



# The Franciscan



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## What's a Wish List?

**What is the Wish List?** Our Wish List is comprised of things that have been vetted by the Vestry that align with, support, or enhance the vision, mission, ministries, purposes, and priorities of St Francis by the Lake.

**Why have a Wish List?** The Wish List is a way to raise awareness in the parish of specific needs that have not been budgeted and which provide an opportunity for contributions (tangible or monetary) toward the items. The Ministry and Outreach Center (MOC) is finished; yet some things, that were not part of the construction, are still needed. There are also items not related to the MOC that are needed.

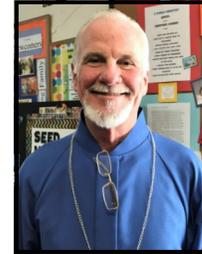
**How do I make a suggestion for the Wish List?** You may contact the ministry leader who has responsibility for the item or you may contact a member of the Gift Committee. A listing of Ministry Leaders is found at the front of the St Francis

Directory. The Gift Committee members are listed at the end of this article.

**How do I make a contribution or monetary gift to the Wish List?** The Wish List will indicate whether the request is for a tangible item (new or gently used) or monetary contributions toward the item. If the item is tangible, please talk with a Gift Committee member who will explain the gift review process and collect information for review and approval. Please note that all tangible gifts require Gift Committee review and Vestry approval, and shall be held by the donor until approved. To make a monetary donation toward a Wish List item, please speak with our Treasurer, Bob Amos.

**Who approves tangible donations?** Prior to Vestry approval of tangible donations the Gift Committee, in coordination with the responsible ministry leader, will

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## From the Sr. Warden: Annual Report

By [Jim Kelch](#), Sr. Warden

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*When anyone is united to Christ, there is a new creation; the old has gone, and the new has already begun. (2 Corinthians 5:17)*

Preparing for the Sr. Warden Annual Report reminded me that I may be “new,” but I still have a lot of “old” habits... like my inability to file. I managed to crop together the monthly reports and I can tell you that my tenure as Sr. Warden started more closely to March than January! Linda Bosenbark, our former Sr. Warden, was still in charge for the January meeting and our discussions were mainly about the Ministry and Outreach Center (MOC) for which we had broken ground in the fall of 2018. By our February meeting, I had been chosen as the new Sr. Warden and the February meeting was procedural in nature. Prayer matrices were passed out and schedules developed.

Every meeting includes the Treasurer’s Report which is the highlight of the day. We are in very good shape: much credit goes to Bob Amos for the immense effort he puts into insuring our accounts are safe, secure, and documented.

In March, the Long Range Planning Committee met in earnest. The MOC was key on our minds. Debt retirement was a key issue that month

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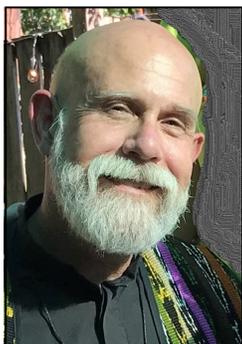


The choir sang beautifully during the *Epiphany Lessons and Carols* on Jan. 5.

**Dear friends,**

I've had many opportunities to think about "ministry" lately. Besides the Iona Program, which I mentor and teach, there are literally hundreds of opportunities every month when the conversation topic turns to "ministry." It would help everyone in their calling and identity if all religions and denominations—even people in one's own denomination!—used words, terms, and titles the same way, but alas... And so here's the classical, traditional, Anglican way to understand MINISTRY in the 20th year of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Millennium, the 1<sup>st</sup> year of the 2020s decade, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> decade of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. [That's MMXX for we old-time movie lovers!]

