



CHRISTMAS SPARKS



BEST WISHES FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON
FROM CAMP KAHDALEA AND CAMP CHOSATONGA

ADVENT SEASON GREETINGS

Vol XXXI, No. I

CHRISTMAS 2020

HOME FRONT

Merry Christmas!! WHAT AN AMAZING YEAR!... and not necessarily an easy one. You'll likely agree. But on the other hand, there were so many treasures hidden among the stones. The Coronavirus has caused so much real heartache. Nearly all of us were impacted in numerous ways. We, at camp, had a peaceful and also sad summer. We missed you and the good work that Kahdalea and Chosatonga do every - make that nearly every - summer. As with school without other students, this summer too was a lost opportunity to enjoy the challenges, skill sharpening, adventures, moments for "would have been" great friends from around the country and even the world.

What good things did we learn? Many. We *really* know now that camp is a game changer. We now can't wait to see our camp friends who are dear to us gather near to us once more. We've heard stories that lots of families are also growing in many, sometimes hard ways. These times help us to better understand each other and life and to learn more about wisdom. One example is about love and patience. When scripture talks about love in Corinthians, it's in order of importance. It starts with, "Love is patient." That's been important to me. I, at times struggle with patience and I stop to ask myself, "Do I love this person?" Then I have a reminder to tell myself — try a different approach. That's a great thing and I have to make it a constant habit. That is one thing that grace has offered me. As I sit here thinking, while I'm writing this to the camp family, I feel a bit foolish since I'm also realizing I have been slack lately with this good gift of real wisdom. There are many good gifts we've all received through this Covid experience. Take a little time during this truly holy season to think about handling some of your most difficult moments with some *real* selfless wisdom.

So, what else has been going on with the Trufants? Well, Elizabeth and Sarah have both had baby daughters! Andrew will be getting married as soon as Covid will let him travel. Adam got married in March; John got married then, too; Jeffrey is engaged!; and Joseph is doing great as he continues to work in the music industry making amazing progress. We have had a very busy time. In November, Adam, Jeff and Anne & David embarked on a rare last minute, CKC opportunity put together by Adam. We tackled a very challenging oar-boating, 17 day trip, deep in the Grand Canyon on the Colorado River. It was over 230 miles of amazingly big whitewater with camping out every night. We had a group size of about 15, most of whom were past paddling counselors. It has been a good challenge to get out of our comfort zones. We did it.

We love you, our camp adventures and what this community does to be such a game changer. God bless you!



IN THE GRAND CANYON, IN DRY SUITS IN NOV!
Jeff, Anne & David, Adam & Teresa Trufant

Anne & David

News, Notes and SCOOP!

We're excited for the summer! There have been many advances and good hope for the spring and summer. Remember that excitement for the summer we had before March? Think about it. It's coming back. We haven't reached the beginning of Staff Season yet and we are getting calls and great camp people signing on like Richard Lytle, JT Mosher, Paul Fletcher, Grace & Gabby Decker, Alyce Davis, Madison Williams, AnneMarie Romero, Jessica Pienta, Lizzie Denham, Grace Buckhorn, Gloria Warner and more... and, of course, Adam and Jeffrey Trufant! Our beloved Staff members who took the early sign on opportunity will enjoy a new Cotopaxi jacket in the Spring! Keep your eyes peeled for this colorful addition to our staff clothing arsenal. Questions? Call. Come & Join Us!

News

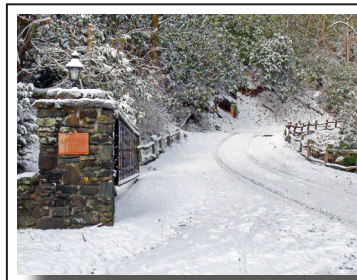
Record Enrollment! We like to say send us your children and we'll work to send you back wise leaders. Yea! This is our mission and our love. Parents, you know what we mean. Please note that some age groups, especially JCs, are getting FULL.

NEW - Looking for a higher step? David and Anne are excited to introduce you to **THE MISSION ON THE MOUNTAIN**, a separate but kindred mission to camp, enriching the lives and faith of those around us! TMOTM is a new non-profit and website filled with inspiring and powerful teachings and testimonies. Take a look. We hope it's a tremendous blessing for you! Look for us: themissiononthemountain.com.

