



Volunteer's Voice

December 2020

Mammoth Hospital Auxiliary is a fellowship of volunteers dedicated to supporting each other, the hospital, its patients and the community.

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Treasurer's Report

Diane Beglau

October 1—31, 2020

Revenue:

Cast Off	21,214.62
Rental	1,218.29
Membership	72.00
Donation Jar	63.00
Interest Income	.81
Total Revenue:	22,568.72

Expenses:

Cast Off	12,738.17*
Administration	244.74
Scholarship	1,000.00
Volunteer's Voice	19.22
Total Expenses:	14,002.13

Net Income: 8,566.59

Union Bank:	14,872.87
Money Market:	15,556.24
EasternSierraCommBk	69,498.18

*Includes snow removal prepayment

President's Message — Karen Curry

We kicked off winter with a nice little snow storm which brought our town 10" to 12" of snow, probably more on the mountain! This storm helped snowmaking at the mountain and ushered in a great opening day. Only thing is, we had a whole lot of wind, closing Hwy 395 for a few hours during the night and overturning truck and trailers! A plus from this latest storm was that it helped with the Creek Fire and knocked most of the smoke down.

Happy skiers and snowboarders shopped at the Cast Off as well as skiing and riding on the slopes, purchasing that new ski jacket and a special pair of skis! With the approach of wind and colder weather, we had to move our "receiving donations station" inside. It has worked quite well and actually saves us a lot of steps!

Donations are at an all time high so this keeps our volunteers working at top speed. Everyone is giving their "all", showing up on our two cleanup days, Monday and Friday, as well as Tuesday and Saturday when we are open to the public. I want to thank these core volunteers who show such endless energy and a true commitment to this wonderful organization! I feel proud to be working along side you!

I want to thank Judy and Jan, for their enormous efforts to restructure the Plum Family Scholarships. Also, many thanks to Kathryn, for making copies of so many documents. Please see the article on page 5, written by Judy, about how the scholarships will be handled in the future. All of you are amazing and again, thank you!

Karen



Hospital News — Tom Parker, CEO



COVID-19 (C19)

As of this writing, there are now 386 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the community, with 173 of those being from the Marine Corps Mountain Training Base. This represents approximately 45 percent of all Mono county cases. The Public Health department has petitioned to have these cases removed from our numbers, since the base personnel are isolated, and our public health department has no jurisdiction over them. Adjudication is expected by November 17, 2020.

There have been 31 cases in Mammoth in the last two weeks above and beyond the cases at the base. If this trend continues, Mono county will likely be moved to the red tier irrespective of the Marine Corps base adjudication.

The hospital is able to treat all patients without crisis standards of care, test all people with COVID-19 symptoms, and conduct active monitoring of confirmed cases and their contacts.

We have not had a single exposure to COVID that has been linked to the hospital. All COVID-positive employees have been linked to a household contact or other employment. We have 7.5 percent of our workforce not working or on a reduced schedule due to childcare challenges, quarantining due to a household or other exposure, and/or COVID-19. We have had an uptick in employee health calls in the past two weeks which trends with national and Mono County COVID-19 infection rate increases.

This month, our marketing is focusing on a grateful message to our community members for their work in protecting each other and themselves during the pandemic. We are also producing new videos that will feature local business owners driving the message “Stay Safe to Stay Open.”

October Financial Results

Total Gross Revenue of \$9,771k in October is \$1,184k less than September and \$2,068k less than October of last year. Net Deficit in October was \$760k, down from the

September net gain of \$266k and less than last year’s October Net Gain of \$53k.

Year-to-date Net Gain is \$679k (2.9 percent Total Margin) compared to last year at this time of \$1,498 (6.1 percent Total Margin).

Lab

Our recently-signed UCLA pathology slide preparation service has continued to perform well. Turnaround times for this service has been excellent and they will ship the prepared slides directly to the home office of our Pathologist, Dr. Payton. This service provides a backup to our single onsite histology technician. If needed, we can send out slides for preparation any day of the week to UCLA and during any time off our histo-tech may infrequently take.

Clinical Education

Ali Miller and Brandy Wilt hosted their annual education and competency days all virtually over Teams. They all went successfully, with great turnout of staff from a variety of departments.

Oncology Program

Our Oncology Nurse Navigator Lisa Marusicz began working with Toiyabe, Northern Inyo Hospital and Southern Inyo Hospital on a resource share to ensure quality patient care and coordination amongst all of the oncology departments in the area.

