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Our Mission Statement

The New Heights Educational Group Inc. supports literacy for children and adults by offering a range of educational support services. Such services include assisting families in their selection of schools, organization of educational activities, and acquisition of materials. We promote a healthy learning environment and offer Enrichment programs for families of preschool and school age children, including children with special needs.



New Heights Educational Group, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) educational non-profit organization located in Defiance, Ohio. We provide educational support services beginning 2006 for families in Ohio to bridge the gap from inadequacies in home school, charter school, and public school systems.





One Nonprofit's Journey To Success

The life of a local Nonprofit and its Founders/Directors Journey to Success.

One Nonprofit's Journey to Success is an inspiring story of the New Heights Educational Group and its rise as a nonprofit organization. The book throws light on the organization's mission, goals and the mammoth efforts of NHEG's Founder Ms. Clark and its volunteers to keep the organization completely afloat during difficult times. The book weaves together various services offered by NHEG, its relationship with the local people and, the awards and recognition it has earned over the years. The author, Savneet Singh, is one of the many volunteers at the New Heights Educational Group who generously donate an amazing amount of their personal time to help NHEG in providing better services to children and families. She has worked closely with New Heights' director Pamela Clark to complete this book. Although, Singh has written a few other books, this is her first book in this genre. The book is scheduled to be published in January, 2015.

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Savneet Singh, MS, M.Ed., M.Sc.
Savneet discovered the world of freelance writing 9 years back and she is currently exploring the endless possibilities associated with it. She had the pleasure to work on several projects as a writer, instructional designer and social media specialist. She has a strong inclination for spirituality, and practices meditation and yoga every morning during the sunrise.
She currently resides in Charlotte, NC with her husband Amit, and their son Naunidhi, who just turned 5.
She can be contacted at savneetgulati@hotmail.com.

New Heights Educational Group is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, founded in 2006 with the purpose to promote literacy for children and adults by offering a range of educational support services.
New Heights Educational Group (NHEG) aims to serve families by providing multifaceted support. NHEG offers child-focused learning techniques, helping families to cope with their children's struggle to get adjusted in the traditional educational setting.
NHEG offers an academically enriching environment through guidance on home schooling, charter schools, public school, college needs and enrichment classes for school-age children—fostering self-confidence, creativity, decision-making, leadership and public speaking skills.

Over the last 12 years, Founder/Director Mrs. Pamela Clark has cheerfully and liberally helped families teach children with learning difficulties such as ADHD, bipolar disorder, autism, neurological disorders and processing disorders. Despite the challenges of her own health issues, Mrs. Clark envisioned a resource center that would function as a place for families to receive educational help and support and was determined to see its fruition.



In order to achieve this, she worked for years helping and encouraging parents to be active in the education of their children. She believes that it takes an active family unit in improving the educational gaps in families served. Mrs. Clark provides guidance, training and resources to teachers and tutors.

Her team of over 75 dedicated volunteers strives to provide the most advanced educational techniques for enhancing academic performance and self-esteem among students.

What are people saying about us?


"New Heights is a great group with a wealth of information, books in their library, helpful hints, a large website and a caring staff full of confidence-building comments to help make the decision that is right for each family." Dawn L

"For my family and to this community New Heights Educational Group is undoubtedly a vital asset to us all." Christina W

One Nonprofit's Journey to Success

by Savneet Singh



New Heights Educational Group
Educational Resources to Help You Reach Your Goals

ONE NONPROFIT'S JOURNEY TO SUCCESS



Happy New Year 2015



Volunteers of the Month

Rebekah Baird

Kathy Bergman

Vasudha Bist

Brittany Brzezinski

Linda J Clark

Briana Dincher

Sadia Eijaz

Daniel Arturo Flores

Weiyu Huang

Kaylee King

Robert Kirchgassner-

Marina Klimi

Desiree McMillan

Bill Naugle

Delicia Powell

Lisa Schroder

Daniela Silva

Savneet Singh

Cuylar Spangler

Kathryne Spangler

Margaret Spangler

Julie Suffel

Annie Thomas

Shannon Williamson

Kathy Woodring

Molly Woods-Jordan



New Volunteers

Geetha Lingasamy

12/4/14

Compiling/Organization Educational Information

Jacqueline ("Jackie") Myers

12/4/14

Develop online interactive curriculum

Teaching/tutoring

Research and legal matters

Kevin Adusei

12/11/14

Graphic Designer/Artist

Arshad Alikhan

12/12/14

Savan Reddy 12/27/14

Susana Galvan 12/28/14

Volunteers

are just ordinary people
with extraordinary
hearts.

