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## Message from Santa

Welcome to the North Pole Newsletter! I hope everyone has a wonderful Holiday Season. Here we will share many ideas about Christmas, and the latest news from the North Pole. The elves have been hard at work designing the newsletter. I'm told it is very popular in their homes. In this edition you will find

some interesting facts about reindeer, Christmas stockings and wreaths. I share where Mrs. Claus and I spent our vacation, and she shares some of her famous recipes. We explore the Naughty and Nice list, share some photos and the Elf Code too. So, enjoy reading and remember to always be Nice!

## Breaking News

### Holly Elf Reports:

Bernard, the #1 Elf says that the production of gifts this year is up 75%. When ask about this amazing increase he said, "The Northern Lights have been very powerful this year and that is good news, since they get their power from the believers in Santa. The elves have has an amazing amount of energy which has led to production increases larger than in the past several years."

### Jingles Elf Reports:

This year technology toys again lead the way in popularity. He did note that the traditional toys also are holding on strong. Particularly teddy bears, dolls,, trucks, and dinosaurs.



### *Is it Donner or Donder*

I want to clarify some issues with names and the reindeer. My reindeer are named Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donder and Blitzen. Note, it is not actually Donner. Sometime around the tv show Rudolph (he is the final reindeer on the team) someone goofed and thought I said Donner, not Donder. Unfortunately, it stuck and now there is some confusion. Donder is a male reindeer. He and Blitzen are the strongest of all the reindeer and their names mean

Thunder and Lightning. Donder doesn't mind if you call him Donner. He just wants everyone to know his real name is Donder.



### *Christmas Stockings*



Some have ask, "where did Christmas stockings come from?" Well, I'm glad you ask! Many years ago, when I started giving gifts in the village of Myra, people would hang their socks on the fireplace mantle to dry after washing them. There was a family that had 3 daughters, and they had come upon hard times. Because I gave my gifts in secret, I threw 3 bags of gold down the chimney, and they landed in girls stockings. Everyone heard about it and began hanging

stockings for me to deliver gifts. In some countries the children would leave out their shoes with treats for me and I would leave gifts in their shoes. In some areas the shoes were replaced with stockings. Today, however, the fireplace is not the only option—people who don't have one hang their stockings on doorknobs, windowsills, or bedposts. No matter where you hang your stocking I will find it!





### *Hawaiian Vacation*

Mrs Claus and I are enjoyed a holiday in Hawaii. We flew commercial as the reindeer need to rest after the long Christmas Eve flight. The flight attendants on our connecting flight United 2025 spoiled me. They are great! Now you can see I am catching some rays at Waikiki Beach. Mrs. Claus took this picture of me. We are enjoying the sunshine and relaxation. We will be spending time being tourists as we visit various sites around the island. It

will be a short trip as we need to get back to the North Pole and start preparing for next year's big day. The elves have time off till January 3 to rest and be with their families. Then we begin making gifts for next year!



### *Christmas Wreath*

By [Kat Moon](#) Time Magazine  
December 21, 2018

Hanging a wreath on a door or a wall is almost as essential to decorating for yuletide as setting up a Christmas tree — and, as it turns out, the two traditions come from the same place.

“The tree gave birth to the wreath,” says Ace Collins, author of *Stories Behind the Great Traditions of Christmas*.

The custom of bringing evergreens home during the winter [began in the 16th century](#) among northern and eastern Europeans — with Germans commonly credited with starting the Christmas tree tradition. During this period, pruning the tree was a part of the preparation process. “Limbs were often cut off in an attempt to make the tree more uniform in shape or to fit into a room,” Collins writes in his book. Instead of throwing the pieces of greenery away, the Europeans wove the excess into wreaths.



