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NEWS IN THE PARK

If it is not one thing, it is another. First, it was a rattle snake, and then it was Keith. Fortunately, there were no casualties resulting from either event (except the snake.) The storm, very fortunately, was far less severe than predicted, and other than some flooding due to high tide, there was little damage. Some people were busy bailing - not boats - but porches and homes. Stretch and Percie Klinger, the Sickards, Crankshaws, Croteaus, Stunzigs, Darlings, and others all had nasty jobs of trying to dry out. Add the excitement of a fire in a storage shed of the Castaway complex, and it turned out to be quite an evening. Some of the less venturesome (and possibly more prudent) souls moved over to the mainland where they sat out the storm in motels. For the rest, according to some anonymous reports, there was some question as to whether it was to be a one bottle or a two bottle storm - and the one won out. Most boat owners took no chances and removed boats out of the water long before the storm. All is well that ends well.

Another interesting but not related, bit of news is a rash of eye surgery procedures. The most recent patients were Allison Brown, Ralph Palermo and Art Oestreich. Black goggles are for sale!

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There is politics: "Advertisements contain the only truths to be relied on in a newspaper."
Thomas Jefferson

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M H O MEETING

Please do not forget the mandated meeting of the Gulf to Bay Mobile Home Owners, Inc. on Monday, December 5, 1988, at 10:00 a.m. in the Rec Hall. A nominating committee will be appointed and other business proper to come before such meeting will be considered. This is the first of three corporation meetings required by the By-Laws of the Corporation.

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TRAVEL NOTES AND PARK FUN

1. Pancake breakfast, Saturday, December 10th.
2. The annual Park Christmas party is scheduled for December 21st. This is always a big event. See bulletin for details.
Plans are in the making to charter a bus for Gasparilla Day in Tampa in January. Check the hall bulletin board for future details. Also in the planning stage for a return trip to the Florida State Fair - a really fun day. Check the board for details.
3. Don't forget the Christmas Candlelight Cruise on Thursday, December 27th which will leave from Fisherman's Village with boarding at 5:45.p.m.

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There is commentary on life itself: "Old age is not for sissies." (Variously ascribed)

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Members of the serving committee for the Thanksgiving dinner have requested that the blessing given be included in this issue of the Listening Post for the benefit of all, and especially for the Snow Birds.

A Thanksgiving Prayer

Jesus has taught us to call upon God as our Father. To call suggests that there is an expectation of help in times of sorrow, for instance, or a time of crisis or calamity. The corralary to the message of Jesus is, of course, the need for gratitude and thankfulness to our Father and not from our Father. For reasons which even today are obscure, as a nation we do, in a somewhat routine fashion, to express thanks even to the point that our coins and currency contain the words "In God We Trust". As a nation we have set aside a day of Thanksgiving. It is fitting and proper, therefore, that on this day, in this place and at this time that we give thanks to our Father, devoutely, reverently, and sincerely.

For the joy and contentment and peace this park affords. we give you thanks, Father. For the fellowship, the caring concern, the family-like consideration that is demonstrated to one another, Father we give you thanks. For the warm memories of fellow residents, Peanuts Minton, Nettie Arnholt, and George Uto, we offer our thanks to you, Father. Finally, for the food which we are about to partake, for the efforts of those who made this dinner possible, for the joy of preparing and serving fellow Gulf to Bay friends, Father, we thank you. We ask one more favor - that you pless this food to our bodies and minds and us to your service, In Jesus' name we pray, - Amen.

A word from the Gulf to Bay Poet Lauriate, Gladys Thorne:

A hearty welcome to everyone,
Another season has begun.
We're all back here at Gulf to Bay,
To do some work, but mostly play.
The sunny days, the moonlit nights,
Make it a haven, a pure delight.
It is so nice to spend time here,
There's no place like it, far or near.

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YOU KNOW YOU'RE GROWING OLDER:

You know all the answers, but nobody asks the questions.
You finally reach the top of the ladder, only to find that it's leaning against the wrong wall.
Your knees buckle, but your belt won't.
The gleam in your eyes is from the sun hitting your bi-focals.
You get winded playing checkers.

