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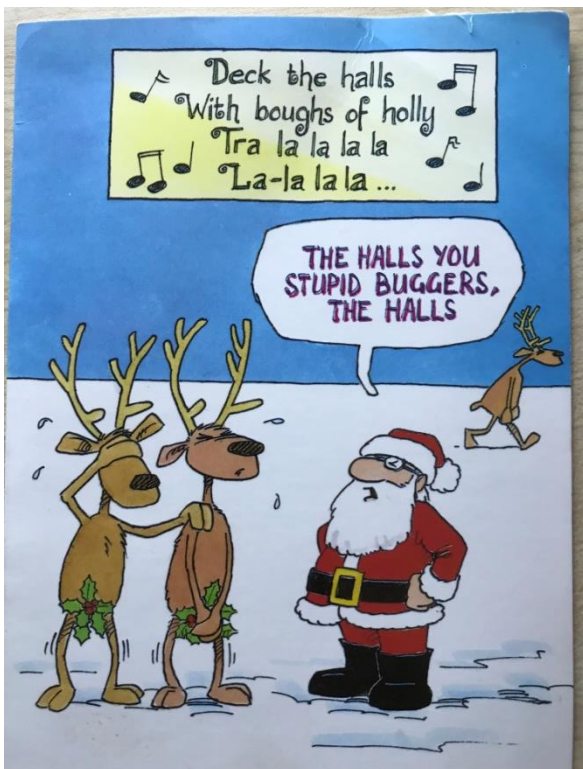
Latest News from SeniorNet Cambridge

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**Editorial:** Christmas is almost upon us once again. The great commercial machine seems to stoke up earlier every year. I love this old card I got a few years ago. It suggests that even Santa's helpers get stressed at Xmas!



**Suggestions for lowering stress:**

Only buy 1 present each for family and close friends. Send the rest a message- easy to make your own Xmas card or message on computer.

Where possible- shop on-line. This is so stress-free!

If no ideas- put some money in their account via on-line banking and send a message.

You can shop on-line for those special Xmas food and drink items. I Cambridge Countdown will deliver a hamper to your door. In other words, use your computer and your computer skills to make life

easier in the midst of the commercial chaos!

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**Report on Regional Meeting:** This was held at the RSA in Matamata on Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> Nov and your club was represented by Gordon, Des and myself. There were 34 attendees from Waikato/BOP.

**Sponsorship:** Westpac has renewed its support for a further 5 years at \$50K p.a. Ryman Healthcare have committed to 2 years sponsorship at \$40K p.a. Vodafone, Noel Leeming and Suzuki will continue their support.

**Government Support:** Grant has been in discussion with Tracey Martin (Minister for Seniors) and other govt officials. \$600K was made available in the last budget but the funding is contestable. Federation has applied through GETS (government Electronic Tenders Services) via a RFP (Request For Proposals) termed "Digital Literacy Training for Seniors". The outcome is awaited!

**New Executive Officer:** Heather Newell starts on January 1 as our new Fed Executive Officer. You can look her up on Google, but basically, she has a Masters degree in Communications and has experience in fundraising and sponsorship, corporate partnerships, payroll giving. Database management and fundraising systems plus coaching and training. She is a director of her own company- Foresee Communications Ltd.



Grant will continue to work with her over the first few months to ensure a smooth changeover

**Partnering with Others:** Grant encouraged branches to partner with other local organisations ,eg Grey power, Age Concern and local Council libraries, to achieve wider access to our communities.

**Learning Centre Financial model:** It was suggested that branches review the current financial model of subscription and class fees etc. Are there alternatives?

**Farewell Grant:** Pat Van der Maas (Hamilton) formally thanked Grant (and his wife Linda) for 27 years of service to SeniorNet, and presented him with a cheque by way of donations from the Waikato/ BOP branches.



So, I can't bring a stick inside



But you're allowed a whole tree?

What do you call Santa's helpers?-- Subordinate Clauses.

What do you call a bankrupt Santa?—Saint Nickel-less

What did Mrs Claus say to Santa when she looked up in the sky?—  
'Looks like rain, dear'.



**Last Social Meeting for 2019:** This was held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November with a slightly lower attendance than expected. Musical entertainment was provided by Jan and Bill McPherson and well-received by all. Among the raffle winners were Gordon Vick and Harold Thomas- a well-deserved reward for their efforts for the club during the year.

**PS Don't forget the Noel Leeming special for SeniorNet members which will end on December 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

*Happy Christmas, Malcolm*

## 2020 SUBSCRIPTION RENEWALS – January 1 to December 31.

Just a reminder that the Subscription Renewal forms will be sent out early January 2020. The SeniorNet Subscription for 2020 is \$35 per person and \$60 for couples but this amount is discounted to \$30 per person and \$50 for couples if paid before 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2020. This can be paid online or posted back with the renewal form.

At the same time the Nomination Forms for Committee will be sent to you. Please give some thought to volunteering for the Committee or if you know someone who would like to help out on the Committee, please ask them if you can nominate them. This is your club and we need more volunteers to come on board and assist.

In mid-January the schedule for Term 1, 2020 classes will be sent out with a booking form. Give some thought to learning more on your computer by booking for a class. Alternatively, take advantage of the comprehensive 'one on one' tutoring sessions with the appropriate tutor. If you have any ideas of classes you would like to see taught or would like to learn about, please let your Committee know. Also if you would like to help out as an assistant or a tutor in any subject, please tell us. We really need more potential tutors as some of us have more classes to tutor than we can handle. Please give it some serious thought – we would really appreciate some help.

Meantime, enjoy the break, take lots of photos, write some interesting stories you can share in the Special Edition and then come back ready to learn more. Stay safe online.

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## WINDOWS 10 UPDATES OLD AND NEW.

November 12, 2019 was the last day that Windows 10, 1803 version Home and Pro would get free security and feature updates from Microsoft, as that date is the **end of support** for those 1803 feature updates. To see what version you have, click the search button (magnifying icon) and type 'About' and click on 'About your PC'. Scroll down to 'Windows Specifications' to see what version you are running. Anyone still on Version 1803, will need to update to continue receiving security updates.

Microsoft has commenced rolling out the new Windows 10, 1909 version (November 2019). If you wish to wait a while before accepting the update/upgrade you can defer it for a short time. Those running the Pro version of Windows 10, and the 1903 Home version, go to **'Settings'** and click on **'Update & Security'** and locate the button to **'Pause Updates for 7 days'**. Each time you click on this, you can defer it for 7 more days, up to a maximum of 35 days. (5 clicks). Alternatively, click 'Advanced Options' and choose to 'Pause Updates' and select the number of days. This option is not available in Home versions 1803 & 1809.

**REMEMBER:** You will eventually need to accept the upgrade but the delay will allow any bugs and problems to be ironed out of the new version.

*Muriel*

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**Dates for 2020:**

**3rd Feb**—Help sessions commence.

**Tues 11th Feb**- Classes commence.

**Mon 24th Feb** Nominations for committee due by this date.

**Social Meeting:** 3rd Monday - 17th February at the Community Centre lounge, 22a Taylor St. at 9.30 am.

**March 16th**- AGM- 9.30



**Some Federation support partners**

