



The Village View

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Elizabeth Jarrett-Jefferson, Editor

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Coming Up—

- **Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve at Sahale**
- **Winter bus trip to Leavenworth – January 15**

This poem is a gift to you with love from the *Village View* editorial staff---Colette, Elizabeth, Kirsten, Hollis, Joan, Barbara, Marjenta, and Rose.

These Are My Holiday Wishes for You

Sandra Sturtz Hauss

May you find serenity and tranquility in a world you may not always understand. May the pain you have known and the conflict you have experienced give you the strength to walk through life facing each new situation with courage and optimism. Always know that there are those whose love and understanding will always be there, even when you feel most alone. May you discover enough goodness in others to believe in a world of peace. May a kind word, a reassuring touch, and a warm smile be yours every day of your life, and may you give these gifts as well as receive them. Remember the sunshine when the storm seems unending. Teach love to those who know hate, and let that love embrace you as you as you go into the world. May the teachings of those you admire become part of you, so that you may call upon them. Remember, those whose lives you have touched and who have touched yours are always a part of you, even if the encounters were less than you would have wished. It is the content of the encounter that is more important than its form. May you not become too concerned with material matters, but instead place immeasurable value on the goodness in your heart. Find time in each day to see beauty and love in the world around you. Realize that what you feel you lack in one regard you may be more than compensated for in another. What you feel you lack in the present may become one of your strengths in the future. May you see your future as one filled with promise and possibility. Learn to view everything as a worthwhile experience. May you find enough inner strength to determine your own worth by yourself, and not be dependent on another's judgment of your accomplishments. May you always feel loved!



Christmas Day Open House at Sahale

Join us at Sahale on **Christmas day** in the afternoon and welcome others to join. **Happy hour is at 4pm** with dinner to follow. We will provide the main dishes and invite anyone coming to bring a beverage, dessert, or side dish. **Please RSVP to Elizabeth Jarrett <elizabeth.ann.jarrett@gmail.com>** You are welcome to spend the night.

We will host a fun gift exchange full of surprises that everyone can join in, regardless of age or economic means. If you are planning to come to join us for Christmas at Sahale, please bring one creative gift that is wrapped but doesn't need any tags. Just a wrapped gift. We will have a game for exchanging these gifts. There is no need to spend anything; you are encouraged to make something as a gift! If you do purchase a gift, please limit spending to less than \$15. Guaranteed to be fun and you'll learn more about your friends and what kinds of things they are drawn to when the game play begins!



New Year's Eve at Sahale, 2021 – 2022. Friday,

December 31, will be New Year's Eve and Saturday will be New Year's Day. This is a time to honor the year's passing and the new year to come. It is a combination of playing and reflecting together. Games, poems, music, good food, laughter, relaxation, and thoughtful conversation are all usually part of our time at Sahale as the new year arrives. *Consider coming*

anytime on December 31 and stay through January 1. Make your plans now, especially if you would like specific sleeping accommodations. Email Elizabeth Jarrett <elizabeth.ann.jarrett@gmail.com> to RSVP. A suggested donation of \$35.00 per night will cover expenses.

New Year's Day 2022 at Sahale

By Sam Staatz

First off, it's next year; New Year's Day. January 1.

Next up. I get it. We're in Advent. Christmas, that is. I'm not the one skipping holidays here.

It's the stores; they're already putting up their Independence Day decorations. Just sayin'.

Oh, I see I've lost you. New Year's Day. You're thinking it's the holiday after Christmas. Nope.

It's the eighth day of Christmas. Complete with eight maids a milking, 23 assorted birds, and five rings. Unless you're in the South. There it's black-eyed peas, collard greens, and corn

bread.

This New Year's Day skip the birds, maids, and rings and come on by for some black-eyed peas, collard greens, and corn bread. I'm even cooking up a mess of hoppin' John and some boiled peanuts.

