



# Riversidelines

**DECEMBER 2020**



## SOROPTIMIST VISION

Women and girls have the resources and opportunities to reach their full potential and live their dreams.

## SOROPTIMIST MISSION

Soroptimist is a global volunteer organization that provides women and girls with access to the education and training they need to achieve economic empowerment.

## SOROPTIMIST TAG LINE

**"INVESTING IN  
DREAMS"**

## SOROPTIMIST CORE VALUES

Soroptimist International of the Americas is committed to:

- **GENDER EQUALITY:**  
Women and girls live free from discrimination.
- **EMPOWERMENT:** Women and girls are free to act in their own best interest.
- **EDUCATION:** Women and girls deserve to lead full and productive lives through access to education.
- **DIVERSITY & FELLOWSHIP:**  
Women from varied backgrounds and perspectives work together to improve the lives of women and girls.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Edith Gingerich  
2020-21 SIR President



As we near the end of 2020, we can all agree that this has been one of the most difficult years in recent history. The COVID-19 pandemic worldwide has caused financial, educational and social disruption across the globe not to mention the thousands of deaths that families now mourn.

But in the face of such difficult times, I am so proud to be a part of Soroptimist International of Riverside! The strides our club has made in transitioning to a "virtual" world is astounding! The resilience and determination to assist women and girls and celebrate their accomplishments shown by our members this year is something we can all be very proud of.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your dedication and hard work and wishing each of you and your

families Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas and Happy Hannukah!

Sincerely yours,

Edith Gingerich  
2020-21 SIR President

## DECEMBER 2020 CALENDAR

December



### ALL MEETINGS IN DECEMBER WILL BE ON ZOOM

- 1 BOARD MEETING  
12:00 PM on Zoom
- 8 BUSINESS MEETING  
12:00 PM on Zoom
- 10 INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

*HOLIDAY PARTY TO BE  
DETERMINED*

NOTE: THERE IS NO PROGRAM  
MEETING IN DECEMBER

## JANUARY 2021 CALENDAR

January



### ALL MEETINGS IN JANUARY WILL BE ON ZOOM

- 5 BOARD MEETING  
12:00 PM on Zoom
- 11 INTERNATIONAL DAY OF  
HUMAN TRAFFICKING  
AWARENESS
- 12 BUSINESS MEETING  
12:00 PM on Zoom
- 24 INTERNATIONAL DAY OF  
EDUCATION
- 26 PROGRAM MEETING  
12:00 pm on Zoom

## DATES TO REMEMBER



February 6, 2021  
VIRTUAL VALENTINE AUCTION

March 6, 2021  
VIRTUAL LIVE YOUR DREAM:  
DREAM IT BE IT CONFERENCE

October 1-3, 2021  
SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL  
100th ANNIVERSARY ONLINE  
GLOBAL CELEBRATION

July 20-23, 2022  
**SIA 47TH BIENNIAL  
CONVENTION**  
Seoul, Korea

## **SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL**



### **WHERE WE STAND THE GIRL CHILD**

The status of girls continues to be hindered by the persistence of gender discrimination preventing them from enjoying their basic rights, although some progress has been made in the implementation of international treaties and conventions on the rights of the child with significant improvements in the lot of girls who are better educated, better cared for and protected in many countries.

Recent research, however, demonstrates there is still more progress to be made. The current crisis situations responsible for mass migrations of the populations involved have had a detrimental effect on women and girls with, for example, disruption of education and healthcare.

The progress of the future society is still hampered by the obstacles faced by girls in the full development of their abilities. The Sustainable Development Goals will not be achieved by 2030 if half of the current youth are prevented from contributing to the implementation and decision making which will affect their lives in the future.

