

UNDER TIKI HUT IS NOT RESERVABLE
Please do not hold/reserve any seats or tables, Thank you!

December comes from the word decem, “ten,” because this had been the tenth month of the early Roman calendar. (Note: Although it’s our 12th month, it never was changed.)

Stone = Turquoise Flower = Orchid

How did Xmas Get to Stand for Christmas?

As a Christian, I was told by one minister that it was not respectful to write “Xmas” because the “X” stood as a way to eliminate (Christ) Jesus out of the word Christmas. This was years ago, when all this political correctness was running rapid and they took prayer out of schools etc. Others claim that the “X” is a way to express a disgust for the commercialization of Christmas, and as I said above, how the real meaning of celebrating Christ’s birth has been either totally removed or overshadowed today.

However, the “X” actually is the descendant of the Greek equivalent of Ch, as in “Christos” which means “Christ.” But today’s society has implied that “X” means to x-out or remove. And so Christ is removed by using the X? The X has also symbolized an illiterate person’s signature. So to use the X with some people implies you do not know how to spell Christ or are an imbecile?

The truth is, letter “X” has stood for Christ since at least 1100 A.D. Look it up in any dictionary!

The “Xmas” was first cited in 1551. Eric Partridge, word scholar, says that the scholarly abbreviation for “Christianity” is “Xianity.”

Because so many people dislike Xmas and consider it crass, the use is more often limited to commercial literature (cards, gift wrap, etc.) and banners. The New York Times Manual of Style and Usage states, “never use” as a recommendation for when it’s acceptable.

What Hanukkah really celebrates is the survival of Judaism.

And it is the only Jewish festival that is not mentioned in the bible.

(*Note: Some claim it that Hanukkah (or Chanukah) is mentioned in the bible verse John 10: 22. That the “feast of dedication” is what is called Hanukkah today.)

When Hanukkah begins varies from year to year. Hanukkah is celebrated in the home beginning on the 25th day of the Jewish month of Kislev. It’s a lunar holiday. December 9, 2001 is when it will begin this year. But basically it will fall somewhere between November 25 and December 26 from 25 Kislev to 2 Tevet.

How did it all begin?

Hanukkah annually represents the rebellion of the Jews against the Syrian-Greek King Antiochus, who was determined to impose the Greek religion on all of this subjects. He forbid the Jews to read from their holy books, to pray to their god or to celebrate their holidays. When Matthias, a Jewish priest of Modin (near Jerusalem) and his 5 sons heard about the king’s decrees, they decided enough of this! They ran to the hills and organized a small army lead by one son, Judah (aka Judas Maccabeus). They fought the Syrians for 3 years and successfully forced the Syrian army out of their land in 162 B.C.E.








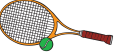
























After the Jews won, they went into the Syrian Temple to get rid of their pagan altar (i.e. statues of Zeus and other Greek Gods) and dedicated the Temple to their own God. They did this by re-lighting the holy candelabrum, commonly known as the Menorah.

The menorah wasn’t the kind we know of today with candles. It was more like an oil lamp. The story goes that the Jews had a problem with their oil supply and only found enough pure (consecrated) oil to burn for ONE day. And, it would take 8 days to get more. But miraculously their menorah burned continuously for 8 days on the small amount of consecrated oil! This rededication ceremony took place on the 25th day of the Jewish month known as Kislev (the anniversary of the Temple’s desecration by the Greeks 3 years earlier.) This is the reason Hanukkah is called “The Feast of the Dedication” or “Festival of Lights.” The Hebrew word for dedication is Hanukkah.

But this holiday isn’t really a commemoration of a military victory over the Syrians. It is to celebrate Jewish independence and religious freedom in general.

