WHAT'S HAPPENING

Wednesday, December 26
MIDNIGHT ON THE WATER
Live contradance music for Smiley’s celebration of all December birthdays, 7:30-9:30pm. Free, free cake too.

Thursday, December 27
BRIONES LIONS CLUB
Regular club meeting at Bolinas Rod & Boat Club, 83 Wharf Rd, 7:30pm

COAST CAFÉ CONCERT SERIES
Live local music, food & drink specials, at Coast Café, 6-8pm

ELI CARTON PEARSON
New band showcase @ Smiley’s, 8:30pm

Friday, December 28
FULL MOON
At 2:21am

MONOPHONICS
Live big band funk @ Smiley’s, 9:30pm. Cover

Saturday, December 29
FOG DUB
Dub reggae @ Smiley’s, 9:30pm

Monday, December 31
MUSIC & ART & ART MODELS
A Benefit Live Auction for “Figure It Out” the life drawing class at the Community Center, 6:45-9:45pm, $10 admission for auction, $25 to draw.

NEW YEARS EVE LIVE
Live reggae @ Smiley’s, 9pm

Tuesday, January 1, 2013
NEW YEARS HOLIDAY

Focus Fuzzy Deities

by StuArt

The long awaited, much ballyhooed end of the Mayan Calendar went down without a hitch on Friday. The beach ritual at 101 PST was short and sweet.

The ritual should have been cancelled. It was a stormy, rainy Friday. But the rain had stopped for a while around noon, and I decided to carry on with the ceremony.

It wasn’t raining, but it was windy as hell, and I had to struggle to make my way down Brighton Ave. to the beach. I considered turning back and abandoning the solstice ceremony, but the wind seemed to draw me to the beach.

I began to live the blustery power of the wind as it buffeted my body and whistled in my ears. The wind’s voice was like a siren’s song drawing me down to the rocks at the edge of the ocean.

I met Leah and we walked together to the beach... except there was no beach, even though it was low tide. The ocean was a white froth of wind whipped waves that were crashing on the rocks at the base of the seawall.

We clambered up on the seawall. It wasn’t the idyllic spot of sand that I had imagined, but that didn’t matter. It was all about the wind, and the power of that invisible force that blew everything away.

Sister Surreal and Penry joined us on the seawall, then Betsy Ann, Cozee and Chu. The ceremony was brief and as powerful as the wind.

We joined hands and offered prayers for the Beginning of the Mayan Calendar.

“What do you want to be in the New Time?” Leah asked me.

“I want to be the wind.” I answered, as the wind whistled and whipped around me. At that moment I felt intoxicated by the wind. It was lifting and spinning my spirit and body like the falling leaf of a tree. The rigid, upright boundaries of my ego/identity were being blown away by the wind. I felt like I was flying.  

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I looked out at the stormy ocean. It looked especially beautiful like a huge gray angora sweater.

"I want to be the waves also," I added.

I felt the waves crashing on the glistening black rocks at the bottom of the seawall.

"... and I want to be the rocks." It was obvious to me that everything was working together.

"I want to be the planet." I finally concluded.

At that moment I had a little mini vision. I was standing on the seawall with my friends and I felt the totality of the planet. I zoomed upwards like a screen shot from Google Earth.

For a brief instant I remembered that I was only one tiny manifestation of the planet. It wasn’t just me. I was also the ocean, the rocks and the wind — all together on a planet wide trip spinning through the Milky Way.


There was a Solstice gathering at the Community Center that evening. We sat on cushions in a circle on a red carpet. A single candle flickered in the center of a big Hunab Ku. That candle and the fire in the fireplace were the only illumination. The Community Center was quiet, peaceful and dark, like the season itself, perfect for contemplation and dreaming.

After a period of quiet we passed around a candle and invited everyone to speak. I chose to sing the Solstice song that I wrote years ago on Brighton Beach. I had brought my guitar to accompany myself, but unfortunately at the beginning of the evening I had detuned my guitar to play along with some shakuhachi music that had been playing on the sound system.

