

## **Pem notes December 2020**

In this most unusual year, I have been volleying between being at advent house and sweet charity. I try keep in touch with the volunteers through email updates. which has worked well. In October I planned a picnic for them at the house (socially distanced and safe of course!) We served pizza, snacks and cookies. We were blessed to have nice weather (as it was held outside) and those who attended seemed to appreciate being together. About 25 attended. I have been keeping a log of our volunteers and their status upon re-opening. Most are waiting for a vaccine. Some unfortunately have decided to “retire” due to age or family circumstances. I had hoped to have an open house for the volunteers to drop in and receive a little Christmas goody bag this month, but with rising cases of the virus - decided that it would have to be put on hold. God willing we will host a party during volunteer appreciation week in April.

I have written and am

in the process of mailing a Christmas letter to each volunteer and have included a personal note at the end of each one to let them know how much we appreciate and miss them.

I also helped coordinate a group of Boy Scouts that came together and worked a thing of beauty in our rear gardens last month.

I put together our Annual Report which went out last week. Vicki and I also spent a lot of time at the house pricing Christmas items for Sweet Charity.

We also put together packets for the volunteers who offered to help for the annual appeal. It went smoothly and was nice to get the volunteers involved.

I am currently working on our December newsletter.

While my duties have changed somewhat during this pandemic I have remained busy!

I eagerly await the re-opening of Advent House and am brainstorming recruitment ideas as we will need to bolster our ranks when this happens.

Wishing all of you a merry Christmas and praying 2021 is a better year!

Respectfully submitted,

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