



5 OF BLC'S 500 STUDENTS POSE WITH THEIR ARMLOADS OF CHRISTMAS GIFTS: STUFFED ANIMALS, TOYS, CLOTHES, FOOD AND CHRISTIAN COMIC BOOKS!

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NEW PLANTING FOR BLC'S ROOFTOP GARDEN

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THE BEST CELEBRATION "Thirty-three Christmas Parties!"

Counting the holiday events on my calendar, I realized that I could "borrow" ideas from some parties and use them to make other parties more meaningful.

It was also fortunate that there are so many Old Testament messianic prophesies, for I'd already preached on all the New Testament advent passages, and still had a 7 ON ONE dozen more parties to preach at. MOTOR-

During our Kiwanis meeting, a member asked, "Since we already had the Division Kiwanis party, why not skip this year's club party?...better yet, why not go caroling instead?"

As president of the club, I guided the suggestions into motions for visiting 2 faithful elderly members, before having a pot luck at BLC.

Tuesday evening, we parked on the road and Mel's wife opened their door to greet us. I came in with my French horn and started with "Joy to the World." Abby followed on the recorder with "Silent Night," followed by PJ on the WEDDING: bells with "What Child is This?" Then he switched to the snare drum to keep time as we all sang "12 Days of Christmas." BIRTHDAY

Doug played guitar, then Mel's wife sat down at her OF BRIDE & piano and led in all the other carols we could think of. I peeked into the corner of their living room and noticed a wall chock-full of Kiwanis badges, buttons, plaques and mini-banners. Forty years of club history were represented by this man, who had once been district governor.

> "You know," shared Mel's wife to me as the carolers munched on the snacks she'd provided, "All you saw on that wall was stored away in a box. We cleaned the dust off and put them up just for tonight."

> As members sat around his living room to chat before heading to the next house, I sat on the couch next to Mel and put my arm around his shoulder. A nostalgic, far-away look gleamed in his eyes. With a smile on his face, he said, "This is how it USED to be..." I assured him, "Oh Mel, and it is just getting better!"

> When we headed out to the cars, I glanced back at Mel and his wife. They waved, and then went back inside. As I drove to the next house, I considered that the afghan would be placed back over the piano, the "Kiwanis Corner" souvenirs from so many different countries, would go back into their box, and the silence of the evening would settle over their house.

> In the dreams of Mel & his wife, singing of the carolers of decades past, plus those of us this evening, would join together in a rousing chorus of praises to the newborn king.

No games at tonight's party. No wrapped presents. Not even a balloon. But I must admit, this was my favorite of this year's 33 Christmas parties!

	2011 TENTATIVE FURLOUGH SCHEDULE		
	JUNE 6, 2011-AUG 9, 2011		
	JUNE		
8	OGDEN,	UT	
12	CAMBRIDGE (IRONMAN)	MD	
13	NOKESVILLE	VA	
14	ORIENTAL	PA	
15	MT PLEASANT MILLS	PA	
15	LIVERPOOL	PA	
18	MERCERVILLE	NJ	
19	PRINCETON	NJ	
21	CHARLOTTESVILLE	VA	
22	PINEHURST	NC	
26	REMBERT	SC	
29	CLINTON	SC	
30		FL	
	JULY		
1	ORLANDO	FL	
2	SARASOTA	FL	
3	KEY WEST	FL	
6	FOLEY	AL	
6	GULF SHORES	AL	
7	OAK RIDGE	TN	
<u>,</u> 10		KY	
13		OH	
13		OH	
14		NY	
15	ONTARIO	CANADA	
16		NY	
19		NY	
21	RENSSELAER	NY	
22	LATHAM	NY	
24 24		NY	
24 27		NY	
<u>27</u> 28	LOUDONVILLE	NY	
<u>29</u> 30		NY NY	
	POTTERSVILLE COLONIE	NY	
31		NY	
	AUGUST	NTN7	
1	THORNWOOD	NY	
2	PORT CHESTER	NY	
3	WHITE PLAINS	NY	
6	VALLEY COTTAGE	NY	
9	FLY TO DAVAO		
	PHILIPPINES		
14	CAMSUR (IRONMAN)		

MISSIONS PROJECTS:



BLC'S SWIM TEAM PRACTICES EVERY SATURDAY IN THE PACIFIC OCEAN FROM 5-7AM, PREPARING FOR THE -MAY KIDDIE TRIATHLON. SOMETIMES **THEY TAKE PARTY BREAKS!**



PHILIPPINE-STYLE CHRISTMAS: AT OUR SEMINARY PARTY, ALL THE NATIVITY - ROLES ARE PLAYED...EVEN THE STAR! AT THE PARK, THE WISE MEN BRING **GIFTS OF FISH, FRUIT AND WILD BOAR!**



500 BLC STUDENTS PERFORM FOR CHRISTMAS, AND PJ'S GIANT **OATMEAL COOKIE, SHAPED LIKE A** 3-D PRESENT, (2 FT X 3 FT) WINS A PRIZE IN THE COOKIE CONTEST.

YOU KNOW YOU ARE A FILIPINO IF... You sing Christmas carols double-time, with clapping. Metal gym pillars: \$1,000 FAQ: (Frequently Asked Question): 3 Jeepney-buses: \$30,000 O: Will you be in two, or three Tables for Ind. Arts: \$650 **Ironman triathlons in 2011?** 435 desk-chairs: \$14 each A: Possibly three. Singapore (March), 17 Wall fans: \$45 each Maryland (June) and Philippines H2O compressor:\$800 (August). Maryland is still considering Teachers' mailboxes: \$360 my application, since they are over-quota. Library cmptr/printer \$479



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40 FROM BLC'S SWIM **TEAM JOIN KIWANIS' DIVISION PARTY.**