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CHRISTMAS PLANS

December chairman Bill Stevenson and his committee have not yet finalized plans for various December Christmas activities. Please watch the bulleton boards for details for these events.

GOLF NEWS

Our golfers are teeing off on Saturdays at 2:00 p.m. This time may have to be adjusted, though. A sign-up sheet will be posted each week in the Rec. Hall. The first week's winners with low team score of 41 were the team of Joan Stunzig, Moe Teehan, Shirley Hire and Jim Manley. The Saturday after Thanksgiving, the winning team was Rita Teehan, Moe Teehan, Ruth Salmon and Paul Stunzig with the low score of 46.

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Have you heard the one about the twocorpuscles that made love in Vein!

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AURA STREET - Anne Cady, Reporter

The Darling's are coming in one day this week. Heard they both had a bad summer health-wise. Perhaps good weather here might make John and Donna feel better.

AURO ST - Cont.

The Cady's had their three daughters and son-in-laws down for two weeks - and they were able to stay at the Castaways. Anne and Art spent several days drying out from the small flood, and water as high as 8 inches - ready to move.

George & Anna Galat are enjoying their daughter Crystal and two grandchildren, Rosemary and Mark. Good to hear little people voices, - Everyone should have grandparents like Anna and George.

Ethel Cross feeling good, loves those football games on TV, also Bingo. Enjoyed the Thanksgiving dinner.

Edna is busy trying to dry the Darling place out. - Water everywhere. Edna brought back Ethel's and her lawn. They look great. I believe Edna can do most anything, (does she have power?0 Good to see her at Bingo.

Our friend Betty Baker is traveling this holiday. She ~~w~~ent to Wisconsin, and then on to Tampa - still is not back. We know she is enjoying all this.

Lou Rogers is enjoying her new record player. We listened to My Fair Lady music while I talked to her. She loved the boat ride to Palm Island, also the chicken meal. She seems to enjoy life.

Marge is as active as ever playing cards, bingo, etc. She also enjoyed the trip to Palm Island and hope the park comes up with more of these short trips.

BAYO ST. - Gladys Thorne, reporter

Bob and Ruth Arnholt are on the east coast visiting daughter Amy over the Thanksgiving holiday.

Jack & Kathryn Stanley spent Thanksgiving day with Daughter Kathleen of Atlanta, Ga. They will then go on to Tennessee to their home there where they plan to spend Christmas with the family.

Mike Turk says no news except to say he has his Christmas shopping all done. He bought Florence a new electronic gas range, and an automatic coffee maker. Got himself a new dinette set. How's that for getting things done early.

Rose is enjoying her sisters Marie and husband, and Valida, also brother Eddie from Bonita Springs who came up for Thanksgiving.

Charlie Letsch spent 2 weeks with his daughter Joan and family of Phoenix, Arizona. When they invited him they told him to bring his hammer along, that they had work for him to do.

Laverne surprised everyone by arriving two weeks early this year. Says he's so glad to be here. Welcome back.

Mark and Ruth arrived Sunday from Pa. We welcome them back to the park for another season.

Dick & Caresta's son, Rev. Lamar Hay from Harvard, Ill. had a nice visit with the family, also daughter Debbie spent two weeks with them.

The Finnetts arrived on Nov. 19th. Welcome back, George and Florence.

Rex & Bonnie Smallwood have joined us for another season. Its great to have such nice people on our street. Welcome back. Rex's brother is also with them now.

The Phaneufs finally arrived after spending their first Thanksgiving in seven years with the family, and very happy to be back. We miss Vinny at Bingo.

Elmer and Martha Wing are spending a few months on Bayo St while awaiting their new home to be finished. We will miss them when they leave. Its a pleasure to have such nice neighbors.

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CIELO ST - by Ruth Hicks (Look for Christmas Greetings.)

In lieu of specific Cielo news, it was thought you would enjoy the following poem contributed by Avis and Fred Reichert.