They offer the
gift of their time
to teach, to listen,
to help, to inspire,
to build, to grow,
to learn.

They expect no pay,
yet the value of their
work knows no limit. . .

They've known the
unexpected joy
of a simple hug.

They've planted tiny
seeds of love
in countless lives.

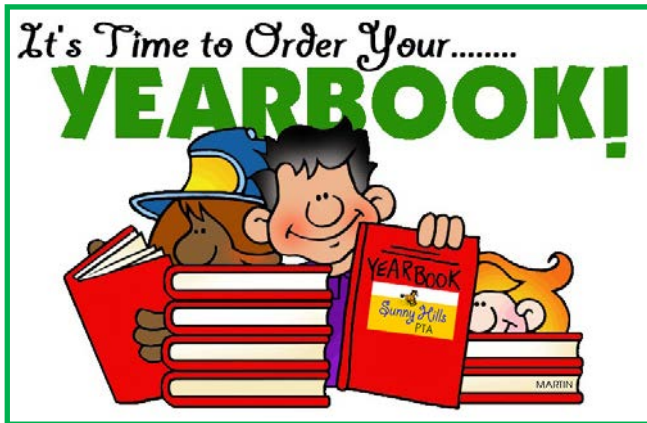
Volunteers
are just ordinary people
who reach out
and take a hand
and together
make a difference
that lasts a lifetime.

Announcements:

Mary Ann Hurst has resigned as a board member
- Thank you Mary Ann for all of your support and caring! We
wish you the best in all your endeavors.

Mary Ann Hurst shared this statement " I have felt privileged
to work with you all and explore the role of board member in
an organization with such passion and vision".

We have a new board member William (Bill) Naugle he has
been a volunteer since August 2012



*Yearbooks are now available to purchase
the cost is between \$31 - \$35 + shipping*

Want to make a difference in Education?

NHEG is participating in the Global Open Challenge. Our project needs to **raise \$5,000 from 40 donors** by December 31, 11:59 PM EST to earn a permanent spot on GlobalGiving. We have already received \$100 from 2 donors, thank you to those donors. You are appreciated. Please visit our homepage and look for the global giving logo to make a donation or press donate now.



Virtual Homeschool Group

Learning Together... Virtually

VIRTUAL HOME SCHOOL GROUP

We are proud to announce a that thanks to Virtual Home School Group, you will soon see an entire new list of pre-recorded interactive classes on our site very soon.

Kids Page



New Year Crossword

Across	Down
<p>3. A "good luck" vegetable that is consumed on New Year's Day</p> <p>4. Twelve 'o clock at night, the highest point of New Year's celebrations</p> <p>6. The month that follows December 31st is</p> <p>7. A ceremonial procession including people marching with bands</p> <p>9. A promise to do something in the new year</p> <p>10. A horn or rattle used to make noise at a party</p> <p>11. People born on New Year's Day are commonly called New Year _____</p>	<p>1. Polar Bear _____, a New Year's activity that requires you to enter into water, mainly for charity</p> <p>2. The famous song, "Auld Lang Syne, commonly sung to bring in the new year originated in _____</p> <p>5. He is the personification of time</p> <p>8. Small pieces of coloured paper or streamers</p> <p>10. The Iranian new year holiday is called this _____</p>

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Happy New Year Word Scramble



Unscramble the following words.

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| yrpat _____ | gpmhaacn _____ |
| clkab yeed spae _____ | wonnctodu _____ |
| eaelcerbt _____ | frheat meit _____ |
| wolb smage _____ | ekwsrofir _____ |
| ggnniis _____ | doog clku _____ |
| trodsoniace _____ | payph ewn ryae _____ |
| cdaen _____ | dlihyoa _____ |
| gidhmtin siks _____ | lheimu nlosobia _____ |
| draepa _____ | csmiu _____ |
| asott _____ | runayja trfis _____ |
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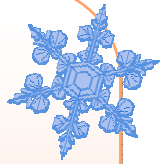
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Happy New Year!