### **WHERE SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL STANDS**

These are the principles that Soroptimist international strongly supports and will advocate for and on behalf of women and girls, believing education of girls is a key:

- Soroptimists support all actions of governments, intergovernmental institutions and civil society to promote, improve and enable the schooling of girls, on an equal basis with boys, their attendance in school during the 12 years of primary and secondary education and their access to STEM courses (science, technology, engineering & mathematics). Soroptimists encourage all governments to create or ensure girl-friendly physical environments in schools, such as proper sanitation facilities, clean water in schools, safe transport to and from school, provision of school supplies and provision of school meals.
- Soroptimists encourage all governments to take legal measures to prevent, control and sanction violent practices and particularly child domestic labor, mutilation, early marriage, harassment and rape.
- Soroptimists encourage and support health campaigns, especially in schools, to protect and improve girls' health and prevent early pregnancy and diseases such as HIV.
- Soroptimists will raise awareness of girls on their rights to defend themselves against gender injustices and discrimination enabling them to find support and recourse

against any form of violence when they are victims.

- Soroptimists encourage advocacy and global campaigns to raise awareness and more particularly educate and inform the youth of the world to fight against discrimination and gender prejudice.
- Soroptimist International is concerned about the decline in the status of women and girls who are forced into exile or living in regions in conflict and calls for special international protection for girls in this situation.

From Soroptimist International website:  
[soroptimistinternational.org](http://soroptimistinternational.org)

### **DECEMBER 10, 2020 INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY**



Human Rights Day is observed every year on December 10th - the day in 1948 that the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR).

The UDHR is a milestone document that proclaims the inalienable rights which everyone is entitled to as a human being regardless of race, color, religion, sex, language, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status. Available in more than 500 languages, it is the most translated document in the world.

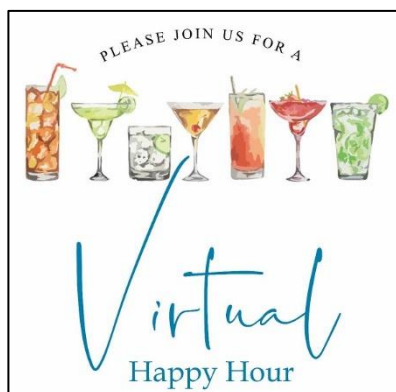
## 2020 THEME: RECOVER BETTER - STAND UP FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

This year's Human Rights Day theme relates to the COVID-19 pandemic and focuses on the need to build back better by ensuring Human Rights are central to recovery efforts. We will reach our common global goals only if we are able to create equal opportunities for all, address the failures exposed and exploited by COVID-19 and apply human rights standards to tackle entrenched, systematic and intergenerational inequalities, exclusion and discrimination.

December 10th is an opportunity to reaffirm the importance of human rights in re-building the world we want, the need for global solidarity as well as our interconnectedness and shared humanity.

Under UN Human Rights' generic call to action "Stand Up for Human Rights," we aim to engage the general public, our partners and the UN family to bolster transformative action and showcase practical and inspirational examples that can contribute to recovering better and fostering more resilient and just societies.

### NOVEMBER 17, 2020 VIRTUAL HAPPY HOUR

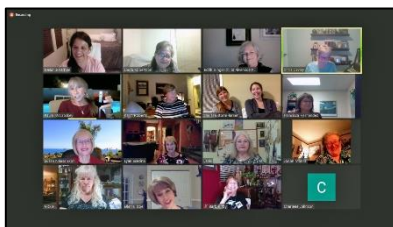


In lieu of our program meeting on Tuesday, November 17th, SI Riverside held a Virtual Happy Hour via Zoom that was attended by 16 members and guests.

Our president Edith Gingerich welcomed everyone and each member had the opportunity to introduce herself and tell what Soroptimist means to her and what position or committee she is involved with.

Five guests were given the opportunity to introduce themselves and several were familiar with our programs and events.

Thanks to Melanie, we played "Handbag Scavenger Hunt" and prizes were awarded to those who found the most items in their purses.



This was a relaxed, fun time together and it was good to spend time with each other outside of our regular meeting.

We will be scheduling one of these meetings again soon, I am sure.

Lynn Scecina  
Membership Chair

### FEBRUARY 6, 2021 VIRTUAL VALENTINE AUCTION

*Investing in  
Dreams,  
Delivered  
with Heart*



Can you believe it is December already? Time has been skewed this year but our efforts to continue raising funds to fulfill our mission remain steadfast.