Diversity and Equity Training

We identified a diversity, equity and inclusion training and rolled out to all staff via Healthstream. All managers will be taking a two-day course on this topic through the Management Center.

Doctor of the Year

The Doctor of the Year program has been initiated for the second year and sent out to the community and staff. Sixty two physicians have been nominated thus far.

Families First Corona Virus Response Act (FFCRA)

One hundred and thirty five employees have utilized FFCRA funds. This law has recently been made applicable to hospitals in California creating challenges for many as it is somewhat complicated. We are happy that we implemented this wonderful benefit for our employees when the law became effective on April 1, 2020.

Marketing

As noted above, this month our marketing is focusing on a grateful message to our community. We are also working on a robust Women’s Health marketing plan that will include video bios of providers, a patient story video, a virtual tour of the facility, newspaper ads and movie theater ads. This includes information about the upcoming birth classes.

Sunshine Update — Sharon Clark

"Sunshine" is almost afraid to call and check up on Mary Ann Schimmel. Bless her heart, we've all put up with smoke, possible evacuation and, of course, Covid-19, but Mary Ann has had more problems than she deserves. She fell in September; hit her head so hard that she had a concussion; 5 weeks later, doctors diagnosed her with a subdural hematoma (ruptured vein in her brain). Surgery followed. A head drain was inserted to facilitate drainage and relieve pressure. *Then* her PT was concerned that her wound was infected. Back to her surgeon who shaved half her head, flushed the entire drain, and put Mary Ann on more antibiotics. The good news? Her wound was NOT infected. She continues to be slightly dizzy but doctors tell her that is normal and will eventually dissipate. Soon the dressing on her head will come off; she'll be able to wash the bit of hair she has left. Look for Mary Ann sporting a variety of beanies. That will be her head attire for the rest of 2020~!!



Don't Let the Grinch Steal Your Christmas!!!

With just over a month to go until Christmas and much of the country living under some form of coronavirus restrictions, the question on many people's minds is, how best to celebrate it? "The Holidays," as they are euphemistically called, conjure up notions of happy families gathered together sharing a bountiful meal and much merriment, à la Norman Rockwell. While some people say a visit to see family is "not worth the risk" of spreading COVID-19, or have already opted to host Christmas Day over Zoom, others desperately want to see their loved-ones after a tough year. For those for whom the highlight of the year is the once-a-year family gathering over the holidays, being deprived of that time together is difficult.



Celebrating virtually or only with the people you live with is the safest choice this Christmas. Whether you are hosting or attending a small Christmas gathering, the CDC offers the following considerations:

- Avoid potluck-style gatherings.
- Wear a mask while preparing food for or serving food to others who don't live in your household. Currently, there is no evidence to suggest that handling food or eating is associated with directly spreading COVID-19. It is possible that a person can get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object, including food, food packaging, or utensils that have the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose, or possibly their eyes. However, this is not thought to be the main way that the virus is spread.
- All attendees should have a plan for where to store their mask while eating and drinking. Keep it in a dry, breathable bag (like a paper or mesh fabric bag) to keep it clean between uses.
- Limit people going in and out of the areas where food is being prepared or handled, such as in the kitchen or around the grill, if possible.
- Have one person who is wearing a mask serve all the food so that multiple people are not handling the serving utensils.
- Limit crowding in areas where food is served by having one person dispense food individually to plates, always keeping a minimum of a 6-foot distance from the person whom they are serving. Avoid crowded buffet and drink stations.
- Use single-use options or identify one person to serve sharable items, like salad dressings, food containers, plates and utensils, and condiments.
- Offer no-touch trash cans for guests to easily throw away food items. Use gloves when removing garbage bags or handling and disposing of trash. Wash hands after removing gloves.

What's Happening @ the Cast Off?



Cast Off Update — Karen Curry

Cast Off Committee meetings have been moved to the first Tuesday of the month at 3:30pm.

Discussed raising prices but decided, due to COVID-19, we will keep prices the same.

Some lamps go out into the store without shades. Please put shades on lamps when appropriate.

Make up a permanent 50 cent basket for small items and display at the front of the store.

Need portable heaters at the entrance of the store to keep that area warm for our volunteer.

The Hospital is giving us special hand sanitizer which is to be kept in the kitchen, for our volunteers. Hospital is also providing masks and gloves.