## *Naughty or Nice List*

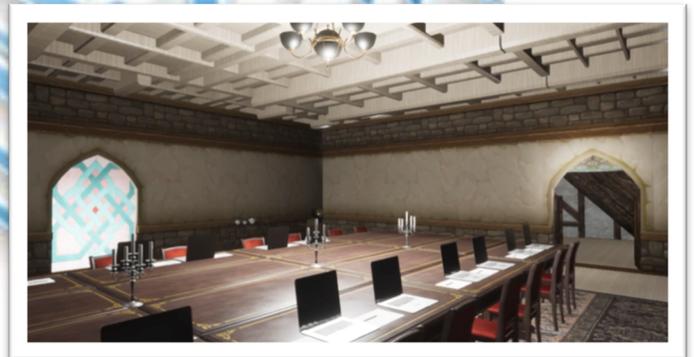
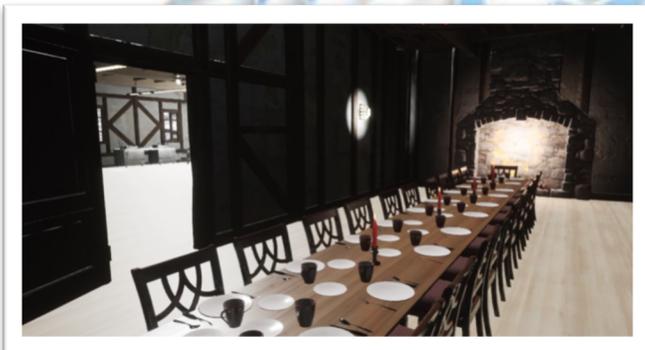
I get ask a lot about the Naughty and Nice List. Yes, it does exist. These days the List is in written form, but also in a digital format on the North Pole Server. I can check it twice, no matter where I am.

I believe Buddy the elf was right when he shared my philosophy about it saying, "There is room for everyone on the Nice List"

I want everyone to be on their best behavior, and I know we all make mistakes and poor choices in our lives. It is how we decide to act after those moments that are so important. Do we take responsibility and work to correct or change the behavior? Do we apologize when needed, and work harder to do what is right? I believe everyone has the opportunity to be on the Nice List. So, if you make a mistake or poor choice remember, that you always have the ability to still make the Nice List by what you do or say next! There really is room for everyone on the Nice List!!



*Photos  
From the  
North Pole*



# Cooking With Mrs. Claus

Greetings from the North Pole and my Kitchen. Here are a few Christmas recipes for you to enjoy. I am always cooking. As you know Santa loves cookies and I enjoy baking them! The elves and I bake and cook treats for the elves working in the workshop. They love cookies even more than Santa.



Mrs Claus Kitchen

## Gingerbread People

- 1 cup of shortening
- 1 cup of molasses
- 1 cup of brown sugar
- 4 cups of flour
- 1 tsp of cinnamon
- 2 tsp of ginger
- 1 egg well beaten
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1 tsp cloves
- 1/2 tsp nutmeg

Mix sugar & shortening till soft. Stir in molasses, add well beaten egg, then dry ingredients. Mix well. Roll out 1/3" thick and cut with cookie cutters. Place on greased pan and bake 10 - 15 minutes at 325 degrees. Cool and remove from pan and decorate. Makes 24 Gingerbread People



Mrs Claus Kitchen

## No Roll Sugar Cookies

- Cream Together**
- 1 cup margarine
- 1 cup Crisco oil
- 2 cups of sugar
- Add**
- 2 eggs and 1 tsp of vanilla
- Then Add**
- 5 cups of flour
- 2 tsp of baking soda
- 2 tsp of cream of tarter
- Pinch of salt

\*Roll teaspoonfuls in balls, flatten with a glass which has been buttered and dipped in sugar. Use cookie cutters to cut shapes if desired. Place on ungreased cookie sheet bake 350 degrees 10-12 min  
Decorate cookies after cooled.



Mrs Claus Kitchen

## Buckeye Candy

- Blend:**
- 2 sticks of oleo
- 3 cups of peanut butter
- Add:**
- 2 lb Powder of Sugar
- 2 tsp vanilla

Once mixed make into balls then chill till firm

Melt in double boiler, 18 oz chocolate chips  
Add 3/4 oz of cake of wax (parawax) melted

Remove from heat  
Stick toothpicks in peanut butter balls and dip in chocolate/wax mixture  
Place on wax paper to cool



Mrs Claus Kitchen

## Christmas Cocoa

- 1 oz dried milk
- 1 6-8 oz jar creamer
- 1/2-3/4 cup powder sugar
- 1lb instant chocolate mix

Mix ingredients together

Add 1/3 cup of boiling water to desired amount in mug for cocoa

# THE CODE OF ELVES

1. Treat every day like **CHRISTMAS**.
2. There's room for everyone on the **NICE LIST**.
3. The best way to spread **CHRISTMAS CHEER** is singing loud for all to hear.

BUDDY *the* ELF