Although Thanksgiving has past, I would like to voice my gratitude to the following individuals and businesses who have shown their support of our fundraising efforts: Allison Dale - A-Z Printing, Deanna Andrews, Peggy Fryc, Connie Jameson, Patricia & Keith Moorman, Barbara Priebe, Sharon Schroeder, Don & Chris Speer, Leslie Vasquez, Lugena Wahlquist, Katherine Wilson, Susan Exon, Debra Ferraro, Susan Stark-Gigandet, Edith Gingerich, John & Janet Gless, Vickie Hightower, Natasha Maness, Barbara Shackelton, Taylor's Appliance, Judith Auth, Amy Harrison, Katherine Wright, Pam Bradford, Frauke Liers, Barbara Walling, Janet Payton, Barbara Purvis, Bruce & Vickie Mihelich - Fuller Truck Accessories and Executive Facilities Service, Inc.

The Valentine Dessert Auction Committee is looking forward to our virtual auction in February and hope you all join us there. Keep in touch with the latest planning and fundraising participants on our website. The way to make it a "virtually perfect" event is to share the work of Soroptimist International of Riverside on your social platforms.

JoAnn Moore  
Valentine Auction Chair

### INSPIRE LIFE SKILLS TRAINING





The young ladies of Inspire House are busy, busy, busy as are the lovely ladies of SI Riverside. Setting a time that will work for all when delivering dinners and other things we provide for them can be tricky. Vice President Melanie McKee signed up to provide dinner in October. Scheduling conflicts delayed the dinner to November 2nd.

Melanie ordered large pizzas, half of one with just cheese (one of the young ladies doesn't eat meat) and a box of jalapeno poppers, all from Papa John's. Looked and smelled delicious.



Due to more schedule conflict, Melanie wasn't available to personally pick up and deliver the food to Inspire House so she made arrangements with SI Riverside member JoAnn Moore to pick up and deliver for her. JoAnn also bought Dairy Queen gift cards for each of the young ladies to get dessert, dubbing the meal "Dinner Delight and Dessert." JoAnn, you're always ready to jump in and help WHEN and WHERE needed.

I was invited to join JoAnn for the delivery. We met in front of Inspire House where I added a bagged salad for the dinner. RA Briana and two of the other young ladies were home. We chatted for a few minutes, the ladies thanked us for the dinner and all the things we do for them.

On the way out, Briana had a bowl of candy from Halloween

and offered some to us. Thank you, Briana and Inspire House for the Baby Butterfingers.

President Edith Gingerich had the opportunity for providing dinner in November. She planned to provide a turkey dinner for them until we found out none of the young ladies would be there for Thanksgiving. RA Briana asked if the dinner could be the week before Thanksgiving.

On November 19th Edith ordered a delicious Family Meal, with some extras, from Antonio's Pizza. Dinner included salad, pizza, cheese lasagna, garlic butter cheese bread, hot wings and bread sticks.



Krista Langford, Resource Developer at Inspire Life Skills, sent an email to me asking if an SI Riverside member would sponsor one of the young ladies for Christmas gifts. Each one submitted a "wish list" with a total

amount of \$150. I forwarded the email to President Edith and suggested that instead of one member taking on the full \$150, maybe 15 members would be willing to contribute \$10 each.

President Edith sent the email to all of the SI Riverside members. The amazing ladies that all of you are donated a total of \$250!

We spent \$150 for the purchase of gift cards through SI Riverside member Carolyn Kegarice's Script Program which donates to SI Riverside a small dividend for each gift card purchased. Vice President Melanie McKee used the Script gift cards to purchase the gifts. They were delivered to me to gift wrap and deliver to Krista's office.

The additional money will be used for a nice Christmas dinner for the young ladies who reside at Inspire House. More details and photos of the gifts will be in our next newsletter.

Thank you to all the dear ladies of SI Riverside for your help and support. Happy Holidays!

Linda Robertson  
Inspire Chair

**SOLT**  
**Soroptimist Orientation and**  
**Leadership Training**

**Soroptimist**  
**International of**  
**the Americas**  
**Logo**



In 2004, SIA conducted a marketing research study in which participants indicated there was a need to update and modernize the Soroptimist "look."

This led to the creation and adoption by SIA of the "S" logo to project the qualities of a contemporary and relevant organization. This "S" logo replaced the Soroptimist emblem as the official pin for all members of the SIA federation.