The specifics:

- Three o'clock on January 1, 2022 y'all c'mon by Sahale, now y'hear.
- As far as RSVPs go, I start cooking early. Early, as in December 30 early. Meaning, I do my grocery shopping the day before. In other words, please RSVP by five o'clock on December 28. This will let me get my act as close to together as it's ever going to get.
- Here is where here is: 2901 Tahuya River Road, Tahuya, WA 98588
- RSVP to me, Elizabeth Jarrett (elizabeth.ann.jarrett@gmail.com), or Colette Hoff (hoff@goodenough.org). When you do so, we'll send you directions to get here. It's just an hour from the Southworth or Bremerton ferry terminals (or from Gig Harbor, for those thinking of driving around). In your RSVP, let us know if you'd like to spend the night.

Cheers,

Sam

Sam Staatz (mrstaat@gmail.com)



*Edgar Albert Guest (1891-1950) was born in England but came to the United States with his family when he was ten. He became a reporter for the **Detroit Free Press**, where his first poem was published in 1898. Guest's poems are occasionally humorous, but his Christmas poems tend to be simply uplifting, like this Christmas blessing.*



A Christmas Carol

by Edgar Albert Guest

God bless you all this Christmas Day
And drive the cares and griefs away.
Oh, may the shining Bethlehem star
Which led the wise men from afar
Upon your heads, good sirs, still glow
To light the path that ye should go.

As God once blessed the stable grim
And made it radiant for Him;
As it was fit to shield His Son,
May thy roof be a holy one;
May all who come this house to share
Rest sweetly in His gracious care.

Within thy walls may peace abide,
The peace for which the Savior died.
Though humble be the rafters here,
Above them may the stars shine clear,
And in this home thou lovest well
May excellence of spirit dwell.

God bless you all this Christmas Day;
May Bethlehem's star still light thy way
And guide thee to the perfect peace
When every fear and doubt shall cease.
And may thy home such glory know
As did the stable long ago.

WINTER BUS TRIP TO LEAVENWORTH

Saturday, January 15, 2022

Dashing through the snow, fun for all ages...



*Sponsored by the Friends and Families of
The Goodenough Community's Family Enrichment Network*

Join friends and family for a day-long journey through the mountains to the Bavarian-themed village of Leavenworth, stopping along the way for snow play. **** Covid vaccinations/booster shots are required for registration. **** Be sure to wear and bring extra warm clothing, a packed lunch, bottled water and snacks to enjoy and share. We encourage you to bring sleds, skis, inner tubes, or other equipment for snow play. [This year, Eagle Creek Ranch is not available to the public, so we plan to be in Leavenworth for a longer period of time.]

\$90 – Adults (18 and older) / \$70 - Children (13 to 18)

\$50 - Children (3 to 12) / Children under 2 free

Family rates are negotiable.

See flyer attached to this email for full registration information.

Please email [Elizabeth](mailto:Elizabeth@goodenough.org) if you have questions.



Mindful Mike's Blog: Christmas Time

Mike deAnguera

Over the hill and through the woods to Paul and Pat's house we go! What am I dealing with here? Snow? NOAA says there won't be much and the really cold weather doesn't start until Saturday night at 26 degrees.

Now, another major concern will be driving conditions. As we all know the West Seattle Bridge is out so Paul and Pat sent me a map of possible detour. I could also take the ferry and have them pick me up in Fautleroy. I would park my car at the Park and Ride in Southworth.

There are times when I envy the Dalai Lama. I'm sure all of his needs were taken care of by his staff just like the Buddha. Hmm....that makes it easy to be enlightened. But then I would have had to be a Buddhist in my previous lifetime. Do I really want to know what I did in my previous lifetime? Probably not. As I recall Paramhansa Yogananda didn't give his previous lifetime a thought. He just wanted to find a teacher in the Himalaya Mountains who could explain to him the meaning of life. He also had attendants.

Christmas is Solstice, the coldest, darkest time of the year. Right now the days are getting longer again by a minute each day. Of course it is gray and rainy. So I am inside typing up this article. It is good we do Solstice with lights, a tree, and presents because it helps us to not take each other for granted.



Here is my family, Paul and Pat (my brother and sister-in-law) along with their kids/my cousins, Alice and Anna and her partner Brian at the fire circle in Central Park. They also visited my tiny house one at a time of course since there is only room enough for one visitor at a time!

Of course there is the Christian message of Jesus. I believe that he was actually born during lambing season in the spring. Shepherds around the manger were proof of that. Was he really born in Bethlehem? Tradition says so. Of course, he lived in Nazareth so he could have been born there. The important thing was his message.

