

HERE WE ARE...the last meeting of 2004...wherever did it go? Last night I started out that way for the Pomona meeting...and we had to cancel due to the ridiculous little mess that took care of the roads around Winchester Center! Hated to have to miss our last Pomona meeting - and all our wasted effort.

MANY THANKS to MaryAnn Berlinski for the refreshments tonight. She may be here and she may not.. had to take Gene to the Health Center in Farmington and was hoping to get back in time to "do her job". We hope so too, Mary Ann. It's always good to see her,

VERY HAPPY to report to you that Maryanne Beecher is doing very well - things seem to be in remission and her progress is good. Keep your fingers crossed for this determined little gal - she's going to make it! And Eleanor - bless her! She is in the hospital right now to see if they can find out the cause for her breathlessness. She's going to make it also...if ever there was determination - its name is Eleanor!

HAD A CARD from Arthur Kline with his Student Loan payment and he asked me to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy Year ahead from he and Tina.

Ken and Jean Hoagland were visiting the Campis last weekend -- so you see how well he is doing! He still gets very tired, apparently, but that is not surprising when you consider what he has gone through!

GOT YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING ALL DONE? Wish I could say yes --but not quite!

IF EARL and Sandy are here tonight I'm sure he will speak about the School of Instruction, but in case they are not---our school (this Pomona) is scheduled for January 14, 7:30 at Litchfield. Our State Master is asking for as many as possible to attend the meeting, which he will keep to an hour or a bit more. He has been able to do this so far, which is good. All officers are asked to attend, of course and anyone else is encouraged to come as well. We are responsible for a loaf of bread made into sandwiches.

OUR NEXT MEETING is January 11 and it will be 2005! How fast the years fly BY.

ISN'T IT AMAZING what a difference a few miles can make! This morning the roads up here in the Center were not too great, but by the time I got to Winsted the roads were all bone dry, and all the way to Glastonbury they were like that.

JUST ABOUT TIME FOR ME TO start reminding everybody that it is time for your dues... subordinate and Pomona --- and to get that BIG newsletter under control. Have to try to do a better and earlier job this year and I promise to try. That is all - I will try.

In the meantime we do hope that you have the very merriest of Christmases - and a happy, happy New Year!

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