Let's start with an Outline of the Faith (aka "the Catechism") in our Prayer Book. In "The Ministry" section (p. 855,) the first question is: *Who are the ministers of the Church?* The answer is: *The ministers of the Church are lay persons, bishops, priests, and deacons.* [Because we live in the Diocese of West Texas, I'll leave "deacons" for another article.] It's taken some pointed effort and many years to make the ministry of 'lay persons as ministers' consistent throughout our liturgies (even so, the rubrics in the Prayer Book still aren't all in accordance with this Q&A: viz., pp 407, 445, 453, 557ff). Nevertheless, this understanding of the "ministry of all the baptized" is the ancient and continuous theology of the Church. It has to do with the personal, individual basis for persons understanding their role of "being the church" (the old saying applies: "you don't go to church; you are the church.") My mother (an RN,) and my father (a CPA and small business owner,) lived in a small town. They showed



me how ministry happens, *wherever they were*, when their minds and hearts were intent, that is, when they were aware and focused on what they were doing on behalf of, or for, God.

When we open our hearts and let the Holy Spirit transform our perspective (remember "it isn't about me,") we're able to see that—no matter what we're doing—as baptized persons we serve God. We minister to the world. Another way of saying this is, because I'm baptized (i.e., a member of Christ's Body, the Church); *therefore*, I have purpose and am a minister.

The implications and consequences of this reclamation of *minister* and *ministry* is the most faithful way to function as the Church. We are ministers and have ministry by virtue of our baptism. This is why Eucharistic Visitors are deployed on behalf of the parish. This is why outreach and in-reach are conducted by so many lay people. This is why Intercessors are often stationed to one side of the nave for people to go to after receiving Holy Communion. These ministers, exercising their ministries, augment, supplement, enhance, and even amplify the ministry of the Priest. WE are a Body, and it is all about US. We, all of us, live out our lives in faithful witness and in joyful service to God.

Much love in Christ, fr david

## Please contribute to "Council in Action"

By [Maury Meyer](#)

Each year, "Council in Action" serves as an opportunity for parishes to help the community where Council takes place. In 2020, our efforts will collect supplies for Corpus Christi Metro Ministries, a non-profit organization serving people experiencing poverty and homelessness in Corpus Christi and the surrounding Nueces County.

We're being invited to collect items from the list below and place them in the marked box in the Narthex before Sunday, Feb. 16, and the St. Francis delegates will take our offerings to Council.

### Hygiene Products    Clothes & Linens

Combs	Bandanas
Deodorant	Socks
Detergent	Underwear, all sizes (new)
Disposable razors	Wash clothes (new)
Soap	
Shampoo	
Toothbrushes	
Toothpaste	

**Quart Size Zip-Lock Bags** (used to build traveling hygiene kits.)

**H-E-B or Walmart Gift cards** to support purchases of needed items.

For more information about this ministry, go to [www.cemetro.org](http://www.cemetro.org) or visit their social media profile at [www.facebook.com/metroministries](https://www.facebook.com/metroministries).

### Upcoming Spring Diocesan Event

**Apr. 17-19: The Good, the True, and the Beautiful: Bishop Reed's Spring Retreat at Camp Capers:** a retreat focused on themes of creativity and spirituality. See [https://www.dwtx.org/download\\_file/view/3065/](https://www.dwtx.org/download_file/view/3065/).



**Mar. 12-15:** Cursillo weekend #284 at Camp Capers. (Tommy Matthews, Rector, and Fr. David Read, Spiritual Director.)

**Sep. 24-27:** Cursillo weekend #285 at Mustang Island Conference Center. (Lisa Sartorio, Rectora, and Fr. Ram Lopez, Spiritual Director.)

**Nov. 12-15:** Cursillo weekend #286 at Camp Capers.



## Treasurer's report

By [Robert Amos](#)

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Greetings all,

Overall we had a very good year in 2019.

- Revenues were much better than planned.
- Expenditures were slightly better than planned.
- We had a slight surplus in the General Fund for the first time in years .
- The first Capital Campaign has been successfully completed, and the second

is off to a good start.

- Debt Retirement Fund did much better than expected.
- Endowment Fund has grown significantly.

Thank you for your contributions and faithfulness. Your generosity and sacrificial giving is one important way for St. Francis by the Lake to fulfill and grow our ministries. It enables us all to do God's work in our community and the world. THANK YOU!!

Below is a summary of our financial condition through December 31, 2019.

