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## Happy New Year Dearest Idyllwild Community!

Here are the highlights for the very festive and wonderful holiday month of December!

**December 5.** *A Christmas Carol.* I attended The Friends of the Idyllwild Library production of *A Christmas Carol* performed by Duffy Hudson, well-known Broadway and film actor who did an excellent job with this performance. I was able to hear the performance from the Mayor Mobile, and on the break, I was able to imbibe in more cheese. Thank you, Library and Duffy!

**December 7.** This was a big day for me. I attended four events in one day! I started out in Hemet and participated in their fund-raiser to support three families who lost their homes due to a recent fire. I then attended the Children's Tree Lighting Ceremony in Idyllwild. The children were so cute in their performances and holiday outfits. I particularly loved the jumping snowman in the performance of "Frosty the Snowman." We then attended the American Legion dinner (the food was excellent, thank you!). We then attended "A Wintry Evening of Art" at The Spruce Moose. The Spruce Moose is a must-shop venue for all times of the year and a truly fabulous art gallery and gift store.

**December 8.** We attended "An Isis Christmas" at the Caine Learning Center. This was a wonderful set of performances by everyone involved, and on the break, I



*Rocky Raccoon, Mayor Max, and Pamela Allen of Wooley's during one of many holiday visits by Mayor Max to Wooley's, a great place to shop! Thank you, Pamela and staff for my new raccoon. I love it!!*

was provided with a little more cheese. You can't get too much cheese during the holidays!

**December 14.** Rocky Raccoon and I were asked to make a VIP visit to the children of The Whitworth School, a K-8 in Orange, California. This was so much fun, and all the kids tried petting me at once, which I loved! You can never get too much petting! We then attended the annual holiday party at Rancho Fruit Market in Temecula, very dear friends of our family. I had more snacks and petting here too, and I know I was a big hit in my Santa outfit!

**December 16.** Art Alliance of Idyllwild (AAI) meeting. I

attended the AAI meeting at the Nature Center (from my Mayor Mobile) while Phyllis offered to provide some marketing assistance for upcoming AAI events which are now posted for 2013 on the AAI web site, [www.artinidyllwild.org](http://www.artinidyllwild.org). Definitely, check out this web site and mark your calendars for these fantastic events! With my advanced sniffing capabilities, I deduced that Phyllis had pet a cat during the meeting. Whom can I talk to about this? :-)

**December 17.** Idyllwild Chamber of Commerce Mixer. I attended the Chamber Mixer at Merkaba. What fun, and a great store. We made plans for the future and the new membership drive for Chamber members. We also purchased several Christmas presents at Merkaba. Last but not least, I was able to secure more cheese during each of the photo opps. Yes, the holidays have been very good to me.

**December 18.** Idyll-Beast meeting. I met with the Idyll-Beast to make further plans for the holidays, the Chamber, and planning a safari with the Idyll-Beast! That was fun. By the way, he sheds more than I do!!

**December 20.** Forest Folk Holiday Celebration. I had a great time attending the Forest Folk holiday celebration potluck at Town Hall. I just loved the turkey, and Phyllis ate all the stuffing. Forest Folk



*Max, Rocky Raccoon, and the Mini Me's visiting with the family of Hal Dahlstrom (far right) and Cindy Ifould-Dahlstrom (second from right).*



*Mayor Max and Rocky Raccoon make a VIP visit to the children of The Whitworth School, an excellent K-8 school in Orange, California. Carol Whitworth is the Executive Director.*

is fully committed to re-establishing a Senior Center in Idyllwild and is now a tax-exempt non-profit organization that can accept your donations. If you would like to help create the new Senior Center, we would love to have you join our group. You can also help by sending your donation to Forest Folk at PO Box 260, Idyllwild, CA, 92549. Thank you for your help. It is greatly appreciated!

**December 21.** Idyllwild HELP Center Santa visit. I was invited to meet with Santa and the children at the Idyllwild HELP Center. I loved seeing the kids, and it's always great to be at the HELP Center. They do such a great job in every way. Throughout the holidays, we

made several donations to the Idyllwild HELP Center and to the Spark of Love toy drives. Thank you community for everything you do to help!

**December 24 and 25.** On the evening of the big night (the 24th) and throughout the wee hours of the 25th, I helped Santa deliver presents and Mini Me's to children. It was a long and wonderful night of giving. I was ready for a nap and slept well during the day of the 25th. I love Christmas, and I love helping Santa and bringing good cheer and happiness to everyone I encounter. At the end of the day on the 25th, I retired my Santa suit until next year!

**December 31.** Jo'An's New Year's Party with Change Required. We closed out the year by attending the New Year's party at Jo'An's. Change Required was on fire that night with their musical performances! The party was so much fun. Thank you, Joann and Mike, for providing such a wonderful venue for this delightful way to bring in the New Year. We love you very much.

Throughout the month, we continued to support our favorite charities on and off the Hill. This includes contributing to many human and animal rights organizations. We, of course, continued our support of ARF. You can never do too much to help animals! I love ARF so much. If you know anyone that would like to adopt a pet or foster a pet or simply volunteer at ARF for a few hours a week, please contact ARF at [www.idyllwildarf.com](http://www.idyllwildarf.com) or call 951.659.1122.

I and my staff wish you the best of everything in the New Year and that all your dreams come true. I look forward to seeing you in town. Please always stop by to say hello. If you need any help of any kind, please call me at my office, 951.659.0283.

Love always,

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*The Idyll-Beast and Mayor Max make a run for their lives on their "do-it-yourself" safari. Fortunately, they did escape!*



*(C) Max. Here I am, poised and ready to go on the Big Night, December 24th, helping Santa deliver presents!*



*(C) Max. Resting after the Big Night of present delivery, we finished at 5:00 AM on Christmas Day.*