The "S" logo is a simple, stylish graphic representation of the modern Soroptimist organization intended to foster brand unity in today's environment. All SIA clubs are encouraged to use the "S" logo on their materials.

*From Golden West Region  
New Member Handbook  
Updated July 2020*

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



**CHRIS DEVINY - 2ND**  
**JOANN MOORE - 12TH**  
**ELLEN CLIZBE - 17TH**

## NOVEMBER CLUB MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES



*Linda Robertson*  
*12-08-2009*

*Paula McCroskey*  
*12-11-2018*

## MEMBER MOMENTS ON FACEBOOK



***Pam Bradford** posted: "Had a wonderful Thanksgiving with a group of close relatives at my*

*brother Scott and sister-in-law Cyndie's home. Due to the pandemic, this was only my 5th time venturing out since last March. The food was fabulous and the company was exceptional. Here I am with my sister Patti and my three great nieces: Eva and Hannah (in back) and Norah (in front). Although downsized, this was a very memorable Thanksgiving for all of us!"*



***Ellen Clizbe** posted: "Kari's belated birthday gathering with Jim, Rob, Ellen, too!"*



***Jana Cook** posted: "Some high school memorabilia."*





**Chris Deviny** was tagged in a post by Dawn Deviny Donatone: "Happy 17th birthday to our Thanksgiving baby! You have grown into a remarkable young woman and we couldn't be more proud. So thankful and blessed that you made us Mom and Dad. We love you, Lauren!"

**You are my Soul mate**  
I knew it from the moment we met  
**WE ARE A PERFECT FIT**  
The best thing about me is you  
My world is a better place with you in it  
**I Will Love You Forever**  
**YOU'RE MY BEST FRIEND**  
**We can weather any storm**  
**We're the lucky ones**  
**With you I am never alone**  
We were meant to be  
**Together Forever**

**Debbi Ferraro** posted: "Today marks 36 exciting, amazing, wonderful, crazy, ups & downs, adventurous, magical, (I could go on & on) very blessed years together. It's hard to describe how much I love you, James Ferraro. Happy Anniversary! God is so good all the time!"



**Edith Gingerich** was tagged in a post by Amanda Eaton: "Happy Turkey Day! I'd say our first Thanksgiving in this house ended up amazing."



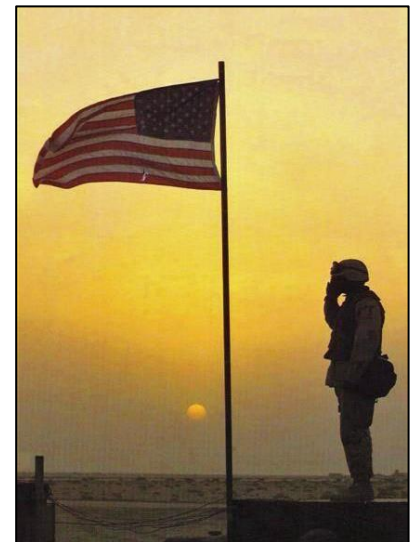
**Charlene Hildebrandt** posted: "Happy Thanksgiving from Montana!"



**Paula McCroskey** posted: "Thank you, Kimberly and Kristin Perrin! This beautiful bouquet of flowers made my heart smile and brightened my day. This is the anniversary of the day your Dad took me as his wife and gave me two amazing BONUS daughters. I love you both beyond the moon and back."

**#IVoted2020**

**Melanie McKee** shared a graphic on her timeline.



**Annamarie Megrdichian** posted: "Thank you Dad, Uncle Joe, Uncle Kosti, Pop, my niece and nephew Nicole Johnson, Matthew Leszczynski, Kelly Leszczynski, Aldan Johansen and all the rest that helped maintain and continue to maintain our freedoms. I'm proud of each and every one of you!"





**Kathy Michalak** posted: "My friend Mary Parks. She agreed to go 'Over the Edge' with us a few years back not just because it helped Habitat Riverside but because I asked her to. She said no at first, she was afraid of heights. Then she called back and said yes, she wanted to see if she could do it. We agreed to go over together, side by side and I promised her wine at the end. I know she really did it because I asked her to. I will never forget her friendship, her heart for the community and her impact on me. A very special woman. I will miss her. We all will. Rest in peace, my friend."