### Operations - Much better than planned.

Revenues: Total revenue was \$273,802.38 which is much better than expected by \$22,371.38. This is largely due to pledges for 2020 paid in 2019 and plate contributions which were much better than expected.

Expenditures: Expenditures were \$268,886.54 which is slightly better than expected by \$4,099.46.

Balance (Revenue minus Expenditures): We finished the year with a surplus of \$4,915.84, which is significantly better than expected by \$26,470.84.

### Capital: Did very well.

Capital Campaign: Contributions for 2019 were \$91,837.58 with total contributions of \$514,011.41. We also received early contributions to the Capital Campaign 2020 Fund of \$20,902.00. Balance for both funds combined is \$72,040.63.

Debt Retirement: Contributions were \$33,325.00 for 2019 which is much higher than expected. The Debt Retirement Fund contains a balance of \$41,541.62.

### Endowment Fund - Did very well.

Total in the fund is \$114,404.27, which represents an increase of \$64,465.76. This is due to the positive financial markets and a generous bequest we received during 2019.

### Our funds as of December 31, 2019:

General Operating	\$	16,711.14
Debt Retirement	\$	41,541.62
Capital Campaign Fund	\$	72,040.63
Endowment Fund	\$	114,404.27

### Debt:

Frost Bank - Line of Credit:	\$	145,438.38
Crump Foundation:	\$	450,000.00

If you have any comments or questions, or if you would like to discuss a pledge or contribution, please feel free to contact me at [treasure@gvtc.com](mailto:treasure@gvtc.com).

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## 2020 Diocesan Council

### in Corpus Christi, Feb. 20-22

“With the eyes of our hearts enlightened.” / “[I pray...] that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know the hope to which he has called you, and the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints [the Holy Ones], and the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe...”—*Ephesians 1:18-19a*.



## Episcopal Church Women (ECW)

By [Ronnie Harper-Schwakhofer](#),  
ECW President

Our annual “Taters ’n’ Treasures” fundraising is just around the corner: Sunday, Feb. 2, immediately following the 10:30 a.m. worship service, in the Great Hall. So far, we have over 30 silent auction items (gift certificates to local restaurants, art, baskets with wine & tasty treats, golfing outings, and jewelry) to name just a few! We also have four door prizes: everyone attending will receive a ticket and a chance to win! Tickets are \$10 a person and may be purchased after worship this Sunday and at the door. Tickets provide you with a delicious baked potato with numerous toppings including chopped brisket, salad, dessert, and a beverage. Proceeds support local community organizations and St. Francis’ Ministries. Bring your neighbor/friend... it’s always a fun event!

Our very own parishioner, Pennie Curry, will speak at our monthly meeting on Feb. 13. Pennie will tell us about her involvement in the ministries at the parish she attends during the summer. These ministries include the Gideon Garden-youth group, a Community Health Program, Community Meals, and others.

ECW meetings are held monthly in the Great Hall. Meetings begin at 11:00 a.m. with brunch and fellowship, followed by a speaker at 11:30 a.m., and a business meeting.

Next month, Mar. 12, the ECW will go on a field trip to the Bishop Jones Center of the Diocese of West Texas in San Antonio. Marthe Curry, Director of the World Mission Commission, will give a presentation. Further details will be announced as

the date draws closer.

If you need a ride to the February meeting, please contact one of the following: if you live on the North side of the Lake contact Becki N. @ (281) 475-7703, or Anne @ (803) 984-0699; if you live on the South side of the Lake contact Brenda K. @ 210-240-7031 or Ronnie 210-885-6886; and if you live in New Braunfels contact Susan @ 915-241-3150.

**Reminder: All women of St. Francis by the Lake are members of the Episcopal Church Women.**

### [From the Sr. ...](#) *(Cont’d from page 1)*

because of the need for a construction bridge loan for the MOC. Prior to March, the Vestry had approved three change orders for the MOC. From March through September, we approved four additional change orders as issues and opportunities arose (such as the addition of the large wooden deck off the Great Hall for only \$1,582.) Throughout the spring and summer, the Vestry also approved multiple purchases and installation of finishing work for the MOC that were researched and recommended by the Building Committee: kitchen stove and dishwashers; kitchen and St. Francis room cabinets; kitchen countertops, tile installation in the St. Francis room, a water softener, and blinds for the entire MOC.