Former Paddling Head, **Miles Murphy**, competed in the renowned **Green River Race** on the first Saturday of November. This extreme class 5 gorge is challenging and we were proud to see Miles perform such clean lines! **GO MILES!** We love seeing our paddlers compete locally and look forward to more Green River Race Homecoming events at camp in the future!

Notes

1) **Travel will be in the air soon!** Please don't hesitate to give us a call and we will put together a ZOOM and maybe at some point soon, a visit. Want to host a fun/casual camp ZOOM? Anyone may arrange one of these with us. Tell your friends. Thanks! These are easy and we *so* appreciate your help. You're our best ambassadors! Keep spreading the word. Continued...



And when we give each other Christmas gifts in His name, let us remember that He has given us the sun and the moon, and the stars and the earth with its forests and mountains and oceans, and all that lives upon them...and to save us from our foolishness, He came down to earth and gave us Himself. -Sigrid Undset



May God bless you and bless this holy season.

2) Clinics are a great opportunity for STAFF. We plan to have our climbing clinics, backpacking, riding, arts & fun, Wilderness First Aid, marksmanship and more. These times are always like camp for staff.

3) Received camp e-mail lately? If not, please send us your new e-mail address and keep in the know. We also have a newsletter coming your way. If your **MAILING ADDRESS** has changed, please let us know.

4) The **JC Leadership Program** is going full steam! We have had over 50 applications and are getting stellar reviews. This online program provides important formation for the future leaders at camp. We are loving our JCs!

5) Our Chosatonga boys will be practicing on a **new cut mountain biking trail** at Chosatonga. We had off-season interns fashion a new instruction trail. We look forward to debuting this segment!



6) John Trufant has begun reconstructing the roofs of our beautiful Gazebos at Kahdalea! John is talented in his knack for property beautification!



7) During this Advent Season, take a moment to e-mail, call or better yet write (Who does that now? Impressive.) a camp friend... just a little holiday gift of a moment. To have friends we need to be friends. Connect or even visit!

8) **COUNSELORS and ALUM:** Thinking of taking some **time away?** Off season at camp's a life-changing place for introspection and self discovery away from the rat race. We offer some **internships** because a similar time in Dave's life made a profound difference. You might even get some snow.

9) We loved having so many of you **VISIT CAMP** throughout the Summer and Fall. It was difficult not to be able to share camp this year, but we greatly enjoyed sharing camp with so many of you who hold camp in a special place in your hearts. We love you!



It is so wonderful to be in touch with our campers' parents. If you ever have a suggestion or some feedback, we would love to hear it. Thank you. Mostly, talking to our parents we hear such things as, "I received a letter home from my child's counselor and who said that here at camp he teaches and continues **nurturing virtue.**" At that time she exclaimed, 'Nurturing virtue!'" I haven't heard anything like that in years!" That comment stands out for me illustrating how wonderful the staff is and it points out the difficulty we all have with the culture we're in.



as, "I received a letter home from my child's counselor and who said that here at camp he teaches and continues **nurturing virtue.**" At that time she exclaimed, 'Nurturing virtue!'" I haven't heard anything like that in years!" That comment stands out for me illustrating how wonderful the staff is and it points out the difficulty we all have with the culture we're in.



We commonly hear comments involving terms like confidence, problem solving skills, social growth, career development, leadership, friendship, and not the least, growth in faith. The results in our camp family are so often life-changing and the comments we hear from camper's parents warm our hearts and give us strength to carry on with this mission. We are so blessed to have such an encouraging camp family. Thank you for believing in us and the camp mission.



ALSO, from the MAKING LIFE EASIER DEPT, a NEW ONLINE PARENT PLATFORM

Everything in one place AND it will provide ease and convenience for your application process for years. You can enter your parent portal on our website today! Hit: **APPLY HERE** on the Camper Info page.

IF YOU HAVE A ROLL-OVER CAMPER

Your camper's information is already in the new platform! We promised you the choice of session. That needs confirmation. Please go to the new platform, enter your new password and confirm the session of your choice! That's it!

CKC on the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon!

Things that CAMP PEOPLE DO: Among the accompanying crew were various CKC staff members spanning 25 years and 7 former heads of paddling from both Kahdalea and Chosatonga and our two directors! The simplicity and beauty of the expedition was refreshing as well as a great immersion in many of the elements we endeavor to share with every camper who passes through our gates: adventure, unplugged wilderness experience, silence, faith, friendship, starry nights, songs around campfires, learning new skills, and we can't forget FUN!