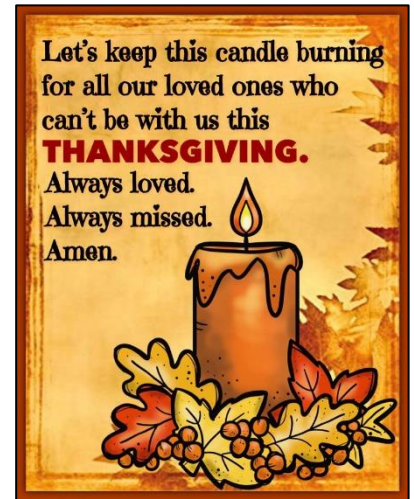
**Michelle Paradise** posted:  
"Love me some Lincoln."



**Kathleen Parra** posted: "Beautiful day yesterday started with chorizo eggs, walked Dana Point. Then back to our fav Crystal Cove snack at Beachcomer and walk. Peace."



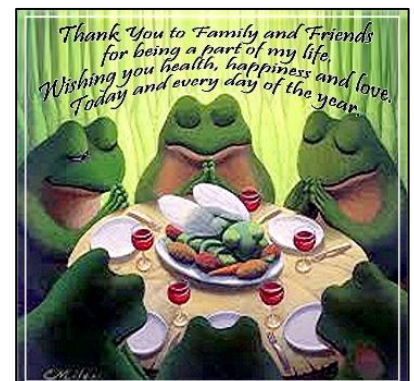
**Janet Payton** posted: "I took this picture last year before guests arrived. Who knew this year there would be NO guests."



**Honorary Member Judy Pekarek**  
shared a post by "The Horse Mafia."

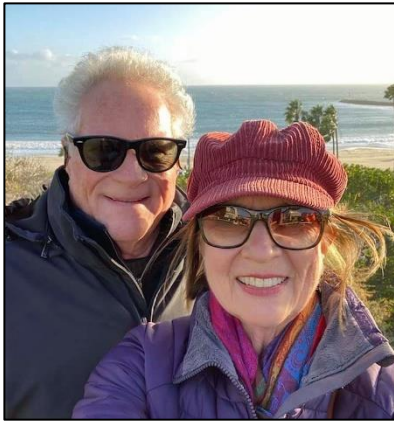


**Karin Roberts** updated her  
profile photo.



**Linda Robertson** gave thanks  
on her timeline.





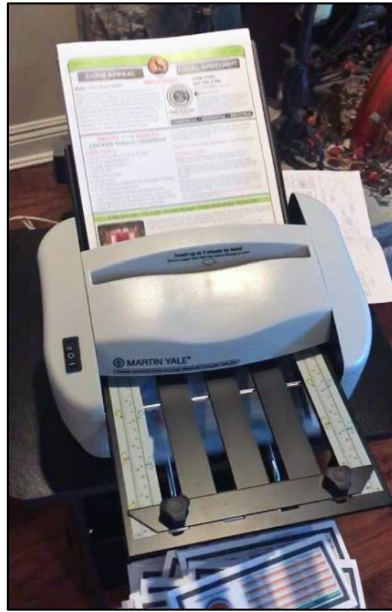
**Lynn Scecina** posted: "Another beautiful Sunday afternoon. This week at Corona Del Mar helping a dear friend celebrate her birthday. Windy but lovely."