CHRISTMAS IN FLORIDA

The visitor sadly shook his head - as he baked in the tropical sun;
"Call this Christmas?" to me he said, - "Well, not where I come from!"

"Christmas needs snow and ice and cold. - And the sounds of sleighbells, ring;
And as for me, I can't be sold, - On this weather that feels like Spring!"

We looked at him and then we smiled - As he scoffed at our "plight:"
And we felt pity and were not riled - 'Cause he was so far from right.

For no snow fell on Bethlehem - On the night the Star first shone,
There was no blizzard nor howling gale - That swept with a shriek and a moan.

The breeze was soft, and what is more, - The night the Christ Child came,
Hibiscus bloomed near the stable door, - As Mary murmured His name.

Bougainvillea of violet hue - Arched in a graceful bower;
Poinsettias wet with midnight dew, - Enhanced that sacred hour.

The Heavenly Host in the starry sky - Proclaimed the birth of the King;
And rustling palms echoed the cry, - As the whole Earth seemed to sing,

So we find here, in our sun-drenched land - untouched by ice and snow,
That the spirit of Christmas is near at hand - And we feel God willed it so.

- Jim Moore -

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DIJE ST - Allison Brown - Newshound

Chan and Hulda Robinson are so glad to be back to Gulf to Bay. They had a very nice trip down as the trees were the prettiest we've ever seen. Was not a good summer in Iowa this year with all the heat and no rain. Was glad we had central air and television to watch ball games as we didn't go out much. Also, Hulda is getting used to a new knee that was put in during the worst of the summer, but happy to say that its working real well so far. Chan caught his first snook this past week so he's happy.

Den, Loriand Dennis Jr. spent a week with the Masties while Den was recuperating from surgery. Gram and Gramp sure miss that little boy.

Charley and Shirley Deierlein came down late, but got here in time for the marvelous Thanksgiving dinner. They expect their daughter Kathleen for the Christmas holidays. She had such a great time last year that it called for a repeat.

Virginia & Ray DeMoss are glad to be back in the park and see all their friends.

Ruth Salmon says that November in Florida was beautiful this year and its good to have her neighbors back for the winter. Spent Thanksgiving day with sister and brother-in-law and several good friends and had an especially nice holiday. She is hoping to have three of her children and their families down to visit at various times of the winter. This, Im sure will keep her busy and happy.

Clara Bessinger had the pleasure of having her daughter, son-in-law and grandson from Ormond Beach visiting over Thanksgiving. Also Ladeema and Bob arrived for the winter. The ladies spent the day after Turkey Day on a shopping spree! Grandson Patrick fished all weekend on Gulf to Bay dock. A friend from Michigan, Paul Norton, drove Bob and Ladeema's new cardown, enjoyed a few days of sunshine and warm weather, then took the old Cadillac back up when he returned home. Good luck with the new transportation, gang.

Ralph writes: - Glad to report that my eye surgery was a success. I hope that the other two members of the park who had it done feel the same way. So many friends stopped by to check and inquire. We really appreciate their caring.

The word from Brownie is - "Its shuffle time. Get out your sticks and come on down," A note on my calendar for today. Thought you would enjoy it. "Lord help me to remember all the kindness extended to me and to forget the small faults of those around me, - Amen."

If you scatter thorns, don't go barefoot. - A quip for Dec. Listening Post from Gene Hallett

DIJE ST - Cont.

Fran Franz wants to compliment and thank the November committee for a delicious Thanksgiving Dinner, Allison and Clayton Brown, Bea & Gene Hull, Dorothy and Vaughn Nighswander, Maroge Stocum, and Marie and Fran Wadlegger deserve light praise. Fran will spend Christmas with most of her family in Maryland with son Bill, daughters Peg and Kathy and the grandchildren.

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CIELO COURT - Audrey Grant, reporter

Greetings from Cielo Court. We all wish to welcome everyone back to Gulf to Bay and hope that the winter brings good health and much happiness. We are spending our first full winter here along with my mother, Helen DeLaney who is anxious to have you stop in and say hello as she is recuperating from a fall. As for you tennis buffs - with out for Andy and Harry Ide as they have just spent a week at Saddlebrook receiving tennis lessons and are ready to show off the results.