Can you help the children get together for their New Year party?

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Tutors and/or Teachers are needed.

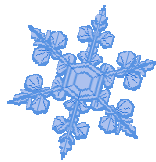


We are in desperate need of volunteer and paid tutors and/or teachers in Defiance County. Any one that would like to volunteer should contact us directly. We currently need reading tutors and a volunteer speech therapist; however you can apply to teach or tutor in any subject, or grade level.

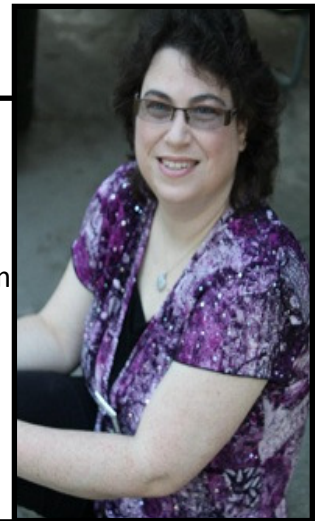
TUTORS WANTED



ON MY MIND



Pamela Clark



JANUARY 2015

As we approach the end of another year. I am reminded of all the blessings that have been bestowed to not only me, but to NHEG. These come in many forms, from Volunteers, Families that we serve, Supporters, and Donations.

Happy Holidays to all of the wonderful people that mean so much to New Heights Educational Group and to me personally. I am thankful for all of you and treasure the friendships made.



Fun Days

The New Heights Educational Group is offering enrichment classes for area youth only on Saturday's titled "Saturday Fun Days." Including Biweekly Culinary Classes and weekly computer programming/gaming class, and others.

The Zion Lutheran Church of Defiance is generously donating space on Saturday from 11am - 3pm for students aged pre-k – high school.

These classes are not religious, although religious-based classes can be included if families are interested.



FUNNIES

2015

Crabby Road

12-28-11

The end of the year is a good time to get rid of stuff. I started weeks ago by cleaning out my checking account.



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"Every New Year's Eve I promise my wife I'll spend more time with her and less time out hunting. It never fails to crack her up!"



RESOLUTIONS? ME?? JUST WHAT ARE YOU IMPLYING? THAT I NEED TO CHANGE?? WELL, BUDDY, AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, I'M PERFECT THE WAY I AM!



New Radio Host Needed

We have regular internet radio shows to discuss various educational topics and we are looking for volunteers to host a half-hour radio show on common core and a variety of other topics once a week. We would give the necessary training and the volunteer/host can choose any day of the week. The host does have say on the time the show airs as long as it doesn't fall during another host's time slot. This show would keep all listeners up to date on anything to do with common core across the nation. Anyone interested in applying, please Email us at NewHeightsEducation@yahoo.com or call 419-786-0247 for more info.



Martial Arts Classes to be offered in Defiance, Ohio at Zion Lutheran Church (Spirit Wind Hapkido)

Attention youth ages 8-12 and 13 and up, would you like to take martial arts classes and learn the art of Hapkido. We will need a minimum of 5 students signed up for this class, and maximum of 10 students participating.

Instructor: Mac Clark has been studying with Kurt's Karate in Napoleon, Ohio for 3 years.

Original outfit costs \$45 for white belt and Gi.

Monthly fees will be \$40 per student, with discounts offered for siblings.