The large TV monitor behind the register was off one day. There is a remote upstairs. Go through the "Holiday" room, through the double doors. There is a remote sitting on a shelf, near the large hot water heater, with instructions taped to it to reactivate the monitor. Follow the instructions!

There are several outstanding Cast Off charge slips going back several months. Charging is a privilege! All charge slips must be paid by December 31, 2020. Rumor has it that Scrooge will put a list of names of unpaid charges in the January newsletter. Bah humbug!

UN-SAVE THE DATE!

- You can un-mark your calendar for Wednesday, December 9, as we are unable to have a COVID-safe version of our annual Christmas luncheon.
- With the number of positive cases rising in Mono County, it just doesn't make sense to put our members at risk.



Happy Birthday!

Birthdays for December

- 12/2 Rachel Wann
- 12/6 Priscilla Freeland
Michele Hoy
- 12/9 Larry Jones
- 12/12 Rachel Hurst
- 12/15 Beverly Diener
Kathleen Taylor
- 12/16 Mary Ann Latham
- 12/17 Wilma Wheeler
Donna Meyers
- 12/19 Carolyn Cook
- 12/20 Carole Claus
- 12/27 Mary Ann Schimmel
- 12/29 Judy Bornfeld

Katie's Korner — Patti Heinrich

We made \$1,064.00 in October and \$844.00 in November.



Babies born at Mammoth Hospital go home in a special onesie provided by the Auxiliary. Here are the new colors and design.



Plum Family Scholarship

Mammoth Hospital Auxiliary is proud to have had the honor of selecting awardees and administering the Plum Family Scholarships since 2018. Five of the awardees from 2018 and 2019 have continued to meet the scholarship criteria and have had their scholarships renewed for 2020. In addition, scholarships have been awarded to five qualifying Mammoth High School seniors each year. The Plum Family has been very generous in awarding \$2,000.00 a year to each of these qualifying students for a total of \$46,000.00 to date.

MHA will no longer be able to administer the Plum Family Scholarships or distribute the funds. We have been advised that, because MHA is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization, we are not allowed to step outside of our Mission Statement and our By-Laws to manage this Scholarship Fund. We must legally confine our involvement to medically related endeavors. However, since we already review all the high school applications for our own High School Achievement Awards, we can continue to pass on the names of five qualified Mammoth High School graduates and two alternates to the Plum Family for them to consider for their scholarships. We will continue awarding our own medically related college scholarships as part of our mission. (See article below.)

We support and honor the Plum Family for their genuine commitment to our community, and for their generosity in educating future Mammoth generations. It has been an honor to work with the Plum Family and we are delighted that we are able to continue recommending qualifying Mammoth High School candidates to them.

Thank you,
The Mammoth Hospital Auxiliary Scholarship Committee

MHA Medical Scholarship — Sara Knadler

My daughter, Sydney Knadler, just joined the physical therapy department at Mammoth Hospital for her clinical rotations. She will be working there through January 2021. Sydney wants to thank the Mammoth Hospital Auxiliary for their generous scholarship monies you awarded her! If you see her at the hospital, please say hi!

“We're all proud of Sydney...but I'm especially proud. Guess who my Physical Therapist was today? Yep...one of our **own** providing therapy for **one of us**~!! She's doing her internship right here at our clinic. Thank you, Sydney, for giving me a fantastic therapy session.” ... Sharon Clark

“That is so awesome! Many congratulations to Sydney for her achievement and also to her wonderful Mom! It warms my heart when one of our own succeeds with some help from the Auxiliary! Thanks for sharing.” ... Karen

“Yeah, good job mom and Syd!” ... Diane

“WOW Syd....you should be really proud! How cool for all the volunteers to hear such positive results from our hard work!!” ... Vicki

“What awesome news .. Love that she is doing PT. Great job mom.” ... Shirley

“Congratulations to Sydney and Mom, Sara!!! Wow, terrific achievement that has entailed a lot of creative hard work to get to this high level in the medical field. Our local, Sydney, gets to be a local Hospital employee in training. I know many people are very proud and excited for you too. Also, our Volunteers and friends are honored and proud. Good going Syd. I just know the Hospital is going to appreciate getting to have you join them.” ... Judy

“What great news! It's nice to know that the scholarship \$\$\$\$\$\$ we work so hard for is benefiting one of our own. You must be very proud.” ... Jan



October 23, 2020

Mammoth Hospital Auxiliary
PO Box 1399
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

Dear Auxiliary,

Thank you for your generous donation of \$500 on 9/6/2020 to Mammoth Hospital's Cancer Outreach Program. We are beyond appreciative of your continued support!