PINE LAKES Country Club Management Newsletter



Year Round Activities						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div>3:00-5:00 Ladies Only Pickleball/Courts</div> <div></div>	<div>12:00-3:00 Mahjong/Card Rm</div> <div>2:00 Bowling/Coral Lanes</div> <div>6:00 Mixed Bridge M&W/Card Rm</div> <div>6:30 Texas Hold'em/AR</div>	<div>7:30-9:30 Social Tennis</div> <div>8:00-9:30 Pickleball Lessons/Cts (by Appt Only)</div> <div>12:45-4:00 Mahjong/Card Rm</div> <div>2:30-6:30 Ladder Tournament/Cts</div> <div>6:15 Hand and Foot/Card Rm</div> <div>6:30 Trivia/AR</div> <div>7:00 Shuffleboard/Cts</div>	<div>8:30 Ladies Golf</div> <div>8:30 Nifty Niners/GC</div> <div>9:00-5:00 Bocce/CT</div> <div>1:00-4:00 Ladies Bridge/Card Rm</div>	<div>7:30-9:30 Social Tennis</div> <div>8:00-9:30 Pickleball Lessons/Cts (by Appt Only)</div> <div>9:00-12:00 Mixed Bridge/Card Rm</div> <div>12:30 Men's Golf</div> <div>1:00-4:00 Beg Bridge/Card Rm</div> <div>2:30-6:30 Ladder Tournament/Cts</div> <div></div>	<div>12:00-4:30 Pinochle/Card Rm</div>	<div>Reception Hours: 9:30am til 3:00pm Monday - Friday</div> <div>Changes made up till the 25th of each month.</div>
<div>December 2023</div> <div></div> <div></div>			<div>P.L. CLUBHOUSE ROOM ABBREVIATION CODE</div> <div>BR - Ballroom GC - Golf Course</div> <div>BDS - Billiards P - Patio</div> <div>CR - Crafts Room LF - Lake Fairways</div> <div>FS - Fitness Studio LR - Living Room</div> <div>K - Kitchen LL - Library/Loft</div> <div>AR - Activity Room DR - Driving Range</div> <div>Card Room F - Foyer</div> <div>M & W - Men & Women</div>	<div>PLEASE NOTE: When making reservations for the use of the clubhouse or any of its rooms more than six months in advance, please submit your request in writing to eliminate misunderstandings.</div> <div>Also, when reserving a room please be sure to clean up after each use.</div> <div>a.m. regular • p.m. bold</div>	<div>9:00-12:00 Quilting/CR</div> <div>11:00-12:00 Easy Does It/BR</div> <div>1:30-2:30 Yoga/BR</div> <div>7:00-9:00 Beat Street Band/BR/AR/Card Rm/K</div> <div></div>	<div>8:30 Pancake Breakfast/BR/AR/K</div> <div></div>
<div>10:00-9:00 Private Event/BR/AR/K</div> <div>12:00-3:00 Pool Party/P</div> <div>6:00-8:00 Bible Study/LR</div> <div>7:00 Euchre/Card Rm - 6:45 Sign up</div> <div></div>	<div>9:30-10:30 Tai Chi/BR</div> <div>11:00-12:00 Easy Does it/BR</div> <div>1:00-3:30 Adv. One Stroke/CR</div> <div>3:00-4:30 Tennis Assoc. Bd. Mtg/LR</div> <div>7:00 Texas Hold'em/AR 6:30 Set-up</div> <div></div>	<div>9:00-12:00 Watercolor-Painting for Fun/CR</div> <div>11:00-1:00 Line Dancing/BR</div> <div>1:00-4:00 Ceramics/CR</div> <div>2:00-4:00 Veterans