The New Heights Show on Education

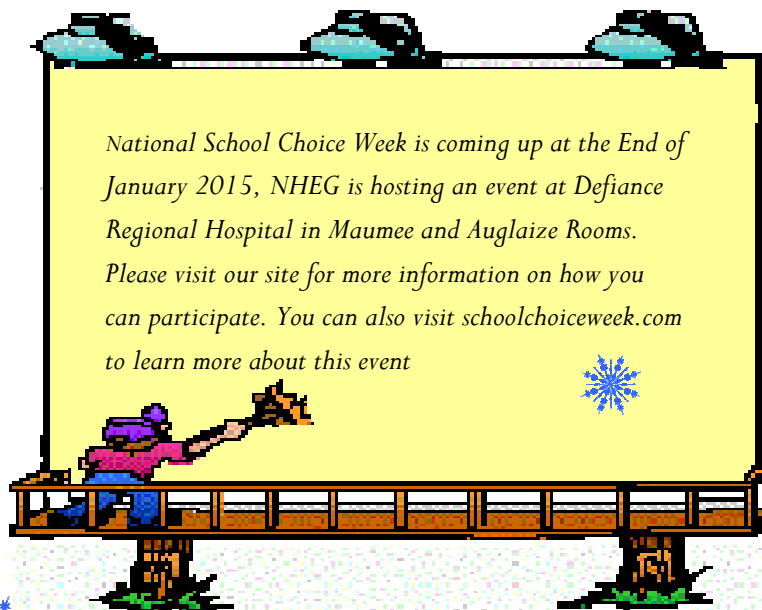
LIVE Internet radio program

Join Host Kathy Woodring

Sundays 11pm - 11:30pm



As she explores a new topic on education every week



National School Choice Week is coming up at the End of January 2015, NHEG is hosting an event at Defiance Regional Hospital in Maumee and Auglaize Rooms. Please visit our site for more information on how you can participate. You can also visit schoolchoiceweek.com to learn more about this event

The New Heights Show on Education

LIVE Internet radio program

Join Host Briana Dincher

Friday 4:30 pm - 5:00pm



As she explores a new topic on education every week

Did you know that we offer student leadership opportunities ?

The Student Advisory Group is for students 7–13 years of age and with a GPA under 3.0. The Student Leadership Council is for students in grades 9–12 and college students 14–23 years of age with a minimum GPA of 3.0.

Current Members

Briana Dincher – SLC President and News Reporter

Sadia Eijaz – SLC Vice President

Kaylee King – SAG Historian

Cuyler Spangler – SAG Recreation Leader

Kathryne Spangler – SAG Refreshment Leader

Desiree McMillan – SLC Member

RECIPE

C O R N E



Bacon Wrapped Cream Cheese Stuffed Chicken Breast

Ingredients

- 2 Boneless skinless chicken breast
- 4 tablespoons cream cheese
- 1/4 cup Pepperjack cheese, shredded
- 2 tablespoons green onion, chopped
- 4 to 8 pieces of bacon



Directions

- 1.) Cut chicken into 4 equal size portions. Pound breast so it is about 1/4" thick.
- 2.) Mix together softened cream cheese, chopped green onions and shredded pepperjack cheese. Put 1/4 of this mixture into the middle of each piece of chicken.
- 3.) Starting at the long side, roll chicken breast up, keeping the cheese mixture in the middle.
- 4.) Wrap 1 to 2 slices of bacon around the chicken breast, secure with toothpick, if needed. One piece of bacon wrapped around each breast is enough. But 2 pieces of bacon for each breast fully wraps the chicken and is outstanding.
- 5.) Place on baking sheet and back for 30 minutes at 375° F.
- 6.) Broil topside for about 5 minutes to fully brown and crisp bacon. Turn each breast over and broil for another 3 minutes or so to crisp up the bottom side.

Ingredients:

- 1 box Lemon Cake Mix
- 1 Egg
- 2 cups Cool Whip, thawed
- ½ to 1 cup powdered sugar

Lemon Crinkle Cookies

Directions:

In a large bowl, combine cake mix, egg, and Cool Whip. The batter will be sticky! Form dough into tablespoonful's and roll in powdered sugar. Bake for 8 to 10 minutes in hot 350° oven until the edges are golden. Allow to cool 1 minute on baking sheet; then remove to wire rack to cool completely.



The New Heights Show on Education

LIVE Internet radio programs EST Hours



As they explore a new topic on education every week

Missed a show? Check out past shows here:

<http://www.newheightseducation.org/briana-dincher.html>

<http://www.newheightseducation.org/kathy-woodring.html>

As they explore a new topic on education every week...