In May, Stewardship Season preparations began with our first training at TMI by the Diocese, “Revitalizing Stewardship,” the start of a months-long effort to teach, lead, and expand our relationship with God and the parish through outreach and giving. June and July were filled with meetings by the Vestry and Stewardship Team to plan and launch the 2020 season. The Audit Committee, on which the Sr. Warden serves, began their work

in August and concerns were noted and addressed.

In September, Bishop David Reed consecrated our new MOC. The Audit Committee Report was completed that month and presented to the Vestry. October and November were opportunities for the Stewardship Team to visit in several different homes with parishioners to discuss stewardship, finances, and opportunities. December was a whirlwind month of choir and celebration of the Birth of Christ. What a wonderful way to end/begin the year.

And now, I will again serve the parish as Sr. Warden for the 2020th Year of our Lord. Our Vestry is amazing and continues to grow as new members begin. This is a responsibility I’m proud to accept and I pray for you, our parish, and our parish leaders.



## Needs for the CRRC food pantry

CRRC’s food pantry is in need of:

- egg cartons;
- toothpaste & toothbrushes;
- macaroni & cheese;
- spaghetti;
- jelly;
- sugar & creamer;
- canned green beans;
- canned corn;
- mixed vegetables (*frozen or canned*);
- canned fruit;
- soups;
- cereal;
- empty egg cartons;
- plastic grocery bags;
- toilet paper; and
- baby diapers - sizes 2, 3, 4, & 5, and adult sizes, (both disposable & cloth.)

*All contributions are appreciated.*

## What's happening

**Daughters of the King (DOK)** will meet Feb. 26 at 12:30 p.m., in the St. Francis Room, after the 11:30 a.m. Eucharist.

**Episcopal Church Women (ECW)** will meet on Thursday, Feb. 13, at 11:30 a.m., in the Great Hall. [\(See article, p. 4.\)](#)

**Scripture Study Group** meets at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesdays in the St. Francis Room, followed by the 11:30 a.m. Eucharist.

**Vestry** meets the 2nd Sunday of each month. This month will be Feb. 9 at 12:15 p.m. in the St. Francis Room.

**Adult Sunday School** meets most Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in the St. Francis Room.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** meets on the fourth Monday of each month at 1:00 p.m. They decide at their meeting where the next gathering will be.

**AA** meets every Monday, Thursday, and Friday at noon and every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in Jones Hall.

**Al-Anon** meets every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m., and every Saturday at 10:00 a.m. in Jones Hall.

**Caregiver Support Group** meets every third Monday (Feb. 17) of the month from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the St. Francis Room.

**Circle of Care (COH)** meets every first Sunday of the month at 12:15 p.m. in the St. Francis Room.

**The Book Club** meets at 6:30 p.m. every first Monday of the month in the St. Francis Room.

**Gathering of Men** meets every second Saturday (Feb. 8) of the month at 9:30 a.m. in the St. Francis Room.

**2nd Saturday Diocesan Mini Retreat** meets each month on the 2nd Saturday (Feb. 8) at 9:00 a.m. at the Bishop Jones Center. The

retreat is for contemplation, silence, and fellowship. (If you would like to carpool, there are several women from the parish who would be glad to have you join them. Please call the parish office (830) 964-3820 for more information.)



### Practical Exercise Class At

### Saint Francis by the Lake

Instruction focuses on posture, breathing, stretching, balance, form, and light exercise.