Group Mtg/AR 1:45 set-up</div> <div>3:00- 5:00 Corn Hole/BR</div> <div>6:00-9:30 8 Ball League/BDS</div> <div>6:15 Hand & Foot/Card Rm</div> <div>6:30 Trivia/BR/AR</div> <div></div>	<div>11:00-12:00 Easy Does It/BR</div> <div>12:00-2:00 90's Luncheon/Sand Trap</div> <div>1:00-3:00 WC Bd. Meeting/LR</div> <div>1:00-3:30 Beginner One Stroke/CR if interested, please call Mo @ 239-543-2859</div> <div>6:00 BINGO/BR/AR/K</div> <div>Doors open @ 5pm</div> <div></div>	<div>HANUKKAH BEGINS</div> <div>9:30-10:30 Tai Chi/BR</div> <div>11:00-1:00 Line Dancing/BR</div> <div>6:00-9:30 Billiards Practice/BDS</div> <div>5:00-9:00 WC Christmas Party/BR/AR/K</div> <div>6:30-8:30 Pictionary/Card Rm</div> <div></div>	<div>9:00-12:00 Quilting/CR</div> <div>11:00-12:00 Easy Does It/BR</div> <div>1:30-2:30 Yoga/BR</div> <div>5:00-8:00 Beautification Tour of Homes Cocktail Party/LR</div> <div></div>	<div>8:30 Coffee Social/BR/AR/K</div> <div>Cul de Sac #60</div> <div>4:00-9:00 Beautification Candlelight Tour of Homes Preview/LR</div> <div></div>
<div>12:00-3:00 Pool Party/P</div> <div>6:00-8:00 Bible Study/LR</div> <div>7:00 Euchre/Card Rm - 6:45 Sign up</div> <div></div>	<div>9:30-10:30 Tai Chi/BR</div> <div>11:00-12:00 Easy Does it/BR</div> <div>1:00-3:30 Adv. One Stroke/CR</div> <div>4:00-6:00 Food Trucks/Clubhouse Circle</div> <div>7:00 Texas Hold'em/AR 6:30 Set-up</div> <div>7:00 PLEHOA Board Meeting/BR</div> <div></div>	<div>9:00-12:00 Watercolor-Painting for Fun/CR</div> <div>9:30-12:30 Tops /LR</div> <div>11:00-1:00 Line Dancing/BR</div> <div>1:00-4:00 Ceramics/CR</div> <div>1:30-2:30 Yoga/BR</div> <div>2:00-4:00 Men's Club Board Mtg/LR</div> <div>3:00 Corn Hole/BR</div> <div>4:00-6:00 F.I.S.H/LR</div> <div>6:00-9:30 8 Ball League/BDS</div> <div>6:15 Hand & Foot/Card Rm</div> <div>6:30 Trivia/BR/AR</div> <div></div>	<div>11:00-12:00 Easy Does It/BR</div> <div>1:00-3:30 Beginner One Stroke/CR if interested, please call Mo @ 239-543-2859</div> <div>6:00 BINGO/BR/AR/K</div> <div></div>	<div>9:30-10:30 Tai Chi/BR</div> <div>11:00-12:00 Bocce Committee Mtg/AR</div> <div>11:00-1:00 Line Dancing/BR</div> <div>12:00-1:30 Ohio Night/LR</div> <div>2:00-4:00 Liaison Meeting/LR</div> <div>6:00 Men's Club Meeting/BR/AR/K</div> <div>6:00-9:30 Billiards Practice/BDS</div> <div>6:30-8:30 Pictionary/Card Rm</div> <div></div>	<div>LAST DAY OF HANUKKAH</div> <div>9:00-12:00 Quilting/CR</div> <div>9:00-9:00 Kitchen/Private</div> <div>11:00-12:00 Easy Does It/BR</div> <div>1:30-2:30 Yoga/BR</div> <div>3:00-10:00 Golf Cart Parade/BR/K 5pm Line up</div> <div></div>	<div>8:30 Coffee Social</div> <div>Cul de Sac #61</div> <div>1:00-3:00 WC High Tea Party/BR/AR/K (Complete Dress Up)</div> <div></div>
