arael Christall, Gene Strouse, Chuck Harbit, Frank Williams, Virginia Whipkey, Wayne Whipkey, Johnnie Strouse, DJ Sword and Tim Isom.



Winter Weather - Not So Much

After the record-breaking snow storm in early November, we thought we were in for a wild winter, but surprisingly, it has been warmer than usual with very little precipitation. We've had sunny days with temps reaching 60° on occasion and folks out and about in short-sleeved shirts. A few folks have even played pickleball during the "heat of the day". Most of us who live here are not complaining, but things are getting very dry and the threat of fires, while always with us, seems even more threatening than usual. Hopefully, a few mild snows are on their way to keep the ground moist and the trees happy.



Winter Wildlife

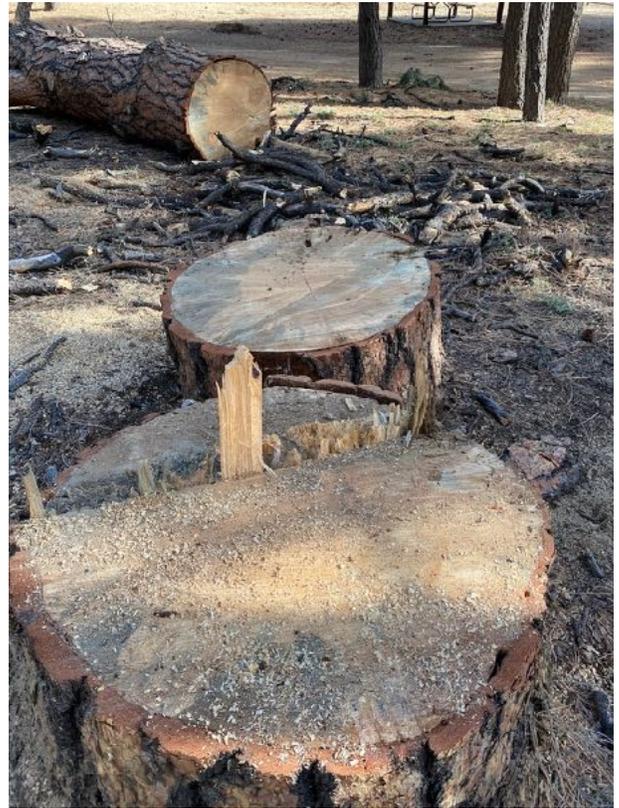
During the winter, we have the usual assortment of birds, squirrels and deer. Some of the wildlife watchers can recognize the “regulars” and some of us (guilty as charged) have even given them names. This winter there is an aging buck who has been around the block a few times and walks with a noticeable limp. He is very large and is showing his age with white whiskers, torn and droopy ears, thick, broken antlers and numerous scars along his shoulders and back from years of duels. I thought this comment from Karen Cosgrove was appropriate: “That old buck fits right in with the rest of us Pendaries crowd. Glad he also considers it home.” We can all identify with the signs of aging and wish this this fella a few more good years and a comfortable life in Pendaries. Keep an eye out for him and give him a nod of respect if he passes your way.



Wind, Trees, Outages and Generators

This summer FEMA announced they would hire contractors to cut down any trees damaged in the fire of 2022 that were threatening structures or electrical lines. Folks in the park were so relieved as it had been a challenging year with winds and snow knocking down damaged trees that collapsed onto power lines resulting in hours-long power outages. There were about a dozen trees in the park that needed to be taken out and the contractor finally arrived in early December. Two giant pines in the rental area were downed, two at the intersection of Blue Sky and Swallow and about 8 more throughout the park. Sadly, while the contractors were paid to cut down the trees, they weren't hired to remove them, so the trunks and branches are still strewn about. The good news is that the deer like to eat pine needles and have been feasting on them (ugh — sounds awful — like eating minty toothpicks.)

And thanks to the excessive power outages, Santa brought some of the folks in the park new whole-house, backup generators. Merry Christmas to us!



New Year's Memories

Growing up, my family's New Year's traditions involved staying up until midnight on New Year's Eve and ringing in the New Year with lots of noisy pot banging, high volume "Happy New Year" greetings to our neighbors, confetti poppers, paper horns, streamers and occasionally some sparklers. Seems quaint in today's celebrations of mega fireworks, packed-in Time Square crowds and big name band concerts. We did watch a New Year's Eve celebration on tv, but more than likely it was Guy Lombardo and his band playing Auld Lang Syne. As I've gotten older, it gets harder and harder to appreciate the celebration shows on tv much less stay awake until midnight.

Then, on New Year's morning (at 7 am because DVRs didn't exist back then) we would get up and turn on the tv to watch the Rose Parade (I grew up in southern California, so it was a given). There were at least 3 channels that aired the parade, so we'd shift back and forth to appreciate them all. I'd lay on the floor in my pjs with my blanket and pillow and enjoy the parade and try not to fall asleep. My Mom would fix coffee cake and hot cocoa for us to enjoy during the parade. My Mom was the head majorette in her high school days and so she loved parades and especially the marching bands and music. Sometimes she would even march a step or two in the living room and twirl her imaginary baton to the music of a lively band.

These days, I'm lucky to make it until midnight and thankful for programs that show New Year's Eve around the world so I can celebrate at 9pm and then go to bed knowing I've done my part. I still do coffee cake and cocoa in the morning, but I no longer sit on the floor without having a plan to get up — ha!



Photo above: My beautiful Mom, Grace, in her majorette uniform in 1950. She went to Point Loma High School in San Diego, CA.

PENDARIES DISCUSSION GROUP

There is an unofficial discussion group for folks wanting to communicate with Pendaries friends and neighbors. It is accessed via Facebook Messenger and is called "Friends of Pendaries". You will need a Facebook account and then can request to be added to the group. It was established in 2022, during the fire, and was a very useful method to share information. It is used for informal comments and communications that are interesting and useful to the Pendaries community.

Use this link: <https://www.facebook.com/messages/t/4089937507787069/>
Or search on the Messenger App for "Friends of Pendaries"

NOTE: You may be able to be added to the group with just a phone number instead of a FB account. You'll need to contact Larena Torres, the group's moderator to find out the way to do that:
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PLOA Youtube link: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLfm5OjIV49PIOutpBTfJm3FQxh8yH5LXQ>



To Brighten Your Day



Should we be worried that 2025 begins with "WTF"?

January

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My New Year's resolution is simply to remember to write 2025 instead of 2024. 😂



A little silver-haired lady calls her neighbor and says, "Please come over here and help me. I have a killer jigsaw puzzle, and I can't figure out how to get started."

Her neighbor asks, "What is it supposed to be when it's finished?"

The little silver haired lady says, "According to the picture on the box, it's a rooster."

Her neighbor decides to go over and help with the puzzle.

She lets him in and shows him where she has the puzzle spread all over the table.

He studies the pieces for a moment, then looks at the box, then turns to her and says,

"First of all, no matter what we do, we're not going to be able to assemble these pieces into anything resembling a rooster."

He takes her hand and says, "Secondly, I want you to relax. Let's have a nice cup of tea, and then," he said with a deep sigh

"Let's put all the Corn Flakes back in the box."



**KIDS TODAY WILL NEVER
KNOW THE STRUGGLE, WHEN I
WAS A KID I HAD TO WALK
FIVE MILES, BOTH WAYS,
THROUGH SHAG PILE CARPET
JUST TO CHANGE THE TV
CHANNEL**