Although Mammoth Hospital does provide early detection screening and some treatment services such as chemotherapy infusion, specialized care is typically referred to cancer centers outside our area. The Cancer Outreach Program assists patients by reimbursing them for the cost of gas, meals, and lodging expenses associated with travel to these cancer centers. Your contribution to this cause provides enormous support and relief to these patients during a high stress period.

On the next page you will find excerpts from a few of many thank you letters we received from beneficiaries of the Cancer Outreach Program. We could not keep this program in place without your support.

Thank you again for your generosity and for making this program possible!

With gratitude,

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Here's a way to get involved with the Cancer Outreach Program

The Mammoth Hospital Foundation is recruiting a volunteer to oversee our annual Cancer Outreach Golf Tournament. This leadership-level volunteer will manage the event timeline, activities and communications to ensure the tournament meets the Cancer Outreach Program goals and the needs of the community.

The ideal volunteer will have great communication skills, project management experience and be a self-starter. The volunteer commitment is 5 months (March 1-July 31, 2021) with the opportunity to serve longer if desired. Please contact Gardiner to learn more about the position and apply. And feel free to share this opportunity with friends! **Gmiller@mammothhospital.com** or 760-924-4128

We all have to travel for our cancer treatment. Traveling expenses add up quickly. It is both a financial and emotional relief to help with some of these unplanned expenses. For that help we are very grateful. We thank you very, very much for your generosity.

-- Jack, Mammoth Lakes

I am a vigorous mountain woman who was diagnosed with Stage 3 metastatic melanoma. The shock really rocked my world; I've never even had the flu in my entire life! Lancaster is a four-hour drive one way, and the immunotherapy I'm now on makes me very ill. I must stay in Lancaster two nights. I honestly do not know what we would do if not for the Cancer Outreach Program; maybe we'd have to sleep with our dogs in the car. I am a minister, literally as poor as a church mouse. From the bottom of my heart, I send every one of you my gratitude!

-- Pamela, Mammoth Lakes

When I was diagnosed with cancer it was a stress like I have never known. I was scared, sad, confused and feared for the future of my husband and myself. Money to help me defray the cost of the extensive long distance appointments and travel necessary when living in Mono County to combat this disease was light in a very dark time. I am forever grateful to the people who established this fund and those who are so generously donating to it!

-- Sandi, Bridgeport

We are like many families, and just about use up our income each month. My treatment is in Carson. When I have one of my surgeries it necessitates a night before and after at a motel, complete with all the meals and gas required. This all adds up very quickly. That is where you and this generous program come in. You folks take heat off with your generous reimbursements. There is really not enough thanks for all you do. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your help.

-- Chuck, Bishop

On February 23rd, 2018 I gave birth. On February 24th, 2018 I was diagnosed with cervical cancer. I am 38 years old. I have had family and friends help take care of my baby day and night and I seek needed treatment. The Cancer Outreach Program has made it possible for me to travel and go to all of my appointments at UC Davis Medical Center and the Tahoe Forest Cancer Center. Without all of the support from Mammoth Hospital and the Cancer Outreach Fund I honestly do not know what I would do, thank you! Thank you to everyone and anyone who has helped and supported me!

-- Allana, Mammoth

The support I have received from your generosity allowed me to recover from cancer with dignity! With financial thoughts at bay, my focus was on health and family! THANK YOU ALL!

-- Jill, Crowley Lake

I'd like to say Thank You for all that you have done for me. It really helped me out during a time when I was down and didn't know where or who to turn to. I think what you do is a blessing to people in need.

-- Debra, Mammoth

When style experts predicted the sartorial trends of 2020, they probably didn't anticipate that the hottest new accessory would be the face mask. Thanks to the COVID-19 pandemic, however, masks have suddenly become widespread across the U.S. as public health officials recommend people wear one when they leave the house. Here's what a few people have to say.