**Instructor:** Jeanne Slupik

**When:** Tuesdays through Fridays from 8:15 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

**Where:** Great Hall. Please wear comfortable clothing, and bring a yoga mat.

**Cost:** Donations only, to benefit St. Francis by the Lake.

**Come join us!**

## February anniversaries

Fr. Gordon and Pam Scheible	2/18
Paul and Judy McClendon	2/21
Dale and Libby Templeton	2/23
Brian and Stacey Benham	2/26

## February birthdays

Sandra Goad	2/1
Andy Scheible	2/2
Robbie White	2/2
Brenda Smith	2/4
Judy Reese	2/11
Marcel Klaftenegger	2/14
Art Hoecker	2/18
Jay Hillin	2/20
Jo Conchado	2/21

## Mark your calendars

**Feb. 2** - 12-ish - 'Taters 'n' Treasures in the Great Hall. [\(See article on p. 4.\)](#)

**Feb. 3** - 6:30 p.m. - Book Club meets in the St. Francis Room.

**Feb. 4** - 6:00 p.m. - Community of Hope Training in the St. Francis Room *(continues until Apr. 1)*

**Feb. 16** - Bishop Dave Bailey: Episcopal visitation.

**Feb. 19** - 6:30 p.m. - Potluck Supper in the Great Room.

**Feb. 20-22** - 2020 Council in Corpus Christi.

**Feb. 23** - 6:00 p.m. - Newcomers Dinner at the Rectory.

**Feb. 25 - Shrove Tuesday** - 6:00 p.m. - Pancake Supper.

**Feb. 26 - Ash Wednesday** - 6:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist  
11:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist  
7:00 p.m. - Holy Eucharist  
*(Soup Suppers begin on Wednesdays, Mar. 4 until Apr. 1.)*

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collect information from the donor for the purposes of evaluating the item to ensure alignment with the parish vision, mission, ministries, practices, and priorities; identifying an appropriate location or storage; identifying if there are any on-going costs or support required; or any undue restrictions. The Gift Committee brings the evaluation and a recommendation to the Vestry to accept or decline any tangible gifts. The Vestry approves expenditure of monetary contributions toward an item.

**How did items get on the list?** Some items were suggested by parishioners and ministry leaders as we transitioned into and began to “live in” our new Ministry and Outreach Center. Some things are related to ministry needs that are beyond the regular budget. The Gift Committee is charged with the responsibility to update and publish the Wish List, with concurrence of the Vestry, and input from designated/responsible ministry leaders.

**When do donations for items identified on the Wish List have to be reviewed by the Gift Committee?** Generally, a donation of \$250 or more for a specific item that has a life of more than one year will be reviewed by the Gift Committee, in coordination with the ministry that will have “oversight” or use of the item, and ultimately referred to the Vestry for acceptance or decline.

If a donor states that an item or funds are to be used for specific purposes or specific items, even when the donor is responding to a Wish List item, it is considered a gift with “strings attached.” The role of the Gift Committee is to ensure that the gift and the “strings” are aligned with the parish vision, mission, ministries, practices, and priorities.

A monetary donation that is not designated for a specific purpose or fund is referred to as “undesignated” and can be accepted by the Treasurer and used for a wide range of needs, with approval by the Vestry at the time funds are used.

Gift Committee Members: Linda Bosenbark, Chair; Bob Amos; Anne Cain; Brian Freiberger; Tricia Jones; Betty Morris; Ginger Rose; Frank Smith; and Nancy Summers.

St Francis Wish List - February 2020				
To make a contribution of a tangible item, contact a member of the Gifts Committee; to make a monetary donation, contact the Parish Treasurer. Contributions for Wish List items may be subject to review by the Gift Committee in coordination with the affected ministry and approved by the Vestry. All tangible gifts that require Gift Committee review and Vestry approval should be retained by the donor until approved. *NOTE: If donations are in excess of the actual amount needed for a specified item, the excess funds will be used for other needs within the specified budget fund.				
Description of Item	Lead Ministry	Type of Donation Requested Monetary and/or Tangible (New or Gently Used)	Est Amount Needed*	Wish List Fulfilled
Contributions to Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment/Furnishings. The current priority is the St Francis Room tables and chairs. Specific items: 18 armless chairs @ \$224 each; 6 chairs with arms @ \$246 each; 5 tables at \$455 each.	Interior Design Team	M	\$8,000	
Contributions to Altar Guild. The current priority is to replace the Communion Rail Kneelers.	Altar Guild	M	\$1,000	
Contributions toward a large outdoor sign.	Vestry	M		
Contributions to Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment for shelving for Storage Closets and the Mechanical Room.	Jr Warden/Designee	T and/or M		
Contributions to Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment for a BBQ Grill for the Patio.	Fellowship/Hospitality	T and/or M	\$500	



Trekkers still trekking. (L to R): Jim & Susan Kelch and their dog Domino; Tricia Jones; Julie Chalk; Carol Glasby; Judy McClendon; Teresa St. John, and her grandsons: William & Samuel.