Many people are alienated from the Christian message, and I can understand why. The church had been simply a way to control individuals through fear. I am quite sure Jesus would

have disliked that. On the other hand, I loved the way he called the rich and powerful to account. He was inclusive so all kinds of folks filled the ranks of his followers. Remember the story of the Good Samaritan? You could fill that in with gay folks and wiccans if you like, as well as Communists.

The message is that the Sun will come back. This is what people in the North wanted to hear. I need to hear it as well when confronted by the darkness of our world.

Spring, of course, means income taxes and more doctor appointments. But that's another day. Let it be. Enjoy Christmas now. For me it is the most potent message of renewal one can receive in a mortal lifetime.

And speaking of living in the present, Adrien, our workaway and intern for three months at Sahale, has completed his stay and will be traveling to Hawaii in January to work and intern on Oahu. We had his going away party this week, complete with Hawaiian food.

Angels I might meet on high when I leave my mortal body behind? I will tell them I am good enough. Otherwise, I would never have been a member of the Goodenough Community.



Programs and Events of the Goodenough Community Announcing Winter and Spring Dates

Throughout the year we intend to offer programs that help you participate in your own development, learn about relating well with others, and help you discover your potential for having a good time in life and with others. Information about programs and upcoming events can be found at www.goodenough.org



Human Relations Laboratory, August 7 – 13, 2022 – Mark your calendars now
This intense and joyous week-long event is a communal experience of personal growth and relational development within a rich culture with art, music, dance, song, drama and more. Next summer in 2022 we will celebrate 53 years! Contact: Colette Hoff or Elizabeth Jarrett-Jefferson,

hoff@goodenough.org, elizabeth.ann.jarrett@gmail.com



The Goodenough Community's governing body, the General Circle, meets monthly on Monday evenings, 7:00 PM

Winter and Spring Dates

- January 24, 2022
- February 21
- March 21
- April 25
- May 23
- June 20

For additional information, contact [Elizabeth Jarrett-Jefferson](#)



The Women's Program is a long-established and ever-growing way for women to enjoy each other's company, learn about themselves as women, and even perhaps to experience the Divine Feminine.

Saturdays, 10AM to 1:00 PM via Zoom:

Winter and Spring Dates:

- January 22, 2022
- March 26
- April 29 – May 1 - *Annual Weekend for Women*

For more information, contact [Hollis Ryan](#).



Third Age - Those age 60 and older have been gathering monthly, Friday evenings, 7PM. Contact [Kirsten Rohde](#) for more information *There will not be a gathering on December 17.*

Winter and Spring 2022 dates:

- January 28, 2022
- February 25
- April 15



The Men's Program - Our Men's Circle is an expression of brotherhood and practice with wisdom, gathered from our own lives, other men's work, advocates, and the founders of this circle.

For information, contact [Norm Peck](#)



Pathwork, a Program of Convocation: A Church and Ministry – Pathwork offers you a spiritual home in which to rest and to share your heart and mind as you move through these unpredictable times. Participants come together under the leadership of Pastor Colette Hoff and find support and encouragement, gaining wisdom from the world’s faith & wisdom traditions. All are welcome to join. Meetings are held via Zoom on alternate Sundays: 7pm to 9pm. Contact [Colette Hoff](#) for Zoom information.

** The next fall date: December 19 – this is a change **

Winter and Spring Dates:

- January 9 and 23
- February 6 and 20
- March 6 and 20
- April 10 and 24
- May 8 and 22
- June 5 and 19



Work and Play Parties throughout the Year. Traditionally, the Goodenough Community sponsors work parties over Memorial Day weekend as well as other times to express gratitude for the presence of our beloved retreat center, Sahale, and to experience the satisfaction of playing and working together. Please email hoff@goodenough.org with questions.



Quest: A Counseling and Healing Center

Our belief is that mental and emotional health is a prerequisite for spiritual wellbeing, collaboration, and the expression of compassion. Quest’s counseling and education programs, open to all interested individuals, focus on empowering individuals, couples, and family groups to be happier and more effective in relationships. Call Colette Hoff (206-755 8404).