I had tuned every string to the mournful sounds of the shakuhachi and it was difficult to put the guitar back in western tuning. It was my turn to speak, and I made small talk as I struggled to tune the guitar.

"In the new Mayan Calendar I’m going to get my guitar in tune," I laughed as I tried to get that pesky B string into some kind of harmonious relationship with the other strings.

I felt the universe laugh with me as I made my New Year’s resolution. There was a joyful resonance after I spoke and I felt laughing encouragement from a greater source.

It was as if the universe spoke to me and said, "Stu, if you get your guitar in tune, we’re going to have some big fun!"

There was one man I’d never seen before at the gathering. He said that he was into transformative sound and had a gig in West Marin that had been cancelled because of the rainstorm. So he had come to the Solstice gathering with his collection of Tibetan singing bowls.

He was skilled at chanting and vocalizing Tibetan style. He passed around the circle four times, each time with a different bowl, and each time chanting and vocalizing in a different style and key.

I sat quietly and visualized with eyes closed as the man chanted. To my great surprise images from Tibetan Tanka paintings began to appear in my mind’s eye.

I had just been looking at the "Sacred Art of Tibet" calendar for 2013 now on sale at the People’s Store. The images in my mind’s eye had an uncanny resemblance to the tanka paintings of deities from the 18th century that were featured in the calendar.

The deities’ details were fuzzy but the overall feeling and complexity was definitely Tibetan Tanka. I was impressed with the man’s skill and my own suggestibility.

It was at that moment that I had my third vision of the 2012 Winter Solstice.

The new Mayan calendar is like the Art of Sacred Tibet calendar. They’re both filled with Fuzzy Deities.

It’s our joy and job to bring those Fuzzy Deities into focus.

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WINTER CELEBRATION

I attended the holiday meal at BCC this afternoon at 3PM. The hall was filled with people,(about 50) and the table at the front of the room was groaning with the weight of great food to choose from to eat. A roaring fire was in the fire place keeping us warm. The tables were beautifully decorated and just about all of us knew each other. The food was cooked at home or by a band of helpers who worked in the BCC kitchen. A fine meal was followed by some great desserts and some entertainment with some poetry read and piano played by Peter Turner. What a fine way to spend a rainy, late afternoon among friends we care about with everything we needed to have a great time— which is what we did! Many thanks to Jody Angel for organizing this event. She did a great job!! Many thanks to the people who volunteered to do dishes and clean up!

June McAdams

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PIRATE PIZZA

Is back at the Bo Community Center Kitchen on Thursdays starting tomorrow 12/27/12. Same hours as Tuesday evenings 4:30 - 7:30 pm’ish.

We will be open on New Year’s Day 1/1/2013, so be sure to put your order in early since the lucky 13th order for the day gets a FREE PIZZA!

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By Santa Claus, Esq.

Ho ho ho! So much for that so-called Mayan what-cha-ma-callit. Eh? Hope not too many people were disappointed. But don't worry, there's still plenty of change and upheaval on the way, in from many angles — environmental, economic, political - you name it. As you may imagine, I'm a bit pooled after a long, frosty night of crawling in and out of chimneys and such, all over the globe. In fact, after I finish off one of these fine bottles and cookies some of you so kindly left me, and pay off those equally tired reindeer, I'm gonna take a long, long nap - ten months or so oughta do it...

But — here's a thought. Heck, call it a proposal. How about we all pretend that some sort of glorious new Age of Aquarius or whatever sign you choose really did start last week? What might that look like, with the passing of time?

I have a few ideas; here they are:

- Toys for every kid. Well of course this is my first one, duh.
- Good healthcare for anybody who needs it.
- A cleaner world where nobody is exposed to toxic crapola.
- A fair taxation and economic system, with people paid what they're worth, no more, no less (hello, teachers!).
- Free birth control available to women worldwide - and what the heck, a "pill" for men too (Mrs. Claus just walked by).
- A nice home for every animal who needs one.
- The end of inhumane and destructive farming of any kind.
- Real, concerted action to combat and deal with climate change.

-(Go ahead, you fill in your favorite/most important pressing issue here)

...and... Peace, the real kind. For as somebody once said, "War Is Not Healthy For Children And Other Living Things" (and as I already said regarding my first wish: Duh!).

