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Peek-a-BOO Alumni! (LOL – yep, it’s a Halloween greeting)

It’s the start of the holiday season; things will get busier and there will be multiple activities vying for our attention. After we met last week, there have been several items that have updates I’d like to share.

I’m extremely excited to share that we will have a **Drone Team Presentation** scheduled for our November meeting! This is something we had requested, and Bruce Harlan made it happen! Further details will be posted with the November agenda.

One of the biggest events for the HCSO in December is **BROWN SANTA**. Following is the schedule for Brown Santa Events (*subject to change*):

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| Friday, December 3: | 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. | HOLIDAY LOCK-UP Fundraiser
(HCCSAAA will review cost of providing food for this event; planning for fajitas for 200); volunteers will also be needed to assist with serving – sign-up will be sent out as soon as details are finalized |
| Wednesday, December 8: | 5:00 p.m. | Deadline for applications |
| Friday, December 10: | 5:00 p.m. | Deadline for unwrapped toy donations |
| Saturday, December 11: | 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon | Gift Wrapping Day
* THIS IS AN IMPORTANT DAY FOR VOLUNTEERING – NEED MANY VOLUNTEERS TO ASSIST ON THIS DAY; bring your friends, the more help provided, the more gifts can get wrapped and it is a super fun activity that we can share outside of meetings! – sign-up will be sent out as soon as details are finalized |
| Monday, December 13: | 5:00 p.m. | Deadline for wrapped toy donations |
| Monday, December 13- Tuesday, December 14: | 1:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. | Gift Wrapping and Sorting Days
Sign-up will be sent out as soon as details are finalized |
| Saturday, December 18: | 7:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon | Distribution of food and toys
Sign-up will be sent out as soon as details are finalized |

Collection barrels will be put out early-mid November. Please be on the look out and be sure to get the word out. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding Brown Santa, Gary Anderson can also answer questions as he’s got the ‘in’ with Santa Claus! 😊

Once the schedule and location have been **finalized/confirmed**, appropriate sign-ups will be sent out. In the meantime, please review these dates to see if your schedule will permit you to volunteer.

HCSO will also be selling raffle tickets for Brown Santa; further information will be provided once received.

DECEMBER SOCIAL SCHEDULED! The invitations have been sent out via e-mail; an **RSVP is requested by November 12th**. Due to the Brown Santa Schedule and other holiday festivities, our December social date/location has been confirmed for **Wednesday, December 15th @ 6:30 p.m.** We had several great suggestions from members on where we might have our gathering and ended up choosing *Grins Restaurant* in San Marcos. Having our event there will provide attendees the ability to select from the menu which appears to cater to many different palates; prices are great too! We had thought about doing a gift exchange; however, in lieu of gifts, we will be accepting donations for the *Hays-Caldwell Women’s Center* (additional information is attached FYI; please contact me if you have any questions). There will also be some exciting surprises at our gathering that you’ll just have to attend to find out what they are! The Holiday Social takes the place of our December meeting. Hope to see you there! This will be a fun time for all and will give members a chance to visit.

Good news on the trophy case; I heard back from David, and he should have numbers for us by this weekend so we can look at moving forward on this project! Yay! Updates will continue to be provided as this project develops.

National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day (Sunday, January 9, 2022) – We are requesting input on what we can do to make this day special for our LEOs; please give me a call if you have some ideas! It has been brought to my attention that our Corrections Officers morale is not the best as they have endured significant losses in their department. We need to be sure we include Correction Officers in whatever we choose to do for our amazing Hays County LEOs!

Respectfully,

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