Leo and Marie Genest were pleased to welcome their daughter and son-in-law Marguerite and James Gagnon the first week of November. The last two weeks of November they also entertained daughter Rosalie and son-in-law Ken Boutin and their children, Eric, Michelle and Adam. They will always remember "Keith."

Dean & Joanne Gould arrived Nov. 10th to their new home and are still exploring all the nooks and crannies. Joanne's mother, Vesta Hess, from St. Louis, Mi., is spending the month of November with them. Daughter Sharon, from Bonita Springs, spent Thanksgiving day here and all enjoyed very much the wonderful dinner at the rec hall. Dean & Joanne will be returning to Kalamazoo for Christmas, arriving back by New Years.

GOLFO ST. - by Etta Crosby, reporter

Bernard and Annabelle Croteau, having just arrived at 1 Golfo when your reporter found them were busy getting their new residence ready.

Reports are that Charlie and Helen Verrill are arriving via Amtrack about Dec. 10th.

Floyd and Dotty Crankshaw were still trying to dry out after "Keith" left 5" of rain on their porch.

Bill and Dortha Swickard enjoyed the trip to Palm Island and said the ribs were great. They weathered the storm quite well but were a little nervous when the fire broke out at Castaways.

No word on the Jacobsons at this time.

Lucille Tracy was here in October and did a lot of yard work and fishing.

Noble and Eleanor Paul hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving and would have joined us at the hall but were invited to their son's home in Bradenton.

Cam & Cal Thatcher had no news but we on the "Gold Coast" wish to thank them for donating the Christmas tree and Santa windsock that now adorns the "Tiki". Sure helps to put us in the spirit.

The Jean Croteaus enjoyed the month of November and their first Thanksgiving in the park. They left us Sunday 11/27 and will be back February 1st.

Gene Hallett won't be in until after the Christmas holidays.

Walter & Dorothy Rasmussen's son, daughter-in-law, their three boys will be arriving from Minneapolis to spend the Christmas holidays with them.

Gib and John Condon, from Orville, Ca. are on lot 13 for a few weeks and are really enjoying the beach.

Dotty Kerber had no news but we owe her a thank-you for letting us plug the Christmas tree into her electricity.

Thanks to Cal and Freeman for putting up the tree, - and finally, your new reporter for Golfo St. says it's great not to be flying back and forth to Cape Cod this year. We had a surprise visit in November from new son-in-law Keith (not the storm). Freeman is busy fishing and enjoying the new boat. Etta is busy shelling. We both thought that Thanksgiving dinner was great.

ESTADA St - by Helen Bleck, Reporter

The Dursts enjoyed Thanksgiving with their daughter and son-in-law and then attended the wedding of friends. Norm wishes to express his sincere thanks for all the prayers, cards and good wishes while recuperating from his surgery on both knees.

Dot Hall is still not able to return to Estada St., but is hoping to soon be well enough to travel. Our thoughts are with her.

The Manleys spent the Thanksgiving week-end with their son in St. Cloud eating, fishing, eating, shopping, eating, visiting friends, eating.

Marge and Dick Hamilton says all well at 503 Estada, just quiet.

Ruth Nelson says all is quiet at 504 Estada. She's busy making Christmasgifts.

Les & Fay Downing arrived on Sunday, Nov. 27 after a wet and busy fall back in Michigan. Les is hoping for some nice fishing weather. They are flying back home for Christmas.

The Exelbys are chomping at the bit waiting for the doctor,s o.k. to leave for Florida, hopefully they'll be arriving this week. It will be good to see all the homes lighted again.

Helen Bleck was glad to get back on November 10th, but will be leaving again to spend the holidays with her family in Connecticut.

The Oestreichs have given themselves an early Christmas present - a new car, and a new eye for Art.

