

A "C.U.T." ABOVE

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In normal times, Rhoda and her crew would be busy planning our END OF THE YEAR PICNIC at the Sheriffs' Youth Ranch. Well, it hasn't been "normal" for over a year and we haven't met since February of 2020. Things are starting to brighten, more vaccinations are being administered, responsible people are following the guidelines and helping our nation to recuperate and heal.

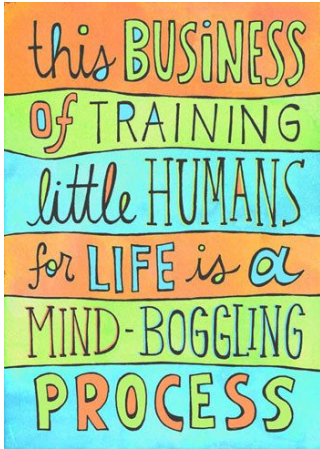
I don't anticipate an April closing at the Ranch, but perhaps we will be able to schedule an outdoor event in the coming months. I am open to suggestions as to what we can do. Please communicate with me with any ideas you may have. I remember when we used to "brainstorm" ideas at our weekly kindergarten grade level meetings to get ideas on how to best reach every student. Fond memories about the way our classrooms looked "BC", BEFORE COVID.

Marsha Friedman, Treasurer of RC#43 has reached out to us to help support the VOTE/COPE from Florida. As you know, VOTE/COPE supports candidates in New York who support public education and help to keep our retiree benefits. As I mentioned in our last Newsletter, our pensions are secure and well funded. Since there was no conference this year, RC 43 would like to donate some unused funds to VOTE/COPE. Marsha indicated that part of our C.U.T fees could be used for VOTE/COPE too and RC 43 will match our Unit's donation up to \$100. I am in complete agreement with this proposal, but I would like some feedback from you. Please contact me.

Although our membership this year is down, we do have several new members! We look forward to meeting them when we finally can safely meet and renew friendships.

Please stay safe and email me with ideas, concerns and updates!

EGAN COTTAGE UPDATES

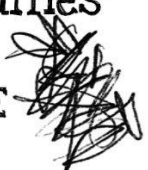


Egan Cottage residents were very thankful for our Christmas gifts and, although we couldn't be there as in years past, their joy is evidenced in the photos and in the thank you cards I received. I will be sharing them when we finally get to meet again. The kids are attending classes and participating in sports following the COVID guidelines and trying to keep safe. Despite this, two youngsters did get infected and suffered flu-like symptoms.

Our spring gift could not be used at the Water Park as in the past because of safety closures during the summer. The kids, however, enjoyed a "zip line" experience and our gift enabled the Cottage to rent a small movie theatre for a special viewing.

Thank you all for your continuing generosity that does make a difference in the lives of our most precious youth!

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