See? The Aquarian Age in ten easy steps! Well, I jest (bump). None of this would be easy or is likely to occur on its own. And no amount of meditation and prayer, however lovely, even essential, that might be, will bring it about. Real progress will take, as somebody said about most things, 10% inspiration and 90% inspiration - work, in other words. Activism, in yet another term. Politicking, in yet one more (icky) one. I can't tell you how to do that, but plenty of others can, in organizations focused on any issue you choose. Choose one. Choose more. Support them. Get to work. Enjoy the process as much as you can. It can't be that much harder than climbing in and out of chimneys, if I do say so.

Thanks for everything, whether you've been naughty, nice, or both. I can't wait to see how things are coming along when I get back next year! Good luck. Make it Beautiful, and: Ho Ho Ho!

-as told to Steve Heilig, on assignment 12/25/12

26 December
Boxing Day/ St. Stephen/Goddess month of Hestia commences
The custom of wren hunting was once widely observed on this day. The tiny bird, whose slaughter was prohibited at other times of the year, was imprisoned in a lantern or a wren house, then solemnly paraded around the village, hung on a holly branch and borne to its funeral by the "droolins" or wren boys.

27 December
St. John the Evangelist
A traditional feast day in freemasonry.

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Minutes from the November 26, 2012 Bolinas Fire Protection District Board Meeting

Pres. Buchanan called the regular meeting of the Bolinas Fire Protection District to order at 7:30PM. Dir. Kimball, Dir. Smith and Director-elect Chiara were present. Also present: Chief Brown, Secretary Brown, Jenny Pfieffer, Don Smith, Beth Carsullia and Pam Lichtenwalner of Stinson Beach. Dir. O'Donnell was absent.

MSC, Smith/Kimball (unam with one absence) to approve the agenda.

CHIEFS REPORT

MERA
Chief Brown invited the Board to the MERA Member Orientation scheduled for November 29th to be held at the Marin Civic Center. The orientation will consist of First touring the County Communications Center and then a presentation on MERA administrative and financial updates, Strategic Plan implementation and current and future MERA system operations.

Chief Brown warned everyone about a series of three storms coming towards Bolinas.

Planning
20 Nymph Road — Demolish existing residence, construct new one
15 Oak Road — Legalize existing retaining wall
415 Yucca — Solar Install
100 Mesa Road — Addition to communications tower — Verizon
40 Mesa Road — Solar Install
76 Altura Road — Remodel
324 Ocean Parkway — Addition
160 Overlook — Solar Install
200 Mesa — Demolish existing structure, construct new one, and legalize multiple existing structures

Grants
Chief Brown reported that five new Motorola Minitor 5 pagers were purchased with Burton/West Marin Emergency Services grant monies. The pagers have a high malfunction rate so buying several annually will be necessary in order to ensure that each volunteer has a functioning communication device. Reports from other West Marin emergency service departments about pager function are similar.

Training
Asst. Chief Marotte attended a Train the Trainer course regarding a new electronic Patient Care Record system that all agencies providing first responder medical response in Marin will be required to use as of January 1st. The County of Marin wants to retrieve all data on medical calls. He will train the Volunteers how to use the new system at the next Tuesday night drill on November 27th.

Asst. Chief Marotte recently bought a new Hazardous Gas Monitor to monitor confined spaces before entry. The monitor checks for dangerous levels of carbon monoxide, methane, oxygen etc. and will be used to ensure Volunteer's safety on emergency calls in confined spaces. BCFPUD uses a similar monitor to enter the underground lift station. Asst. Chief Marotte used proceeds from the sale of outdated radio equipment to purchase the monitor.

The last drill of the year will take place on December 4th. Firefighters George Krakauer, Ron Brown and Cole Rippe will be providing training on electric vehicle safety. Training will resume on January 8th.

Disaster Council
Chief Brown reported that CERT (California Emergency Response Training) training is scheduled for January 19 and 26, 2013. She encouraged everyone to attend.