“The Baptism of Jesus” was given in loving memory of family by C. W. “Bud” and Lucy Lokey. (The Lokeys are interred in our Columbarium.)



C. W. “Bud” and Lucy Lokey.



Harry and Twila Hutchinson with their sons Paden, Ben, and Quenton Walters.



Bobby and Rita Waldo.



“Transfiguration” was given in memory of Mary Burks Reid and Col. Harry Tatum Hutchinson by Harry & Twila Hutchinson; and also given in memory of loved ones by Bobby and Rita Waldo.

## The Windows of St. Francis

By [Betty Morris](#)

At Jesus’ baptism, the appearance of the Holy Spirit came down in the form of a dove. The background of the window shows a leaf recalling what the dove—which Noah sent from the ark above the waters—returned with to signaling the Flood was ended. The blue swirls are the waters of the Flood and of Baptism.

The Transfiguration window (above, right) lets God’s light shine through to represent the Glory of God that shone in the face of Jesus at the Transfiguration when the “appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white.” God spoke and said, “This is my Son, my Chosen/Beloved. Listen to Him.” It reminds us to let the light of God shine through us, too.



Addition: when the Christmas window was written about (*The January Franciscan*), Tom and Ruth Hemphill’s photo wasn’t available. Here they are!



**Reaching  
up...  
Reaching  
out...  
Growing  
Something Eternal!**

Lord, You are our Why!  
*This is our parish: the time is now. Pray for our Stewardship and ask God’s guidance for how you are to share in the vision.*

  
*In loving memory*

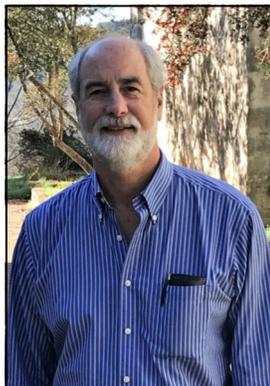
**Edith R. Leadford**  
 August 28, 1931 - January 30, 2020



## Welcome to the vestry!



Brenda Klaftenegger



Dusty Hoecker



Teresa St. John

## Furniture for St. Francis Room

One of the blessings of the opening of our new Ministry and Outreach Center has been the St. Francis Room, our meeting room where smaller groups gather throughout the week. The Design Committee (Teresa St. John, Julie Chalk, Ann Patla, and Judy McClendon) has been meeting with a consultant and working hard to select the most comfortable, attractive, durable, and affordable furniture possible. Decisions have been made and the Vestry has approved the committee's selections. The Design Committee has now ordered 24 chairs (6 with arms, 18 without) and 5 tables, which can be arranged in a variety of configurations, depending on the needs of the group using the room. The chairs and tables are similar to those in use in the meeting rooms at Tye Preston Memorial Library. Now is the perfect time for you to be involved in this project! Here's how:

Please consider contributing toward or purchasing a chair or table. One chair costs \$224 *[these are really nice chairs!]*, a chair with arms costs \$246, and a table costs \$455. Please pray and see how God is leading you

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**Our Mission**

As Children of God, we, at St. Francis by the Lake, are committed to living, learning, and sharing the love of Christ, the Word of God, and the power of the Holy Spirit with our parish family, our communities, and the world.

to help furnish the room with a chair or table (or more than one!) If you're so led, checks may be made out to **St. Francis by the Lake**, with a memo stating "**Fixtures and Furnishings.**" Checks may be left in the Treasurer's box in the office, or

put in the offering plate on Sunday morning.

Thank you for considering this important gift—one which will last a long time—and which will benefit our community for years to come!