**Carol Allain Speer** posted: "Wow, now they are all adults or nearly adults!"



**Kacey Sutton-Davidson** posted: "Tofurkey chefs and cat aprons. Happy Thanksgiving!"



**Susan Wolf** posted: "It only took me 10-1/2 years in the real estate business. First newsletter went out."

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## SOROPTIMIST PLEDGE



SOROPTIMIST®

Investing in Dreams

**I pledge allegiance to  
Soroptimist and to  
The ideals for which  
it stands:**

**The Sincerity of Friendship,  
The Joy of Achievement,  
The Dignity of Service,  
The Integrity of Profession,  
The Love of Country.**

**I will put forth my greatest  
effort to promote, uphold, and  
defend these ideals, for a  
larger fellowship  
in home, in society,  
in business, for country  
and for God.**

## RIVERSIDELINES



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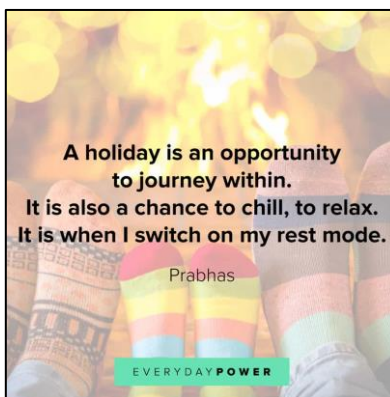
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## HOLIDAY THOUGHTS



One of the most  
glorious messes in  
the world is the  
mess created in the  
living room on  
Christmas Day.

- Andy Rooney



A holiday is an opportunity  
to journey within.  
It is also a chance to chill, to relax.  
It is when I switch on my rest mode.

Prabhas

EVERYDAYPOWER

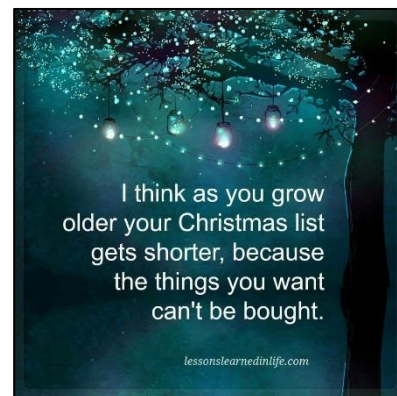


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good, YOU do good  
& when YOU do good  
it Reminds others  
of what joy feels like  
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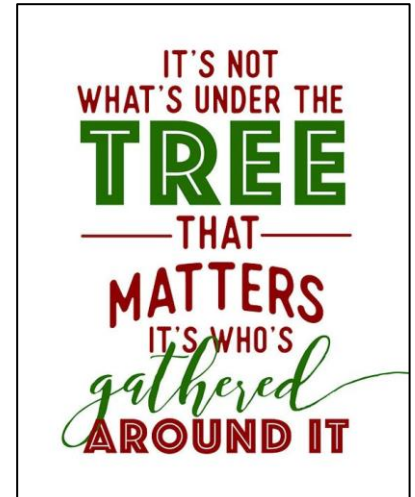
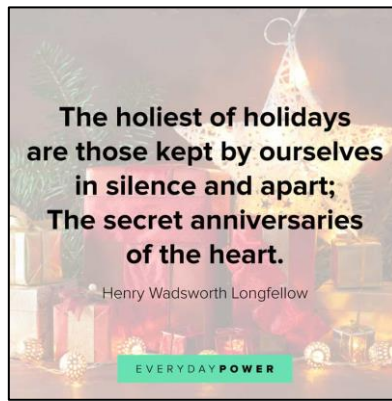
Dear  
Santa,  
I can  
explain...



I think as you grow  
older your Christmas list  
gets shorter, because  
the things you want  
can't be bought.

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May your holidays sparkle with moments of love, laughter, and goodwill, and may the year ahead be full of contentment and joy. Have a Happy Holidays.

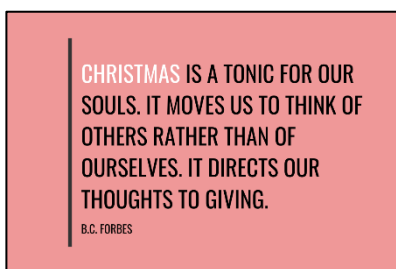


Merry be  
Your Christmas  
Peaceful be your Home  
Joyful be your Family  
Blessed be each one.



“  
Christmas is just about my favorite time. Ever since I was a little kid, I always felt like it was my own personal holiday.

ERNEST SAVES CHRISTMAS



CHRISTMAS IS A TONIC FOR OUR SOULS. IT MOVES US TO THINK OF OTHERS RATHER THAN OF OURSELVES. IT DIRECTS OUR THOUGHTS TO GIVING.

B.C. FORBES