



# DECEMBER



Board Newsletter

Volume 5

## From the President – Merry Christmas!

It is that time of year again and we find ourselves hustling and bustling with more projects to complete, decorating to do, presents to wrap – all in the season of remembering good will towards our family and friends. From the red cup controversy with Starbucks to whether or not someone wishes you Happy Holidays or Merry Christmas, my wish is that our NAREOP members don't allow themselves to get caught up in the nit-picking or negativity. Keep the Christmas spirit alive all year long. So how do we keep the true spirit of Christmas alive?

Think about what you have and be truly thankful. Be of service to others and remember the fulfillment you feel in your heart when the decorations are taken down and put away. Thank our public service people for their service. Don't allow yourself to become a victim of criminal activity. Protect yourself, your family and your belongings during this time of year when criminal activity is increased. Play Christmas music in your home/car and truly listen to the words and the message they carry. Know what really matters by prioritizing what is the most important from spending time with those we love and celebrating a season that means something to us. Look for the good – Christmas is a time for

taking note of the things we love – the people we care about, the special things like the traditions that have carried down from the generations before us.

God has given us the gift of life, and with that gift we have the opportunity to share our faith each and every day. One of the best ways to keep your "Christmas Spirit" going is to start each day in prayerful reflection. Think of the spirit of giving and joyfulness all year long and let it permeate every part of your life. My wish for all of you is that somehow, not only for Christmas, but all the year through that, the joy you give to others at this beautiful Christmas season continues.

*There are many gifts under the Christmas tree, but the best one is the gift of your friendship!*

Becky



## We're Late...

**We missed a very important date!**

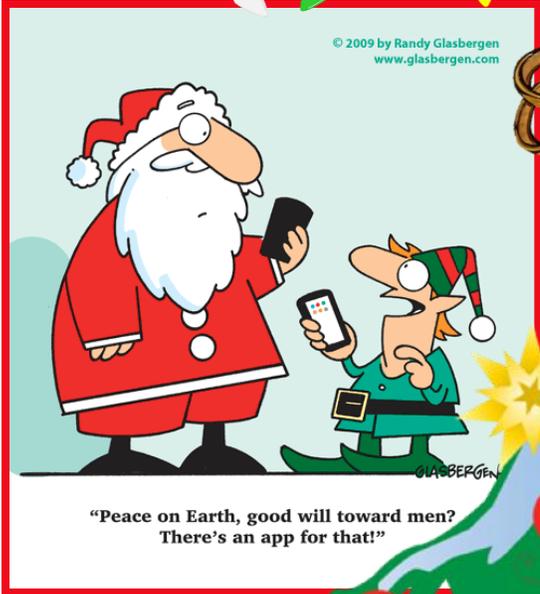
Karen Pulaski's birthday was  
December 2

**HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY!**



## With Great Sadness

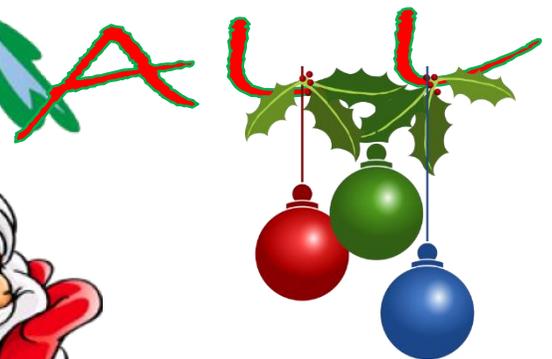
We report the passing of Linda Orr's mother. Please remember Linda in your prayers.



The combined cost for the dozen gifts featured in the final verse of the famed Christmas carol totals \$34,130.99 in 2015, up \$198 from last year's price tag and in-line with the government's Consumer Price Index, according to the 32nd annual PNC Christmas Price Index issued Monday.



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During the Christmas buying season, Visa cards alone are used an average of 5,340 times every minute in the United States.