

## EAGA Business Builder

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**Don't panic. You did not miss a meeting.**

**There was not a meeting today because of the New Year Holiday.**

Even though there was not a meeting, it may be fun, and possibly informative, to provide a bit of somewhat interesting, and somewhat useless data about the holiday.

- \* Most are familiar with the ball dropping at New York's Time Square. After the festivities are over workers are left to clean up nearly 50 tons of trash left behind by the revelers. About 3,000 pounds of that is confetti.
- \* Other locations drop something other than a ball at midnight. Princess Anne, MD sends a stuffed Marshall Muskrat down a 30ft zipline. Prescott, AZ drops a 6 foot lighted boot from a 40 ft flagpole. Mobile, AL drops a 600 pound MoonPie. In Panama City FL, it is a 10 ft diameter beach ball (but, for the kids, at 8pm they drop 10,000 beachballs from the sky). In Port Clinton, OH a 20 ft long, 600 pound walleye takes the fall.
- \* There are also other traditions for ringing in the new year with the idea of encouraging prosperity, abundance or replacing old with new. In Johannesburg, South Africa throwing furniture out of windows symbolizes out with the old in with the new. Dropping ice cream on the ground in Switzerland for bringing abundance. In Spain they eat 12 grapes—one each second of the clock chime in order to have good fortune. In Columbia folks carry empty suitcases around the block to encourage traveling and learning new things in the upcoming year. In Denmark, on New Year's Eve it's traditional to throw plates and dishes against your friends' and neighbors' front doors. The bigger the pile the next morning, the more luck you'll have during the year. People in Denmark also often jump off chairs at midnight to symbolize a leap into the New Year. (we will have to verify those with Soren). The Irish have a tradition of banging bread against the walls of their houses on New Year's Eve so that bad luck and evil spirits are chased away and good luck is invited in.
- \* The first people to celebrate the New Year are the residents of Kiritimati Island in the country of Kiribati. The last to celebrate are the residents of American Samoa, although the last place to experience the New Year is the uninhabited Baker Island. Kiribati and Baker Island are only 650 miles apart, but because of time zone arrangements, there is actually a 26 hour time difference between them.
- \* Also because of the time zone arrangements and the international Date Line alignment, at a certain time each day there are three different dates in the world. As an example: At 10:30 UTC on January 2nd, it is 23:30 on January 1st in American Samoa; 06:30 on January 2nd in New York; and 00:30 on January 3rd in Kiritimati.
- \* Every year the paint and home décor places declare their color of the year. For 2024 the colors of the new year as designated so far: Pantone—Peach Fuzz; Benjamin Moore—Blue Nova; C2 Paint—Thermal (a sky blue); Dunn-Edwards—Skipping Stones (a cool blue); Krylon—Bluebird; Sherwin Williams—Upward (a light blue); Minwax—Bay Blue stain; Glidden—Limitless (a honey beige); Valspar—Renew Blue; Behr—Cracked Pepper; HGTV Home by Sherwin-Williams—Persimmon; Dutch Boy—Ironside (dark olive); Graham & Brown—Viridis (a muted green); York Wallcoverings—Bay Brown; James Hardie—Mountain Sage (olive green)
- \* Each year on January 1st (and July 1st) the Executives Association of Greater Albuquerque ushers in a new slate of officers and the newest members of their Board of Directors. This January 1st, new President Joe Sierra will take the reins and new Board members Andrew Sanchez and Tim Baca will begin their terms. Now Past President John Woods will move to the position of Chairman of the Board (although the chair itself may have to be down-sized a little since the previous chairman, Randy Baker, required a larger seating capacity than does Mr. Woods). The two Board members whose terms expired on New Year's Eve are Raul Rodriguez and Randy Baker. So as of January 1, 2024, the EAGA Board of Directors are: John Woods—Chairman, Joe Sierra—President, Scott Peck—Treasurer, Paul Losey, Terry Roberts, Brian Walden, Andrew Sanchez, and Tim Baca. Mario Hernandez will continue as Executive Director (presuming that his State of the Organization report on January 9th is as positive as usual), and Jack Zipper continues as Membership Committee Chairman.

Data Sources: Good Housekeeping; The Pioneer Woman; House Beautiful; Parade; Taste Of Home; WBAL TV; 12News-Phoenix; Alabama Travel; shoresandislands.com; barcelo.com; benandjerrys.ca; Better Homes & gardens; Time and Date; .in2013dollars.com; nerdwallet.com; EAGA

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- ◆ Please be sure to be on time (or even early) for our next meeting - January 9th. At the beginning of the meeting, Mario will give us a short 'State of the Organization' report before Mark Tobiassen's scheduled presentation. We want to get started on schedule so that there is adequate time for everyone.
- ◆ Although Mr. Woods is no longer the formal president of our organization, it is fitting to have one more set of "What happened this day in history" before Mr. Sierra takes the podium on January 9th: So as Mr. Woods may have said: On this day, January 1st: 1863- Abraham Lincoln signs the Emancipation Proclamation; 1818- Mary Shelley's "Frankenstein" is published; 1892- The first immigrants arrive at Ellis Island; 1942- United Nations was created; 1862- The first US federal income tax became effective. It was 3% for income >\$600 and 5% for income >\$10,000 [For reference, those brackets would be 3% > \$18,813 and 5% > \$313,557 in 2024 dollars. [Source: in2013dollars.com] That compares to the current 'Filing Single' tax brackets that go from 10% for income up to \$11,000, through five other bracket levels to the highest one of 37% on income >\$578,125]
- ◆ A 'housekeeping' note: The email address "eaga\_members@eaganm.com" is not a real address or email group. It is a filler for the bulletin emails that are actually directed to members via the BCC field. If you try to send an email to that address it will not be delivered to anyone. If you 'reply all' to the bulletin email, it will only go to the initial sender 'bmac@swcp.com'. If you have a legitimate need to send an email to the entire group, Bill McCabe is willing to do that for you, or, better yet, provide you with an MS Word formatted list of all the current addresses for you to use in sending it yourself. But please be aware though, if you want Bill to send your message, it is always first approved by the Executive Director. To get your message out in the most timely manner, you should send it to Mario and request that he approve it and forward it to Bill for distribution.

## Badge Board Greeters

Jan 9<sup>th</sup> Phil Buckles—Buckles Business Solutions  
Jan 16<sup>th</sup> Daryl Moreland—DLM Southwest Collision  
Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> Rick Reese—Blue Ristra  
Jan 30<sup>th</sup> Gerald Montoya—Staged2BAmazed  
Feb 6<sup>th</sup> Mike Krepfl—AAA Pumping  
Feb 13<sup>th</sup> Robert Biernacki—WaterQuest  
Feb 20<sup>th</sup>  
Feb 27<sup>th</sup>  
Mar 5<sup>th</sup>  
Mar 12<sup>th</sup>

## Upcoming Speakers

Jan 9<sup>th</sup> Mark Tobiassen—Action Coach Business Coaching  
Jan 16<sup>th</sup> Tim Stewart—Impact Nations  
Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> John Woods—Phocus Real Estate  
Jan 30<sup>th</sup> Daryl Moreland—DLM Southwest Collision  
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