

## December Roundup

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**Operation Santa Claus** — New and gently used toys and bikes for the needy children of the El Paso/Fort Bliss area may be dropped off 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, at the Fort Bliss Op Santa warehouse, Bldg. 1123 or at any El Paso Fire Station, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. For a pickup, volunteer information: 568-1010, opsanta57@hotmail.com. Information on Facebook at OpSantaClaus.

**Winter Giving Project Biblioteca Infantil** — Warm hats, scarfs and gloves are being accepted for the children of the Biblioteca Infantil library in Rancho Anapra. Toys, school supplies and new jackets and sweaters are also welcomed. Information: Eina Holder 867-1014.

## Fort Bliss

Anyone entering Fort Bliss must have a valid driver's license, car insurance and registration. Check beforehand to see which gates are open to the public. Public access is available through the Sheridan, Chaffee and Buffalo Soldiers gates to West Bliss, and Biggs and Old Ironsides gates to East Bliss.

**Fort Bliss Tree Lighting ceremonies** — The annual holiday tree lighting us 5 p.m. Thursday, **Dec. 7**, at Center Chapel One, 315 Pershing, with a special appearance by Santa Claus, choir performance by Bliss Elementary School and free refreshments. Information: 568-1519.

**Holiday Festival** — The family event is 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, **Dec. 8**, at Biggs Park, 1388 Sgt. Major Blvd, on Fort Bliss. This year's theme is "Gingerbread House," with free photos with Santa, Gingerbread House Making Contest, snow making, train rides and design-your-own gingerbread cookie. Bring a blanket and chair to watch a holiday movie in the park. Cocoa and coffee offered. Dress for the weather. Public invited. Information: 588-8247.

**Holiday Brunch at the Centennial** — Centennial Banquet and Conference Center, 11199 Sgt. E. Churchill, on Fort Bliss, hosts its annual holiday feast 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, **Dec. 10**, with breakfast favorites and desserts along with champagne, mimosas and wine. Seating will be available by reservation only. Cost: \$22.95 (\$11.95 age 5 to 10; age 4 and younger eat free). Reservations: 744-8427.

**Friday at The Fire** — Fort Bliss's Freedom Crossing hosts free live music featuring local performers 7 to 9 p.m. Fridays at the outdoor fireplace. DJ music at 6 p.m. Information: 564-5311 or freedomcrossingatfortbliss.com.

**High Stakes Bingo** — The Centennial at Fort Bliss hosts a New Year's Eve Bingo event with a chance to win up to \$12,000 in cash prizes at 6 p.m. Sunday, **Dec. 31**, with dinner buffet and a cash bar. Doors open at 4 p.m. Ticket buy-in: \$50 (includes bingo paper pack, dinner, and a champagne toast to the New Year. Open to all valid DoD ID card holders 18 and older, and guests. Information: 744-8427.

**Old Fort Bliss** — Building 5054, corner of Pershing and Pleasanton Roads, Fort Bliss. The Old West days of the "Soldiers of the Pass" are relived through replicas of the original adobe fort buildings and military artifacts, Magoffinsville Post 1854 to 1868. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday; by appointment only Saturday. Admission is free. Information: 568-4518 or 588-8482 or on Facebook at Old Fort Bliss.

## Club news

**Singles in the Son** - The group develops friendships among Christian singles ages 30 to 50. Bible study held Thursday nights. Weekend events subject to change. All denominations are welcome. Membership is free. Information: Andy, 471-1997, SinglesInTheSon@yahoo.com or on Facebook.

**Westside Welcome Club** — The nonprofit group is open to both newcomers and long-time residents. Information: westsidewelcomeclub.com.

The monthly free newcomers coffee is 10 a.m. Friday, **Dec. 8**, at Ella Blu, 5410 N. Mesa. No RSVP necessary.

The monthly luncheon and Holiday Bazaar is Wednesday, **Dec. 13**, at El Paso Country Club, 5000 Country Club Road. Bazaar opens at 10 a.m. (set up at 9 a.m.). Luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m. Entertainment by Laurie Koval. Newcomers welcome; reservations required. Cost: \$22. Information, reservations: 449-2121.

**L'Alliance Française d'El Paso** — The nonprofit cultural institute, founded in 1964, promotes French culture and language. Information: 585-1789, 497-2453 (Spanish), cgomez@afelpaso.com, afelpaso.com or on Facebook at AllianceFrancaiseElPaso.

Celebrate the holiday season with food, French Christmas Carols, and gag gift exchange fun at 6 p.m. Saturday, **Dec. 9**, at University Presbyterian Church, 244 Resler. Cost: \$38 (\$30 members).

Event information: 585-1789, josette.shaughnessy@gmail.com, afelpaso.com.

Spring session of French classes start **Jan. 20** at University Presbyterian Church, 244 Resler. Information: 346-3810 or 585-1789.

**Germania Club** — The Germania Club of El Paso will hold its annual Christmas Party at noon Sunday, **Dec. 10**, at the Underwood Golf Course, 3200 Coe, Fort Bliss. Information, reservations: 755-5471.

**Discover El Paso** — Information: discoverelpaso.org. Christmas party is noon Tuesday, **Dec. 5**, at Coronado Country Club. Cost: \$23. RSVP by Nov. 29: 598-6376.

**El Paso Philatelic Society** — The El Paso stamp club meets 7 to 9 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month (**Dec. 12**) at St. Clement's Episcopal Church, 810 N. Campbell (at Montana). Meetings include educational presentations and an auction of materials submitted by club members. Admission is free for first-time visitors; \$12 annual membership fee. Information: 833-5154.

**Military Order of the World Wars** — The El Paso Chapter's annual Christmas Sing-A-Long is 11 a.m. Saturday, **Dec. 16**, at Great American Steakburger, 701 Mesa Hills, led by Camy. Bring a friend. Information: 755-4038.

**International Coin Club** — El Paso's only coin club meets at 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. the second Monday of the month at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 7000 Edgemere. Business meeting starts around 6:30 p.m. Numismatic presentations start at 7 p.m. with auction to follow. Visitors always welcome, and admission free for first-time visitors. Information: 533-6001 or elpasocoinclub.com.

**Toastmasters Amigo Club** — The Toastmasters International club meets 6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursdays in Hospitals of Providence Transmountain Campus, 2000 Transmountain, first floor conference room. The club develops Information: 691092. toastmastersclubs.org.

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