

**NORTH FORTY**  
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**Happy New Year! It's amazing that we have passed a decade in this 21<sup>st</sup> century. Remember when we were all wondering what the new millinneum would bring? Well, we didn't imagine Facebook ( a new type of relationship; one without contact) or texting ( a new mode of spelling). We still have our people fighting our battles with no sign of foreseeable peace. But otherwise the ten years has been 'no big deal'. I got out my journal to review last year's New Year's resolutions and found none. I could swear I wrote out some good ones. Oh well, I have a feeling that I haven't accomplished many of those I thought I made. I think I'll just go with the flow this year and not worry about resolves. The Pig Roast was much more fun than writing resolutions anyway.**

**A little Pig Roast history. In 1981, Pat and Dave Forbes hosted the first Pig Roast and have continued to do so every odd year since! By my calculation that makes 15 wonderful New Year's roasts. They must do it once more (don't pass it on yet) in 2011 to make it thirty years and we'll bring on the big sky rockets and celebrate them in grand style. Dave still fits trimly into his patchwork pants from '81 and Pat has quite a collection of little piggies including sweatshirts donned for the occasion. They have an elegant plaque with gold plates commemorating the donors of the pigs. This year Barb and Merv Dahl combined with Carol and George Lucky to provide and transport the little fellow which was then roasted to perfection by Dave and crew. The potluck appetizers and side dishes made the Northlake cooks proud. It was quite a feast! Thank you Dave and Pat!!**

**I try to console myself with this fog and drippy drear by dreaming of the possibility of a functional lake in the summer. I recorded 2.93 inches of precipitation in the 24 hour period of Dec 31 to Jan 1 bringing my record of total precipitation( rain and melted snow) since July 1 to 17.48 inches; more than 3 times what we had at this time last year. If the lake level could rise 5 feet per week between now and May 31 we'd only be about 27 feet from full. Sounds almost impossible doesn't it?**

**Did you get the community potluck and Bingo night on your new calendar? If so, you may have entered the wrong date due to our own confusion. It will be Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> not Friday as reported earlier. The potluck will begin at 6 with Lions Bingo starting between 7 and 7:30. Please bring a dish to share, your own beverages, plates and silverware. Bingo cards are 4 dollars each until the last round when you can get one for a dollar. The proceeds are split with half going to prize money and the other half to the Lions' charitable activities.**