Dave Inside LAVA.



Many Past Paddling Dept. Heads
Camp People Extrordinaire



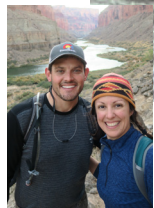
Adam studies the maps.



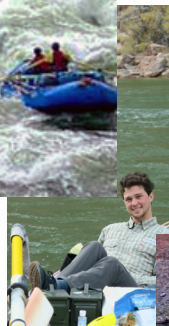
Heather Maloy Cooks!



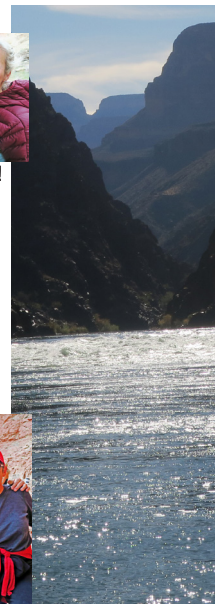
Side Trip



David & Paige Kahn



Fr. Luke at the cars.



2021 - Oh what a SUMMER!!

3

Sign ups! More to come. We're excited about this summer! So many of you are coming back and new campers, too!

Don't wait too long. Our family camp continues to grow! Keep spreading the good word! Thank you!

AND CAMPERS... You ARE our best ambassadors! Bring your friends & join us when camp begins! There's still room!

CHOSATONGA

Jude Angelette, Covington, LA
JR Antici, Simpsonville, SC
Julian Arias, Thibodaux, LA
Rob Ashworth, Montgomery, AL
Will Ashworth, Montgomery, AL
JT Bargas, Edmond, OK
Ben Barousse, Covington, LA
Cort Bennett, Clinton, MS
Dakota Bennett, Clinton, MS
Alex Benton, Lafayette, LA
Joseph Bodin, Baton Rouge, LA
Andrew Burkett, Brevard, NC
Dan Burkett, Brevard, NC
Elijah Burkett, Brevard, NC
John David Burns, Auburn, AL
Levi Burt, Tega Cay, SC
Xavier Burt, Tega Cay, SC
Christian Burvant, Metairie, LA
Will Cazayoux, Mandeville, LA
William Charles, Covington, LA
Andres Christoffel, Lake Forest, IL
Javi Christoffel, Lake Forest, IL
Marcos Christoffel, Lake Forest, IL
Pedro Christoffel, Lake Forest, IL
TC Cook, Kaneohe, HI
Joseph Cortez, Lafayette, LA
Jacob Dawson, Thibodaux, LA
John Paul Dawson, Thibodaux, LA
Thomas Dechman, Brookham, GA
Charles DeRussy, New Orleans, LA
James Doran, South Bend, IN
Peter Doran, South Bend, IN
Joseph Duncan, Baton Rouge, LA
Michael Duncan, Baton Rouge, LA
Thomas Duncan, Baton Rouge, LA
Johnny Ferguson, Lake Worth, FL
Trevor Flood, Mandeville, LA
Jude Flury, Medford OR
Reed Gallagher, Covington, LA
Clarke Garrett, Henrico, VA
Alex Gerac, Greenville, SC
Alek Greer, West Palm Beach, FL
Christian Hall, Baton Rouge, LA
Quin Hand, Abita Springs, LA
AJ Herlong, North Palm Beach, FL
Ty Herlong, North Palm Beach, FL
Samuel Hernandez, Plm Bch Gdens, FL
Jack Hornsby, Fort Belvoir, VA
Ben House, Katy, TX
Brendan Judd, Aiken, SC
Joseph Killian, Bedford, TX
Ethan Koch, Folsom, LA
Eli Lafaso, Thibodaux, LA
Leo Lafaso, Thibodaux, LA
Sam Laille, Baton Rouge, LA
Teddy Laille, Washington, DC
Jonathan Ledoux, Baton Rouge, LA
Charlie Lenneman, North Canton, OH
James Lenneman, North Canton, OH
David Lister, Evans, GA
Nicholas Lustig, Roanoke, TX
Henry Lytle, Asheville, NC
Riley Maloy, Winston Salem, NC
Will McGehee, Folsom, LA
Colin Meersman, Cumming, GA
Jacob Mefford, Baton Rouge, LA
Landon Melvin, Thibodaux, LA
Josh Miller, Prairieville, LA
Alex Milligan, Washington, DC
Weston Milligan, Washington, DC