The Bolinas-Stinson School held their annual disaster drill on November 15th. Both campuses simulated an earthquake, and then evacuated and dismissed all students. The drill was very successful and well organized. Chief Brown attended both the drill and the debriefing afterwards. She emphasized the staff's own preparedness for potential disaster.

New Bolinas Disaster Council Coordinator to be approved later in the meeting.

Building and Grounds
Chief Brown reported that she is awaiting two estimates for interior touch-up painting of the fire station. The building is now five years old and beginning to require regular maintenance.

General Operations
The trickle charger on the emergency generator failed. She contacted Air Cooled Diesel Repair who completed the repair at a very reasonable price.

Surfer's Overlook
Dir. Kimball reported that GM Blackman and Drew Kennedy, the engineer from the County of Marin are working together to acquire a drilling permit for testing soil conditions both on the road and on the beach for the repair. Dir. Kimball is also encouraging Drew at the County to develop a monitoring program to regularly measure the sand levels at the beach below Surfer's Overlook. Currently, sand levels on ground level are too low and inhibit the operation of large equipment that will be used in testing the soil/sand. Ideally, Drew will teach Dir. Kimball, BCFPUD personnel and others the procedure for taking measurements so the program can be conducted by volunteers.

Maintenance Agreement — CHA
Chief Brown reported that the CHA is in agreement for a cap of $30,000 on the Common Area Maintenance Reserve Fund. She will draft a Letter of Agreement for review by both Boards.

Pres. Buchanan remarked on the high number of false alarms during the month of October in the Fire Calls and Emergencies Log.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Action Item #1: Administration of Oaths to new Board members.
Pres. Buchanan administered Oaths to new Board member Ed Chiara and incumbent David Kimball. Sheila O'Donnell will take the Oath at a later date as she was absent. The Board welcomed Dir. Chiara and thanked him and Dir. Kimball for their willingness to volunteer.

Action Item #2: Approve Bolinas Disaster Council Coordinator Contract for Beth Carsullia.
MSC, Kimball/Chiara (unam with one absence) to approve Bolinas Disaster Council Coordinator Contract for Beth Carsullia. Chief Brown recommended Beth to the Board as she has recently completed a CERT class and has lots of energy to offer the community. Beth thanked the Board and reviewed her work experience and excitement about the job.

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Action Item #3: Approve Verizon request to add microwave antenna to existing Crown Castle tower located on Fire District property. Chief Brown reported that Laura Fazzini of Crown Castle had planned to attend the meeting but was not present. Laura previously stated that the microwave antenna would be compliant with FCC standards for EMF limits and is therefore undeniable. Chief Brown summarized a legal conversation she and Dir. Kimball had with legal counsel at the County of Marin, in which it was clarified that because the RF compliance report is under the FCC 5% emissions threshold, the microwave antenna application cannot be denied based on perceived health issues.

Dir. Kimball gave a brief history of communications with Crown Castle regarding antenna configurations. Three of the nine panel antennas approved in 2009 have yet to be put into operation. When they are fully operating, SiteSafe would ideally complete another report on RF emissions at and around the station. Dir. Kimball suggested that Verizon complete the previously approved installations while engineers of Verizon, SiteSafe, Don Smith, and others including himself and Chief Brown continue an open dialog to analyze potential antenna configurations in order to determine the best solution for both the Bolinas community and Verizon/Crown Castle before approving the request for the microwave antenna.

The Board continued the discussion and decided to again put the item on the agenda for the December Board meeting. Dir. Kimball and Chief Brown will write a letter to the District Manager of Crown Castle respectfully requesting her attendance at the December meeting and a continuation of dialogue with Verizon engineers, SiteSafe, Don Smith, Dir. Kimball and Chief Brown with an intent to develop an open and constructive ongoing means of dialogue between the District, Crown Castle and Verizon for the remaining term of the lease (about ten years).

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Discussion: Emergencly only access and egress alternatives to closure of Terrace Avenue and Overlook Road. No update.

CONSENT CALENDAR
MSC, Kimball/O’Donnell (inan with one absence) to approve the Consent Calendar including the Minutes from the October 22, 2012 regular meeting and the warrant list from October 17 – November 20, 2012, and the financial reports for September 2012 including the account balances.

