



SENNETT SENIORS NEWSLETTER---DECEMBER 2024

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Holiday welcome to all. This time of year is a time of such emotion, and can be full of joy but also deeply sad. Missing special people changes the tone of planning and sharing.

So it is with great sadness that we note the death since our last meeting of member **Kathy Walawender**, sister of members **Donna Richardson** and **Diane Kudla**. Our hearts go out to them and all members who are missing people dear to their hearts. But we rejoice with **Donna Glowacki**, who is slowly getting back to herself following hospitalization and major surgery. Please let **Pat Baran** know of other members with matters of the heart—joyful or sorrowful—who might like to hear from us. Pat (315-834-9993) will send cards on our behalf, now and throughout the winter while we are apart.

FYI: AARP has a program (online we think) regarding fraud and scams. If you're interested, go to their website or call their health number 1-888-687-2277) for information.

Today we are pleased to announce and reveal a special **gift of gratitude from Sennett Seniors to the Sennett Fire Company.....**

As we come to the end of our 2024 calendar and look into the new year, here are some facts to be aware of:

~~Our next meeting will be in April 2025. The exact date is uncertain, but may be confirmed by the end of today's meeting---Keep something handy to write with so you can record it.

~~Dues will be due at our April meeting: \$20 per non-Sennett resident...no charge for residents of Sennett.

~~Until further notice, meals will cost \$20 per person each meeting, with two exceptions: \$10 per veteran or member 90+ years old.

~~Meeting dates and RSVP dates for the coming year will be available at our April meeting.

~~New to You table will return for our 2025 meetings.

~Dates and other details will be available in April regarding our planned summer garage sale, and possible trips, including our scheduled trip to Cortland Repertory Theater's production of "Murder for Two" on July 22nd :

~During our winter break, Kathy will not be sending out info. via USPS if she has your email address. She will be emailing most of us when she has news to share, and will send USPS mail only to those whose email addresses she does not have. News of Sennett is also available at www.sennettny.org .

It's a time for kids' Christmas wish lists; but we're asking for just one thing here...a little help, please: If you are at a point in life when you are no longer interested in coming to our meetings. we'd appreciate your letting us know. and asking friends who might feel the same to notify Kathy, MaryEllen, or Nancy of their change of mind. That will allow for changes in membership lists while Kathy has time to do any needed revising during the coming months. If this possibility does include you, know that we've been glad of your company and thank you for your participation.

Whatever your circumstances, we are wishing you a safe and healthy winter, and a new year that promises (and delivers) gifts small or large...and a holiday season that brings warmth to all hearts, healing or whole.

We'll have to keep our eyes peeled through these next months, to see where we might bump (so to speak) into each other!

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~~~Some parting Christmas thoughts~~~

Three phrases that sum up Christmas: "Peace on Earth"... "Good will to Men"... "Batteries not Included"

Four stages of Christmas: You believe in Santa Claus....You don't believe in Santa Claus...You are Santa Claus.....You look like Santa Claus...

And from Ann Bristow:
"For Christmas this year, try giving less. Start with attitude. There's more than enough of that in the world as it is—and people will usually give it back anyway."

And of course the Grinch:
"What if Christmas, he thought, didn't come from a store. What if Christmas, perhaps, means a little bit more."