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Message from Jane B. Short

Hi, everyone! I hope you're doing well and staying cool. In Nashville we had some rainy weather come through in the middle of May. But since then it's been dry as a bone and blistering hot (95 degrees and 99 percent humidity). I understand it's been rainy and quite a bit cooler in most parts of Montana, so consider yourselves lucky. I hope none of our members have had to deal with flooding. We are driving out to Montana for the summer and plan to arrive on June 29. We will be so glad to get there! We need a break from this heat!

Welcome to our newest renewing member, Dorothy Larson Bell!

Here's an update on our Alpha Chindness project. Shortly after our last newsletter was published, I mailed Phyllis Seeley Burroughs a card and a beautiful bouquet of flowers on behalf of our chapter. I also sent Anne Freeman Ball a Target gift card from our chapter, and I mailed her a sleepsack for her baby from me.

Phyllis's husband, Tom, wrote: "My sincerest thanks for you and all the sisters for the beautiful flowers and thoughts that you sent to Phyllis. It is truly a time of trouble but God is sufficient in grace for the hard times. I will try to keep you in the loop as much as possible. I go every day [to see her] for as long as I can and will try to stay in touch. Thanks again for all your kindness."

I spoke with Anne on the phone to make sure she received the gifts, and she said she and her husband were blown away by the gift card.

I know that Phyllis and Anne would appreciate hearing from other members besides me. Please take some time out of your busy schedule to send them a quick card or letter or a small gift. Let's overwhelm them! Please let me know what you have done. Thank you in advance for your kindness and thoughtfulness.

Anne's contact information can be found on the enclosed roster.

Our get-together will be Saturday, July 9 at 9:00 a.m. at the Cracker Barrel in Missoula. It's at exit 101, I-90 and Reserve St., 2929 Expo Parkway, Missoula, MT 59808. I've only heard from Leslee Haylett (of Helena) so far, who is joining me. I am driving 4 hours from Big Sky to Missoula and will be disappointed if no one from Missoula comes. Please contact me ASAP if you plan to meet me. This is coming up soon! Please wish me good luck in the Missoula Half Marathon on July 10!

I would love to hear from you as I am low on member news and recipes for the next newsletter. Please drop me a line or email me and let me know what's new in your life. I sincerely hope all is well. Happy summer!

Member News

- I just heard from Lura Turner that her mother, **Helen Hales Elliott** of Conrad, has been having difficulty recovering from oral surgery that she had 3 weeks ago. Helen, we hope you will feel like your old self very soon! This winter Helen came out to Big Sky for a short visit with Lura and her husband, and I'm sorry that I happened to be out of town when she came. Helen had 2 overlapping events in Great Falls one weekend this winter: a singing fete for 2 of her vocal students, and a MT Arts Consortium 2-1/2 day meeting to choose acts for next year's concert season.
- **Dorothy Larson Bell** of Glasgow has 2 new great grandchildren. One grandchild was married last July in New Orleans, and another will be married this July in Oregon. She and her husband attended his ship reunion in St. Louis in Oct. and spent 2 weeks in San Diego this winter. She thanked me for her 60 year pin.
- **Bonnie Smith Rigg** of Kalispell and Miami Beach was in the Faculty Art Show at the University of Miami and in the University of Miami's Art Basel Exhibit at the grand re-opening of the Coral Gables Country Club in the fall. Below is a photo of Bonnie at the re-opening with the three drawings she displayed and sold. She is also scheduled to have an art show at the Montana Coffee Traders Café in Kalispell this July. She had an art "gig" in May at the South Florida Art Center's fund raiser. She drew silhouettes of the party-goers and had a blast! During the first week of June, Bonnie was in Kansas City to read AP papers in art history. She was joined by a friend from Miami, so they were able to sightsee together in the evenings. She is attending the wedding of one of her best friend's daughters on June 18 in Madison, WI. After a few days in Minneapolis, she plans to arrive in Kalispell on June 24.