Paul & Joan Stunzig had an "Old Fshioned Thanksgiving" this year with Paul's son Bob and family coming down from St. Pete to enjoy the wonders of Gulf to Bay. A good time was had by all as "we ate more than our fill," just like home!
Line dancing will begin Tuesday, Dec. 6th at 2 p.m.

RECYCLING

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As all of you must know, Marge Stocum has continued a newspaper pick-up service for recycling paper. Marguerite and Art Oestreich have volunteered to begin an aluminum recycling project. Plastic bags will be found in each of the laundry buildings for collection. Save the aluminum cans for resale for the general funds of the Recreation Association. Service will start immediately.

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

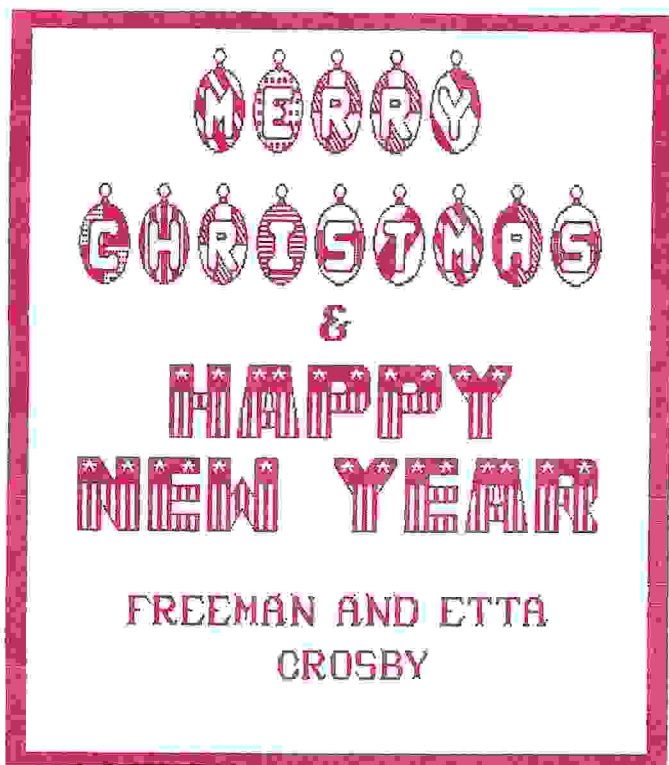
A very merry Christmas and a prosperous, healthy happy new year to all from The Listening Post. A special word of thanks to the street reporters:

- Aura--Anne Cady
- Cielo--Ruth Hicks
- Estada--Helen Bleck
- Golfo--Etta Crosby
- Bayo--Gledys Therne
- Deji--Allison Brown
- Cielo Ct. --Audry Grant

Another word of thanks to Dot Manley for typing the November issue and to Terry Pheneuf for the typing of the December issue.

DECEMBER HAPPENINGS

- DECEMBER 10TH 8⁰⁰ AM To 11⁰⁰ AM PANCAKE BREAKFAST
- DECEMBER 10TH 7⁰⁰ PM To ? SING ALONG AND TRIM TREE IN HALL; FOLLOWED BY TREE LIGHTING AT DOCK
- DECEMBER 14TH & 15TH 1⁰⁰ PM To 3⁰⁰ PM TICKET SALES AND TABLE SELECTION FOR CHRISTMAS HAM DINNER PRICE \$5⁰⁰
- DECEMBER 21ST MANAGEMENT PARTY CATERED DINNER, DANCING, ETC
- DECEMBER 25TH 1⁰⁰ PM CHRISTMAS DINNER




1988



WISHING YOU
THE MAGIC OF MEMORIES
AND THE PROMISE
OF FUTURE HAPPINESS
HAPPY HOLIDAYS
ANDY AND AUDREY GRANT
+
HELEN DELANEY



SEASONS GREETINGS
FROM THE "NORTH" 
NORMA AND JEAN CROTEAU

Season's Greetings
from
Dorothy + Floyd
Crankshaw. 