Max Molitor, Dearing, GA
Peter Molitor, Dearing, GA
Nate Morice, Thibodaux, LA
Noah Neal, Monroe, LA
Michael Pack, Spartanburg, SC
Noah Patrick, Covington, LA
Eddie Perez, Memphis, TN
Grant Perrone, Cypress, TX
Tate Poncho, Lake Charles, LA
Devin Power, Mandeville, LA
Cade Randolph, W. Palm Beach, FL
Gabe Reed, Whispering Pines, NC
Bill Rhodes, Greenville, SC
Henry Richter, Nashville, TN
Cooper Ross, Miami Shores, FL
Paul Roth, Thibodaux, LA
Charlie Santucci, Ft. Myers, FL
Mason Schwall, Folsom, LA
Charlie Shannon, Baton Rouge, LA
Jack Smeenge, W. Palm Beach, FL
James Smeenge, W. Palm Bch, FL
Christian Smith, Charlotte, NC
Max Smith, Suwanee, GA
Pat Snapp, Hanceville, AL
Nicholas Stewart, W. Palm Bch, FL
Noah Stolpe, Evans, GA
Matthew Suer, Dearing, GA
Samuel Sutton, New Orleans, LA
Carter Taulbee, Lafayette, LA
Paul Toups, Thibodaux, LA
William Toups, Thibodaux, LA
Cade Watson, Eugene, OR
Zane Watson, Eugene, OR
Matthew Whitfield, Btn Rouge, LA
Rankin Williams, Auburn, AL

KAHDALEA

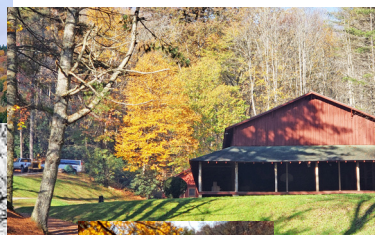
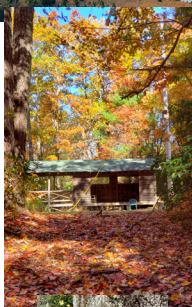
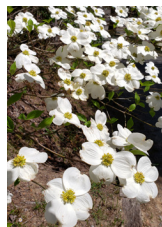
Caroline Alsina, Annapolis, MD
Cecilia Anderson, Baton Rouge, LA
Bella Angelette, Covington, LA
Naomi Angelette, Covington, LA
Sophia Angelette, Covington, LA
Sophia Angle, Palm Beach, FL
Alani Ballard, Inverness, FL
Ariana Ballard, Inverness, FL
Frances Barousse, Covington, LA
Hayden Beard, Baton Rouge, LA
Annie Beauchamp, Rome, GA
Julia Beauchamp, Rome, GA
Kathleen Benedict, Mauldin, SC
Ella Kate Bennett, Belle Isle, FL
Evelyn Bigalke, St. Augustine, FL
Eliza Bodin, Baton Rouge, LA
AB Brown, Covington, LA
Delia Brown, Fairfax, VA
Bean Buckhorn, Tampa, FL
Colleen Buckhorn, Tampa, FL
Marguerite Burns, Auburn, AL
Ella Burrall, Covington, LA
Colette Burvant, Metairie, LA
Nikki Byrne, Atlanta, GA
Ellen Carmichael, Staunton, VA
Addison Case, Asheville, NC
Grier Case, Asheville, NC
Peyton Case, Asheville, NC
Lena Cashio, Baton Rouge, LA
Caterina Chahine, Auburn, AL
Olivia Charbonnet, Mandeville, LA
Natalie Chase, Florence, SC
Sophia Chervenak, Columbus, GA
Maria Teresa Christoffel, Lk Frst, IL
Camille Comeaux, Btn Rouge, LA