Well, we are going to start 2015 with a bang! NHEG Director, Pamela Clark has been selected as a Canyon Ranch Inspiration Award winner. In celebration of its 35th Anniversary, Canyon Ranch will award 70 inspiring individuals the opportunity to experience one of our life enhancing resorts in either Tucson, Arizona or Lenox, Massachusetts. Canyon Ranch is one of the world's leading health and wellness brands, and has set the gold standard among destination resorts and spas.



Elks scholarships:

Several scholarships are available to Elk and non-Elk members and may be found at scholarship@elks.org. The 2015 Most Valuable Student Scholarship and Legacy Awards applications are available now. For new information, contact Char Weber at 419-599-7015 or

char.weber@napoleonareaschools.org.



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The Great Educational Struggle

<http://www.thegreateducationstruggle.com/>



From the onset, Common Core wasn't really about what was good for children. It was what was good for lining the pockets of those who backed it. Textbook companies stand to make a killing as most schools in the country have to realign their curriculum to the new standards. Testing companies must love the money that is going to come rolling in as more and more schools administer the new high-stakes test.



POLE The Comic Strip with Penguins © by Thomas Baehr <http://PENGUINSFORFREE.COM>

JANUARY 2014 "2014 in Review"



NEW HEIGHTS EDUCATIONAL GROUP is Top-Rated- qualified for a 2013 Top-Rated Nonprofit award from Great non-profits. This is a great honor, given less than 10% of eligible nonprofits have received this distinction.



Helping Hands - The New Heights Educational Group partnered with Great American Opportunities. Great American Opportunities is an online fundraiser and we started in January! Great American Opportunities Inc. is one of our nation's oldest and most respected fundraising companies

FEBRUARY 2014



Hostelling International USA - We partnered with Hostelling International USA if anyone was interested in participating in a group trip, they needed to contact us. We needed 10 in our group to participate in the discount.

Our Nation School Choice Week Event was held 02-01-14 - Our National School Choice Week Event was held on February 1, 2014 at Cabin Fever Coffee House.



Great Home School Conventions - 100s of information-packed workshops were presented by a truly unparalleled group of Featured Speakers, attendees were able to choose sessions that were most applicable to their own homeschooling efforts.



MARCH 2014



Prom Cruise 2014 - This beautiful prom cruise took place on the Diamond Belle river boat.



Welcome - We welcomed to our board member: Mary Ann Hurst

Bake/Candy/Candle Sale - The New Heights Educational Group was preparing for a bake, candy/candle sale scheduled for Saturday, April 5, 2014. We participated in the Spring Charity Bazaar on Saturday, May 3 and Sunday, May 4, 2014. These events were held at the Northtowne Mall in Defiance, Ohio.

We were on the move - Our library moved and we announce the new address and held an open house once we were in and setup. New Address: 201 N Harrison, Sherwood, Ohio. By Appt Only

APRIL 2014



Goodbye Old Friend - We were sad to say goodbye to Chaundra Parker Fridays Radio Monitor. We wished her the best, thanked her for the time spent and her positive feedback.

Starting April 1, 2014, the Ambassador Program, the service arm of the Home School Foundation, was pleased to offer a new category of ambassador: Youth Ambassador! - Service-oriented, creative young people, between 15-18 years of age, desiring practical life experiences working with adults and other teens to make a difference in their home-school community were welcomed to enroll as a Youth Ambassador to serve alongside their parent/guardian who also enrolls as a sponsor ambassador.



New Radio Host Needed - We started our search to have regular radio shows to discuss various educational topics and were looking for a VOLUNTEER to host a half-hour radio show on common core once a week.



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World Book Night - New Heights Ed

ucational Group was happy to announce that we were once again chosen as World Book Night givers. The 2014 book was ZOOKEEPER'S WIFE, by Diane Ackerman.

MAY 2014

Support Group for Charter School Families in NW Ohio - New Heights Educational Group welcomes charter school students and their families

Congratulations - Congratulations went to Pamela Clark, Founder/Director of the New Heights Educational Group for her Nomination in The 2014 (12th Annual) American Business Awards In the Category: Executive of the Year - Non-Profit or Government Organizations Status: She had been named a Finalist, which meant that independent judges agreed that the nomination was worthy of national recognition, and that the nominated will be recognized as Gold, Silver, or Bronze Stevie Award winners. More than 3,300 nominations from organizations of all sizes and in virtually every industry were submitted this year for consideration in a wide range of categories.