Merry Christmas
Happy New Year
Bernie + Anna Croteau

Wishing you all
a very "Merry
Christmas"
Nelle + Eleanor Paul

He shall be called Wonderful
Counselor, the Mighty God,
The Everlasting Father,
The Prince of Peace.

To all our friends & neighbors,
a Merry Christmas &
Happy New Year
Bill + Martha
Swickard

May the Prince of Peace
be your Joy
This Christmas.

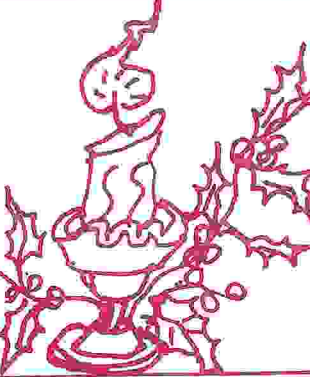
Mary + Walter Robinson

BLESSED
 HOLIDAYS
 WITH LOVE
 FROM HELEN BLOCK

Merry Christmas
 Mark Ruth
 Dasher Ly




To wish you
 HAPPINESS
 AT
 CHRISTMAS TIME
 ALL YEAR
 Ruth Salmon.



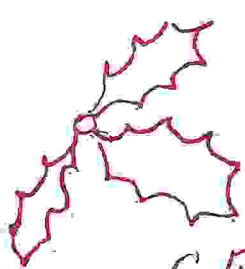
Seasons Greetings
 from
 Charlie Letsch



Best Wishes for a
 Joyous Holiday
 Season
 From:
 Jim + Gladys



GREETINGS
 FROM
 206 BAYO
 B.J.



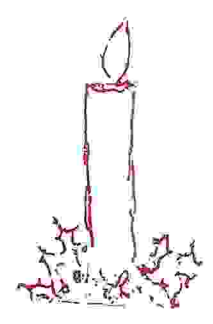
HAPPY
 HOLIDAYS
 FROM MABEL GAUDETTE



May You Have A
 Blessed CHRISTMAS AND
 HAPPY, HEALTHY New Year
 Caresta and Dick Boove

May your holidays
 be blessed with good
 health & much joy!!
 The Smallwood's
 Rex & Bonnie

Merry
 X-mas
 Happy New
 Years
 '88 Com.



Have a Wonderful Holiday
and a Bright New Year

Percie "Stretch"
Klinged

Happy Holidays
and best wishes
for the New Year

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Pete

MAY THE XMAS HOLIDAYS
BRING JOY AND HAPPINESS
ALSO GOOD HEALTH TO
ALL MERRY XMAS
ANGIE + GEORGIA

Merry Christmas
&
Happy New Year
Curt + Margaret Sigelove

Happy Holidays
Alice Hess

Happy Holidays
From

Bill and Irene Stevenson

Merry Christmas
&
Happy New Year
to all
Daphne + Tom

MERRY XMAS
TO
ONE AND ALL

Bud Wright

Thanks for the
friendliness to us.
May the joy of the
Christmas holidays
bring you health
and joy in the
years to come.
Elnor + Martha
Lot 222



Holiday Greetings
and Warmest Wishes
for a Very happy New
Year
Fred + Loretta

May the peace and love
of Christmas
be with you always
* Terry + Lin

**BEST WISHES
FOR A HAPPY
HOLIDAY SEASON**

HOLIDAY GREETINGS
TO THE NEWCOMERS
ON CIELO ST

JANE

THE HICKS'S

Our "Very Best" to you
and yours at this
holiday season

Ruth + Charlie Hicks

A Merry Xmas
and a
HAPPY NEW YEAR

319 CIELO ST L.T.
WOBBY

A
very
Merry
Christmas
and all best
wishes for a
Happy New Year
George +
Shirley



HELLO

It's holiday time
and time for us to
wish you a Merry
Christmas.
JOAN + PAUL

Holiday Greetings
from
Les + Fay Downing

Happy
Holidays!
Jim + Dot

CHRISTMAS

This is the special time of singing
When everyone is gay,
Each heart rings like a bell
Thinking of Christmas Day.
It is a world of beauty
With people at their best
if only every day was like
This one, so angel-blessed!