Hanalei Cook, Kaneohe, HI
Mary Elizabeth Cortez, Lafayette, LA
Emma Curran, Greer, SC
Kaitlyn Cutrer, Youngsville, LA
Solie Davis, Waynesville, NC
Therese Dawson, Thibodaux, LA
Kate Dechman, Brookham, GA
Cait Delaune, Alexandria, VA
Elizabeth Delaune, Alexandria, VA
Francesca Denney, W Plm Bch, FL
Isabel Denney, W Palm Bch, FL
Juliana Denney, W Palm Bch, FL
Catherine DeRussy, New Orleans, LA
Teresa Doran, South Bend, IN
Rosemary Duncan, Btn Rouge, LA
Camille Eddleman, Monroe, LA
Abby Eldredge, Baton Rouge, LA
Mary Elise Farnet, Btn Rouge, LA
Ann Marie Flury, Medford, OR
Emma Foote, Fontana, CA
Emma Foret, Lake Charles, LA
Emile Frederick, Covington, LA
Kaitlyn Funderburk, Greer, SC
Madeleine Garrett, Henrico, VA
Allison Gerac, Greenville, SC
Olivia Gibson, Auburn, AL
Marissa Gillman, Monroe, NC
Miranda Gillman, Monroe, NC
Sarah Grace, Covington, LA
Isabella Hall, Baton Rouge, LA
Emma Hamrick, Sullivan's Isl, SC
Piper Hamrick, Sullivan's Isl, SC
Fallon Hand, Abita Springs, LA
Caroline Hankins, Lake Chas, LA
Kate Hebert, Baton Rouge, LA
Izzy Herlong, North Palm Bch, FL
Sarah Herman, Lafayette, LA
Blake Hester, Baton Rouge, LA
Brynn Hillenmeyer, Nashville, TN
Harper Hillenmeyer, Nashville, TN
Gianna Holden, Wilmington, NC
Lila Howard, Charlotte, NC
Maddie Isaac, Dallas, TX
Emma Jacques, Greer, SC
Julia Jacques, Greer, SC
Isabel Jenkins, Covington, LA
Maya Juarez, Arden, NC
Camille Kean, Baton Rouge, LA
Sarah-Brennan Kean, Btn Rge, LA
Rylee Keating, Lake Charles, LA
Lucy Kennison, Lake Charles, LA
Lilly Kidder, Mobile, AL
Jeanne LaCour, Covington, LA
Taylor Lageman, Jacksonville, FL
Clara Lasitter, Taylors, SC
Jane Laille, Baton Rouge, LA
Louise Laille, Baton Rouge, LA
Lilly Leach, Tampa, FL
April Lee, Stevensville, MD
Elizabeth Lemann, Btn Rouge, LA
Mary Frances Lemann, Btn Rge, LA
Grace Lenneman, N. Canton, OH
Mary Claire Lenneman, N. Canton, OH
Emily Liebel, Bradenton, FL
Kaitlin Liebel, Bradenton, FL
Nina Lindquist, Annapolis, MD
Sophie Lister, Evans, GA
Dixie Long, Raleigh, NC
Sandra Long, Raleigh, NC
Sophia Lorenz, Offutt AFB, NE
Emma Lynn, New Orleans, LA
Molly Maloy, Winston Salem, NC