HELP needed - We needed help organizing the NHEG library in Sherwood, Oh.

We were offering advertising - Advertising was available either on our website or in our yearbook. If you were a business (or school, or tutoring service) with products or services you wished to sell, listings cost as little as \$100/year!

JUNE 2014

Creation Museum - Creation Museum was offering FREE general admission for any number of children 12 and under throughout 2014 when those children were accompanied by one adult purchasing a full-price ticket. We participated in this program and offered it to our students.

Civic Theatre - "IN THE WINGS" Arts-In-Education Program. We were able to offer up to 40 free tickets.

Welcome Back - We welcomed back Sadia Eijaz Internet Radio Host. She joined us again this time to offer a biweekly radio show. She also discussed her favorite books and authors.

Looking for Volunteers - We needed help collecting raffle prizes from area businesses for our Recognition and Graduation Day Event and our open house in Sherwood. We did not have a grant for our Recognition and Graduation Day this year and this was an important fundraiser for us to cover costs of these important ceremonies and the open house.

Winner! - Pamela Clark honored as Bronze Stevie Award Winner in 2014 AMERICAN BUSINESS AWARDSSM

JULY 2014



Recognizing a good person - *The Ohio State House, the US House of Representatives recognize Pamela Clark.*

Music - *We offered a chance to belong to a home band!*



Year of things Accomplished! End of another School Year - *New Heights Educational Group celebrated the successful completion of the 2013-2014 school year.*



OPEN HOUSE - *The new library/office Open House in Sherwood was held on Saturday August 2, 2014 from 1 - 3p.*

AUGUST 2014

SEPTEMBER 2014

OCTOBER 2014



HSLDA'S Essay Contest - *Kick off your school year with HSLDA's 13th annual essay contest!*

Welcome - *The New Heights Educational Group welcomed Briana Dincher from Brooklyn, NY who hosted her first show November 7, 2014.*



Bullying - *NHEG printed an annual article on bullying, written by By Abhijit Naik.*

Friday/Saturday Fun Days - *Defiance Ohio - The New Heights Educational Group is kicked off another year of enrichment classes for area youth on Friday and Saturday titled "Friday and Saturday Fun Days." We are also planned to offer similar events in Sherwood, Ohio.*



We were looking for Student Leaders - *We planned student advisory and student leadership council meetings.*

Student Advisory Group/Student Leadership Council Meeting - *New Officers were named during recent Student Advisory Group/Student Leadership Council Meeting. Meeting was held online on November 1, 2014 at 2pm*

NOVEMBER 2014



Volunteers needed - *We are looking for volunteers in Sherwood Ohio at our satellite office and curricula library located at 201 N Harrison Street?*



Sad News - *Special Note: Friday Fun Days were cancelled due to lack of attendance.*



Fun Day Scheduled - *The next Enrichment Day Class (Saturday Fun Day) was held on Saturday December 6th and included a Culinary Class. Class was held from 11am - 3pm or whenever class is completed.*

A new partner - *We welcomed our new Partner: The Great Educational Struggle*



Surround yourself
with only people who
are going to lift you

HIGHER!

Life is already filled
with those who want
to bring you down.

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Every new day crowns us
with new beginnings and
glorious possibilities. Be
sure to make every moment
in this journey called LIFE
count.

Sandra Lugo

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Remember the laughter,
the joy, the hard work, and the tears.
And as you reflect on the past year,
also think of the new one to come.
Because most importantly,
this is a time of new beginnings
and the celebration of life."

Happy New Year

It is an exciting time when the clock strikes 12 on January first. People cry and celebrate the beauty of making it to a new year. Many died and did not live to ring in the New Year. Those of us who get to see a new year should think of it as a new gift to be used and explored. Don't waste this gift on petty things. In the big picture of life, what will really matter? When you truly think about the big picture, you are better able to decide how to use each moment of each New Year. As the New Year begins, let us pray that it will be a year with New Peace, New Happiness and abundance of new friends, **God bless you throughout the New Year.**