<div>12:00-3:00 Pool Party/P</div> <div>6:00-8:00 Bible Study/LR</div> <div>6:00-8:00 Diamond Hill Christmas Party/AR</div> <div>7:00 Euchre/Card Rm - 6:45 Sign up</div> <div></div>	<div>9:30-10:30 Tai Chi/BR</div> <div>11:00-12:00 Easy Does it/BR</div> <div>1:00-3:30 Adv. One Stroke/CR</div> <div>7:00 Texas Hold'em/AR 6:30 Set-up</div> <div>7:00 HOAll/Board Mtg/BR</div> <div></div>	<div>9:00-12:00 Watercolor-Painting for Fun/CR</div> <div>11:00-1:00 Line Dancing/BR</div> <div>1:00-3:00 PLGA Bd Meeting/LR</div> <div>1:00-4:00 Ceramics/CR</div> <div>1:30-2:30 Yoga/BR</div> <div>3:00 Corn Hole/BR</div> <div>5:00-9:00 Cul-De-Sac 32 Christmas Party/Craft Rm</div> <div>6:00-9:30 8 Ball League/BDS</div> <div>6:15 Hand & Foot/Card Rm</div> <div>6:30 Trivia/BR/AR</div>	<div>11:00-12:00 Easy Does it/BR</div> <div>1:00-3:30 Beginner One Stroke/CR if interested, please call Mo @ 239-543-2859</div> <div>6:00 BINGO/BR/AR/K</div> <div></div>	<div>9:30-10:30 Tai Chi/BR</div> <div>11:00-12:00 Bocce/AR</div> <div>11:00-1:00 Line Dancing/BR</div> <div>6:00-9:30 Billiards Practice/BDS</div> <div>6:30-8:30 Pictionary/Card Rm</div> <div></div>	<div>9:00-12:00 Quilting/CR</div> <div>11:00-12:00 Easy Does It/BR</div> <div>1:30-2:30 Yoga/BR</div> <div></div>	<div>8:30 Coffee Social/BR/AR/K</div> <div>Cul de Sac #62</div> <div></div>
<div>11:00 Christmas Dinner Set-up/BR/AR/K</div> <div>12:00-3:00 Pool Party/P</div> <div>6:00-8:00 Bible Study/LR</div> <div>7:00 Euchre/Card Rm - 6:45 Sign up</div>	<div>MERRY CHRISTMAS</div> <div>1:00-5:00 Christmas Dinner/BR/AR/K</div> <div>NO Trash Pick Up</div> <div></div>	<div>9:00-12:00 Watercolor-Painting for Fun/CR</div> <div>11:00-1:00 Line Dancing/BR</div> <div>1:00-4:00 Ceramics/CR</div> <div>1:30-2:30 Yoga/BR</div> <div>6:00-9:30 8 Ball League/BDS</div> <div>6:15 Hand & Foot/Card Rm</div> <div>6:30 Trivia/BR/AR</div> <div></div>	<div>11:00-12:00 Easy Does it/BR</div> <div>1:00-3:30 Beginner One Stroke/CR if interested, please call Mo @ 239-543-2859</div> <div>6:00 BINGO/BR/AR/K</div> <div></div>	<div>9:30-10:30 Tai Chi/BR</div> <div>11:00-1:00 Line Dancing/BR</div> <div>6:00-9:30 Billiards Practice/BDS</div> <div>6:30-8:30 Pictionary/Card Rm</div> <div></div>	<div>9:00-12:00 Quilting/CR</div> <div>11:00-12:00 Easy Does It/BR</div> <div>1:30-2:30 Yoga/BR</div> <div></div>	<div>NO COFFEE SOCIAL</div> <div></div>
<div>NEW YEARS EVE</div> <div>12:00-3:00 Pool Party/P</div> <div>6:00-8:00 Bile Study/LR</div> <div>7:00 Euchre/Card Rm - 6:45 Sign up</div> <div>7:00-12:01am New Years Eve - Dinner 7-8, Music & Dance 8-12:01am Doors open 6pm</div>						