Adele Marmande, Houma, LA
Ava Martin, Covington, LA
Alonna McCaffrey, Dallas, TX
Jenna McNamara, Lake Chas, LA
Charlotte McQueen, Hattiesburg, MS
Sarah Meersman, Cumming, GA
Garnet Messier, Wilmington, NC
Rachel Messier, Wilmington, NC
Liliana Milano, Cresson, TX
Beatrice Molitor, Dearing, GA
Gabriella Morice, Thibodaux, LA
Kaylee Mosher, Mooresville, NC
Catherine Murthy, Btn Rouge, LA
Margaret Murthy, Btn Rouge, LA
Clare O'Brien, Oxford, FL
Tori O'Loughlin, Simpsonville, SC
Mary Soutter Pack, Spartanburg, SC
Anna Patrick, Covington, LA
Catty Payne, Shreveport, LA
Lizzy Payne, Shreveport, LA
Mae Payne, Shreveport, LA
Riley Pellegrin, Houma, LA
Kaylin Perrone, Cypress, TX
Liz Perry, Lake Charles, LA
Annalise Polozola, Lafayette, LA
Caroline Polozola, Lafayette, LA
Cecilia Polozola, Lafayette, LA
Gianna Polozola, Lafayette, LA
Ana Poncho, Lake Charles, LA
Halle Poncho, Lake Charles, LA
Elise Powell, Baton Rouge, LA
Parker Pressly, Palm Beach, FL
Victoria Ramsey, Brevard, NC
Marion Randolph, W. Plm Bch, FL
Gayle Rhodes, Greenville, SC
Lucy Richmond, New Orleans, LA
Danielle Richter, Nashville, TN
Natalie Richter, Nashville, TN
Lizzie Rigby, Washington, DC
Caroline Ringo, Spartanburg, SC
Hope Romero, Tampa, FL
Sarah Grace Romero, Tampa, FL
Charley Ross, Miami Shores, FL
Andie Rousse, Covington, LA
Georgia Rydson, Melbourne Bch, FL
Alex Sanford, Zachary, LA
Gabby Santucci, Ft. Myers, FL
Searcy Cate Saterfiel, Lafayette, LA
Erin Scalia, McLean, VA
Madeline Shultz, Lexington, MA
Emma Smith, Alpharetta, GA
Sarah Smith, Wilmington, NC
Emily Sovero, Alpharetta, GA
Lauren Sovero, Alpharetta, GA
Katie Sproston, Ignacio, CO
Maura Stolpe, Evans, GA
Sofia Stolpe, Evans, GA
Mae Taulbee, Lafayette, LA
Leah Terry, Murfreesboro, TN
Elizabeth Tisdale, Maryville, SC
Catherine Toups, Thibodaux, LA
Elizabeth Toups, Thibodaux, LA
Rebecca Toups, Thibodaux, LA
Ava Troup, New Orleans, LA
Camille Tyler, Belle Chasse, LA
Lydia Walters, Hickory, NC
Hope Wells, Easley, SC
Anya Westerfield, Sacramento, CA
Anna Whitfield, Baton Rouge, LA
Ella Williams, Auburn, AL
Leia Williams, Safety Harbor, FL
Sarah Williams, Safety Harbor, FL
Adele Zeringue, Thibodaux, LA

Faithful Friends who are dear to us
will gather near to us *once more.*

We missed you
last summer.
Here is a peep of
how off-season
camp life looks.
We miss you
when you're
gone.

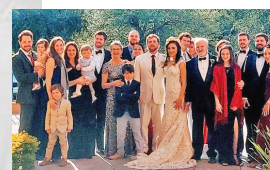
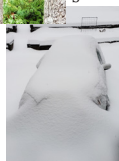


Internships

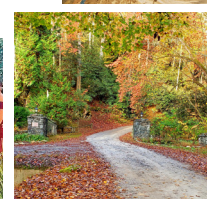
Favorite Mirror



School Groups



Weddings, Babies & Family



THE MOUNTAINS

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the mountains." Ps 121:1

You who are born of the hills,
Hill-bred, lover of hills,
Though the world may not treat you aright,
Though your soul be weary with ills:
This will you know above other men,
In the hills you will find your peace again.

You who were nursed on the heights,
Hill-bred, lover of skies,
Though your love and your hope and your heart,
Though your trust be hurt till it dies:
This will you know above other men,
In the hills you will find your faith again.

You who are brave from the winds,
Hill-bred, lover of winds,
Though the God whom you know seems dim,
Seems lost in a mist that blinds:
This will you know above other men,
In the hills you will find your God again.

STRUTHERS BURT



Ladies and Gentlemen... This is Your Playground. ♫

Once again the magic of Christmas is upon us. This year has been another gift. As we think of our campers and counselors, we remember your youthful smiles, deep forest hikes, riding on the ridges, sliding down Turtleback Falls, climbing, hiking, sleeping under the deepest and endless heavens full of stars and sharing the splendor of Black Balsam sunsets... We think of the sounds of the rain on the cabin roof and spending time with cabinmates... Life more abundant. These rich moments together with friends are part of the very essence of this gift called LIFE.

With time to listen to our hearts and to recall friendships, we grow in understanding of the message that came to us two thousand years ago... Just as the Christ child came simply and humbly to teach us how to love and to live, we too, are offered the chance to reflect that simple, higher way to each other. And as the dazzle and busyness of the season threaten to overtake us, let's take time to be still ...to listen for the song of the angels ...and to remember, as Helen Keller once wrote, "The most beautiful things in the world are not seen or touched... they are felt with the heart..."

God bless your holidays and we look forward to spending time together again!