- Ripping off your mask when you get back in the car is the new taking off your bra when you get home.
- According to my scale my facemask weighs about 7 lbs.
- Shoutout to everybody who already burped into their own face via mask.
- I do NOT expect people to jog with their mask on, just to keep their distance. Can't have people dropping like flies from their own morning breath.
- Enough with the face mask selfies!
- From now on I'm always going to wear a mask to the grocery store. I prefer a disguise when purchasing obscene amounts of junk food.
- "I'm not working out with a mask on" is my new favorite excuse for not working out.
- COVID Parenting Tip: Train your children to loudly ask, "Why isn't that person wearing a mask? Are we going to get sick?" when in public.
- I just removed my mask to sneeze into my sleeve. Am I doing this right?
- I just find it funny that the same people who refuse to wear masks in public are the same ones who insist we cover our babies with a blanket to breast feed.
- Every time I get pissed about everything happening, I make masks. Mailed off my 370th mask today.
- This is my new favorite mask

It often feels like time has lost all meaning in this new at-home reality amid the COVID-19 pandemic. So instead of counting days and weeks, many are tracking their quarantine journeys in terms of stages. Or at least they're joking about doing so on Twitter. Here are a few that sum up the various stages of quarantine.

- To be honest we got to the *re-arrange furniture to see how it looks* stage of quarantine a lot faster than I expected.
- Now entering the *experimenting with horseradish* phase of quarantine.
- I've reached *I shaved my kid's head cuz he asked* stage of quarantine.
- Well, I'm at the *I just shaved my legs and armpits with an electric beard trimmer* stage of quarantine.
- I'm at the *sit in the car to get out of the house* phase of quarantine.
- I've reached the stage of quarantine where I can't tell if the eyelid twitching is too much coffee, too much homeschooling or not enough alcohol.
- I have passed the *cutting bangs* stage and moved right into the *considering a home perm* stage of quarantine.
- What stage of quarantine am I at? I'm wearing a foofy bathrobe 24/7, drinking everything out of a champagne flute, calling the house spiders "dahling" in a transatlantic accent.
- I think I'm at the stage of quarantine where I dye my hair pink.
- I've reached the *licking butter straight off the countertop* phase of the apocalypse.
- I know I'm about a month and a half late, but I've finally reached the *straight-out-of-the-pot* phase of quarantine dining.



Santa Claus is coming to town. And he's not bringing COVID-19. At least, that's the word from Dr. Anthony Fauci, the nation's leading infectious disease expert.

"Santa is exempt from this because Santa, of all the good qualities, has a lot of good innate immunity," Fauci told USA TODAY this week.

It should come as no surprise. As children already know, Santa is superhuman. He flies around the world in one night, delivers millions of toys and eats his weight in cookies. But with millions of Americans already sick with COVID-19, children have been worried about Santa, especially this Christmas Eve when he visits millions of homes. And there's no denying that Santa, because he is older and overweight, would at first glance appear to be at higher risk of developing severe disease from COVID-19.



Santa has also been taking coronavirus precautions. He's been making few appearances this holiday season, and he is social distancing. For example, he's taking more Zoom calls, and his limited visits to stores and malls will mostly be behind glass. Santa does not want the kids to line up waiting to see him because he doesn't want to spread germs. So, this year, Santa will be watching you from afar, and will only visit when no one is around on Christmas Eve.

The ventilation in Santa's workshop is not the best, and opening windows in North Pole winters is problematic. The good news is that mask compliance there is pretty good, and the elves are committed to social distancing. Mrs. Claus has implemented a program of regular testing and the reindeer now lead contact tracing.

A doctor at the Mayo Clinic's Vaccine Research Group, declared he had just gotten off the phone with the North Pole when he spoke with USA TODAY on Thursday. There had been two infections among the elves, but none of them serious he said. It was a good reminder to the elves about wearing the mask properly. They now do that. It's mandatory in the North Pole. There have been two rounds of testing, and the elves have spaced out their workstations. Toy production is on schedule. No reindeer are sick because they cannot contract COVID-19. All is well at the North Pole!!!

Christmas is really about what's in our hearts, and a pandemic can't take that away from us.

**“Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas
if you stop opening presents and just listen.”**

... Bobby - age 7



“COVID Comics”

Coronacoaster

noun: the ups and downs of a pandemic. One day you're loving your bubble, doing work outs, baking banana bread and going for long walks and the next you're crying, drinking gin for breakfast and missing people you don't even like.

Wife: Did I get fat during quarantine?

Husband: You weren't really skinny to begin with!

Time of Death: 11:00pm

Cause: Covid

**One day 2020 will be the one-word catchphrase for everything messed up and bad;
"How's your day?"
"A total 2020."
"Say no more..."**

DURING THE MIDDLE AGES THEY CELEBRATED THE END OF THE PLAGUE WITH WINE AND ORGIES DOES ANYONE KNOW IF THEY HAVE ANYTHING LIKE THAT PLANNED WHEN THIS ONE ENDS?