PUBLIC EXPRESSION
Pam of Stinson Beach said that it was a pleasure to be part of the antenna discussion. The Board appreciated her input.

Don Smith thanked the Firefighters and Officers who responded to the chimney fire near Evergreen and Poplar. He appreciated the entire fire department for their good works in the community.

COMMITTEE REPORTS
None.

BOARD MEMBER REPORT
None.

PERSONNEL MATTERS
None.

ANNOUNCEMENT
None.

GOOD OF THE ORDER
Chief Brown invited the Board to the annual Holiday dinner to be held on Sunday December 9th. She thanked Ed Chiera for joining the Board. He stated that he was happy to be a member.

ADJOURNMENT
MSC, Chiera/Smith (inan with one absence) to adjourn the meeting at 9:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Molly Brown
District Secretary

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LOST & FOUND

LOST KEYS, EITHER ON POPLAR, THE TRAIL FROM the end of poplar down to Agate Beach or on the Beach. If found call 9359

RD 12/17

LOST: MY GRANDDAUGHTER’S SILVER METAL case, 3” x 4” with a fairy design on it and her Xmas SS inside. Lost at end of Opal on Alder at bus stop. Marisa 415 259-8739

MW 12/21

LOST: PRESCRIPTION GLASSES WITH DARK BLUE frames - @ Winter Faire on Friday, 12/7
- If found, contact Robin-0527

R12/10

LOST: MY FAVORITE HAT! SMALL VELVET, black on one side and spotted on one side
If found please call Marlene 868-9036

MA 12/10

LOST: RAY BAN DRIVING GLASSES
Green with blue on backside of glasses. Prescription with transitional lenses. 415 259-8739 thank you

MW 12/7

MISSING BLACK MALE CAT
He has scabby ears and His territory is between Maple/Oak and Elm.-0419

IH 12/7

LOST: ORNATE GOLDEN EARING
At Community Center Thanksgiving Dinner or nearby.
If found please call - 1018 – Thank you

SL11/30

CLASSES

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Class Schedule
Sunday
Yoga w/ Trishna continues in January 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Brazilian Dance w/Anna 11:00 a.m. – noon
Ninjutsu Martial Arts w/ Martin Adult Class 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Monday
Pilates w/Lisa (pre-register 868-0473) 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Figure Drawing every other Mon. cont. 12/17 6:45 - 9:45 p.m.
Tuesday
Bo Babies 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Dance with Eleanor 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Ariel Arts for Youth w/ Joanna 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.
CommUnity Nights 6:00/7:00 p.m.
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Wednesday
Pilates w/Lisa 8:30 -10:00 a.m.
After-School Theater w/ Lisa Townsend 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.
Theater with Patrice Daley – starting Jan. 9th 5:15 - 7:45 p.m.
Biblia en Español 8:00 – 9:30 p.m.
Thursday
Yoga w/ Trishna continues in January 8:00 - 9:30 a.m.
USDA food bank 11 noon
Yoga w/Lisa Brendel 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
Congolese Dance & song w/ Sandor 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Friday
Pilates Mat Class w/Lisa 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
Saturday
Yoga w/ Lisa Brendel 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.
Creative Movement w/ Lisa continues in Jan. 11:00 - 11:45 a.m.
Ballet w/Erika Townsend continues in Jan. 12:00 - 1:30 a.m.

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December 24: Steviana Dunn
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Anna Webb
Elijah McClellan
Sierra Dierks
Ebie Kane
Freda Weitzer

December 25: Peter Lee (remembered)
Bob Wall
Cristina DiGrazia

December 26: Brett Docherty
Cecily Gonzales
Glenn Stover
Check Hall
Sebastien Do

December 27: Meg Cain
Danielle Katz

December 28: Peter Blank
Haesi Horvath
Skyla Stover
Sage Appel
Michael Rafferty
Allison Bristow
Jason Glayis

December 31: Bob Anderson (remembered)
David Franklin
Miles Tune
Cabe Silverhame

This collage is about the approaching full moon and the coming New Year.
—June McAdams