Merry
X-MAS to All
the ones!!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL

Alice, Doris and Al

May the spirit of Christmas
 be yours today
 and all through the coming year

Love
 "The Dursts"
 Norman & Mildred



FROM HOLIDAY GREETINGS
 MARIE AND LEOPOLD GENEST,
 ROSE QUIMETTE, AND
 VALIDA PAGE

Hi
 Sending warmest thoughts
 and happiest wishes
 for your merriest Christmas
 Love
 Marge Hocum

JESUS
 is the reason
 for the
 season
 A merry Christmas to
 my friends at home
 to Bay Park.
 Rene Hallett

May the Love,
 Hope and Peace
 of Christmas
 abide with you now
 and throughout the
 New Year
 Art + Margie

MERRY
 CHRISTMAS
 Lu Rogers



Have a whale
 of a Holiday"
 the Cady's

Merry 
Christmas!
From Anne Hale

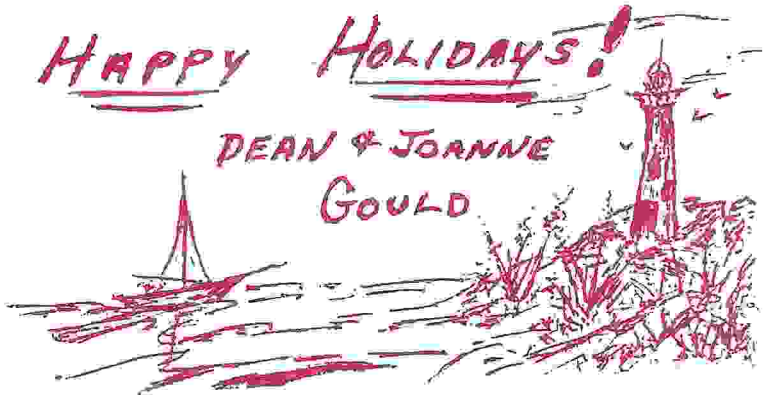
— Best Wishes for
the Holidays —
Bob, Lucema + Clara



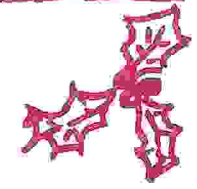
Warm Wishes for
your merriest Christmas
and happiest
New year ever!
Jay & Jeanne Hubbard

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

DEAN & JOANNE
GOULD




Christmas...


a gladdening of hearts,
a renewing of faith,
a sharing of love.

Peace and joy to you,
Brownie & Allison

SEASON'S GREETINGS
TO ALL

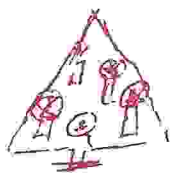
FROM
THE PALERMOS


May the blessings
of Christmas be yours
and may happiness
fill each day of
the year.

Katey + Hank

Wishing you
Happy Holidays

Clarence.



Seasons Greetings

Ruth Nelson

Merry Christmas!
and
Happy New Year
Virginia & Ray De Moss

Merry Christmas
&
a Happy New Year
to Everyone.
From Dorothy & Vaughn

IN THE BEAUTY OF A SNOWFLAKE
FALLING SOFTLY ON THE LAND
IS THE MYSTERY AND THE MIRACLE
OF GODS CREATIVE HAND
SEASONS GREETINGS
THE HAMILTON'S

Merry Christmas
to all
Gene & Bea

May each moment of your
holidays have a beauty
all its own.
Peace and Love
Ethan & Shelda Robinson

Merry Christmas.....and
Warm Wishes for you and yours
in the Coming Year
Fran & Fred Franz

WARM WISHES FOR A BEAUTIFUL
HOLIDAY SEASON TO ALL !!!

Fran & Marie Heddyger

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

&
LOVE
to

All my neighbors
and friends at
Gulf to Bay
Therese Miller

Very merry Christmas
And
Happy New Year y'all

Charlie
and
Shirley
Deierlein