(ASKING FOR A FRIEND)



My social distance service animal



For Your Funny Bone!

A RETIREE'S LAST TRIP TO COSTCO

Yesterday I was at Costco buying a large bag of Purina dog chow for my loyal pet, "Necco the Wonder Dog", who weighs 191 lbs. I was in the check-out line when a woman behind me asked if I had a dog. What did she think I had, an elephant?

So, because I'm retired and have little to do, on impulse I told her that no, I didn't have a dog, I was starting the Purina Diet again. I added that I probably shouldn't, because I ended up in the hospital last time, but that I'd lost 50 pounds before I awakened in an intensive care ward with tubes coming out of most of my orifices and IVs in both arms.

I told her that it was essentially a Perfect Diet and that the way that it works is, to load your jacket pockets with Purina Nuggets and simply eat one or two every time you feel hungry. The food is nutritionally complete so it works well and I was going to try it again. (I have to mention here that practically everyone in line was now enthralled with my story.)

Horrified, she asked if I ended up in intensive care, because the dog food poisoned me. I told her no, I stopped to Pee on a Fire Hydrant and a car hit me.

I thought the guy behind her was going to have a heart attack he was laughing so hard.

Costco won't let me shop there anymore.

Better watch what you ask retired people. They have all the time in the World to think of crazy things to say.

I don't know if
Facebook has ever
caused the lame to
walk but it has sure
caused the dumb to
speak.

Newsletter articles are due by the 15th of each month. Drop them in Jan McPherson's mailbox at the Cast Off or mail/email them to her at PO Box 2859, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546, 760-934-5813,

Bon Appétit!

These hors d'oeuvres and cocktails add a festive touch to any **SMALL** holiday gathering as each serves 4 people.

Sparkling Cranberry and Brie Bites

2 cups fresh cranberries
1 cup good maple syrup
1 cup granulated sugar
16 water crackers (such as Carr's)
8 ounces brie cheese
1/2 cup cranberry chutney or cranberry relish
Fresh mint, for garnish



Rinse cranberries and place in medium bowl. Heat syrup in a small saucepan until just warm. Pour over cranberries. (Make sure syrup is warm, not hot, or cranberries may pop.) Gently stir with a spoon to coat all the berries. Cool, cover, and let soak in refrigerator overnight. Next day drain cranberries in a colander. Place sugar in a large bowl or baking dish. Add half the cranberries and roll them around until lightly coated in sugar; repeat with other half. Place on a baking sheet and let dry, about 1 hour.

To assemble, top the crackers with one slice of Brie, a light layer of cranberry chutney, and four or five sugared cranberries. Garnish with fresh mint sprigs.

Cran Royale Cocktail

6 sprigs thyme
1 cup fresh or frozen cranberries
1/4 cup sugar
2 ounces fresh lemon juice
1 ounce Campari
12 ounces Champagne or dry sparkling wine
Fresh cranberries (for serving)

Cook thyme, cranberries, sugar, and 1/4 cup water in a small saucepan over low, swirling pan occasionally, just until sugar is dissolved and cranberries have released their color, 12–15 minutes (do not reduce liquid). Strain through a fine-mesh sieve into a heatproof bowl or measuring cup and let cool (you should have 4 oz.). This syrup can be made 2 weeks ahead. Cover and chill.

For each cocktail, combine 1 oz. cranberry-thyme syrup, 1/2 oz. lemon juice, and 1/4 oz. Campari in an ice-filled cocktail shaker. Cover and shake vigorously until outside of shaker is very cold, about 20 seconds. Strain into chilled martini glass and top with 3 oz. Champagne; garnish with 3 cranberries on a skewer.

Cheers!

Dates to Remember

December 1, Tuesday	Cast Off Committee Meeting, 3:30 p.m. at the Cast Off
December 7, Monday	Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
December 9, Wednesday	MHA Board Meeting, 10:00 a.m.
December 10, Thursday	Hanukkah begins
December 18, Friday	Hanukkah ends
December 21, Monday	First Day of Winter
December 24, Thursday	Christmas Eve
December 25, Friday	Christmas Day
December 31, Thursday	New Year's Eve



January 1, Friday	New Year's Day
January 5, Tuesday	Cast Off Committee Meeting, 3:30 p.m. at the Cast Off
January 13, Wednesday	MHA Board Meeting, 10:00 a.m. at the Cast Off
January 18, Monday	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

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