Recipe: Coated Nuts

From **Barbara Dontigny Shook**, Missoula, MT

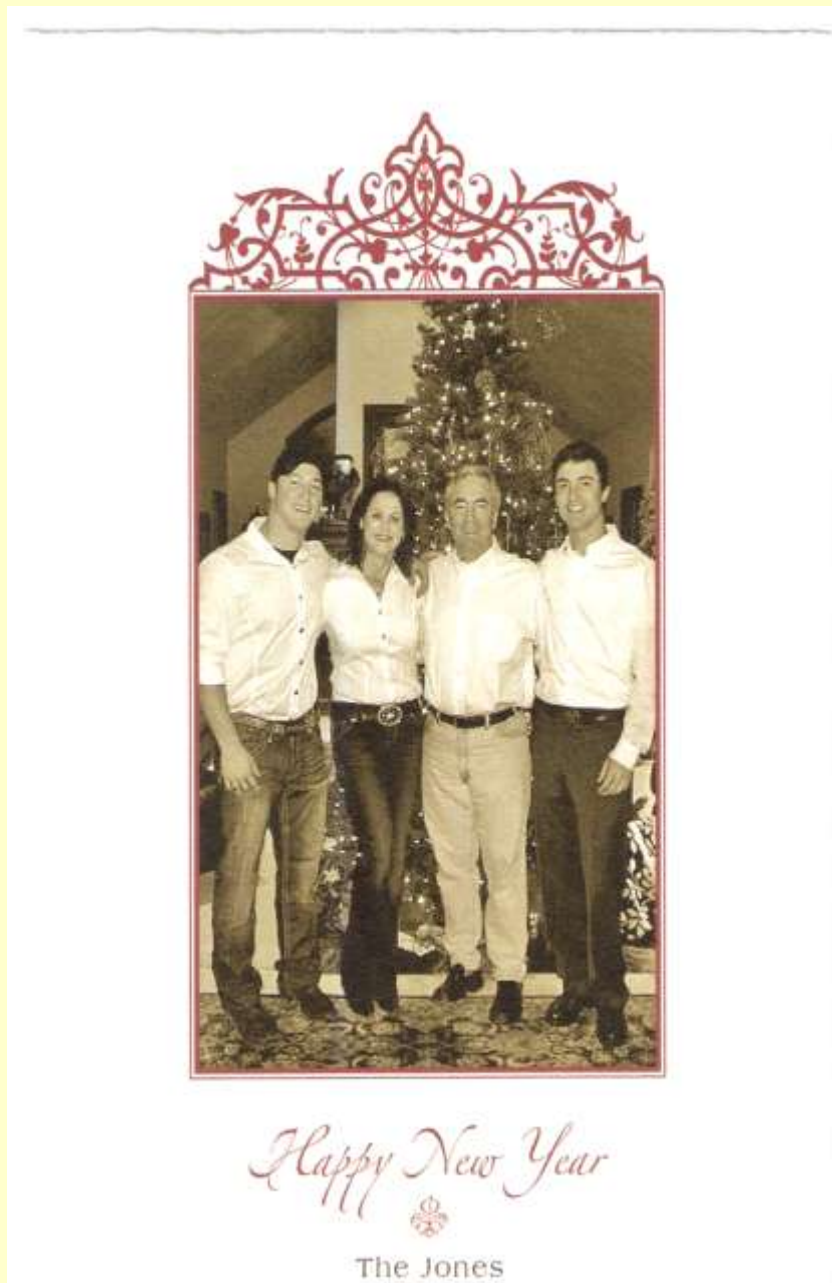
½ cup water

1 cup sugar

1 tsp. vanilla

Boil to medium ball. Add 1 tsp. vanilla and 2-1/2 cups dry roasted peanuts. Stir to coat, dry looking. Dump on cookie sheet and pull apart.

Here is Darla Davis Jones and family:



Birthdays!

Jane Ann Maguire Swan	June 12 – 93 years old!!!
Kristin Hagwell Stayner	June 27
Susan McCarl Hills	July 2
Marilyn Blanche Hertz	July 19
Darla Davis Jones	July 25
Anne Freeman Ball	July 28
Edna “Eddie” Currier Bennett	July 29
Rosemarie Jager Iverson	July 31

Events

Father’s Day	June 19
First Day of Summer	June 21
Independence Day	July 4
AX Gathering in Missoula	July 9

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