



What's News

January 2021

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Who made January 1 the first of the year?

Throughout antiquity, civilizations around the world developed increasingly sophisticated calendars, typically pinning the first day of the year to an agricultural or astronomical event. In Egypt, for instance, the year began with the annual flooding of the Nile, which coincided with the rising of the star Sirius. The first day of the Chinese New Year, meanwhile, occurred with the second new moon after the winter solstice.

In ancient Rome, the original calendar consisted of 10 months and 304 days, with each new year beginning at the vernal equinox; according to tradition, it was created by Romulus, the founder of Rome, in the eighth century B.C.

Over the centuries, the calendar fell out of sync with the sun, and in 46 B.C. Julius Caesar decided to solve the problem by consulting with the most prominent astronomers and mathematicians of his time. He introduced the Julian calendar, which closely resembles the more modern Gregorian calendar that most countries around the world use today. As part of his reform, Caesar established January 1 as the first day of the year, partly to honor the month's namesake: Janus, the Roman god of beginnings, whose two faces allowed him to look back into the past and forward into the future.

In medieval Europe, Christian leaders replaced January 1 as the first of the year with days carrying more religious significance, such as December 25 (the anniversary of Jesus' birth) and March 25 (the Feast of the Annunciation). Pope Gregory XIII reestablished January 1 as New Year's Day in 1582.



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MS. CINDY



Well 2020 is coming to end and none to soon. I hope everyone had a safe and VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS! My Christmas was very quiet this year. Starting out with going to church on Christmas Eve and then spending Christmas day with Larry watching Christmas movies, The Man Who Invented Christmas, White Christmas and The Christmas Story. And of course we watched Football. Although I missed being with my family for Christmas we have learned to appreciate the simple things in life this year and look forward to 2021.

Although 2020 will probably be remembered as the Year of Corona Virus and all the deaths that it caused and how it impacted all of our lives lets try to look back at the positives of 2020 too. We may not have had our traditional Orientation for our new YC Cadets, but we did get to meet them and start their orientation with learning about YC and 4H, Public Speaking, and Staying Positive, which we really need right now. We have started working on plans for 2021 and I'm looking forward to all the things we have in store for our upcoming meetings.

We are not out of the woods as far as COVID goes, but there is a light at the end of the tunnel. Please make sure to check your emails in the next couple of weeks to see if we will be having our general meetings. I will watch the numbers and make a decision by January 5th as to our January 9th meeting.

In the meantime I hope you will all work on your 2021 plans as we will go over them the next time we meet.

To close I want to say some of the things I am grateful for in 2020 is that Larry & I came through the year healthy and I got to know all of you. I look forward to learning more about each of you and watch you grow as YC and young adults in 2021.

Please email me with what you are most grateful for from 2020.

Have a safe and Happy New Year!



FROM YOUR VP

Kaycee Davis

It is hard to believe that 2020 is over. It feels like yesterday we were just in January. I hope your holiday season was as great as mine. As the year comes to an end let me be the first to say Happy New Year!!

As the new year begins, take time to reflect on last year's accomplishments and plans that you want to accomplish this year. A New year resolution is to change an undesired trait or behavior, to accomplish a personal goal, or otherwise improve their life. One goal that I have for myself is to spend less time on my phone. Since Covid I have found myself often lying around on my phone all day. I want to use the time I normally spend on my phone to do self care and to spend time with family.

Although 2020 was not the greatest year I have hopes that 2021 will be a better year.

What does "Auld Lang Syne" mean, and why do we sing the song at midnight on New Year's Eve?

"Auld Lang Syne," the title of a Scottish folk song that many English speakers sing at the stroke of midnight on New Year's Eve, roughly translates to "days gone by." The poet Robert Burns is credited with transcribing, adapting and partially rewriting it in the late 18th century. Its lyrics, which rhetorically ask whether "auld acquaintance" should "be forgot," have been interpreted as a call to remember friends and experiences from the past. Though sung on New Year's Eve since the mid-19th century, it became firmly cemented as a holiday standard when Guy Lombardo and the Royal Canadians played it during a radio broadcast from New York's Roosevelt Hotel at midnight on December 31, 1929. The band went on to perform the hit every year until 1976, and loudspeakers continue to blast their rendition after the annual ball drop in Times Square.





One of the basic life skills we work on in Young Commissioners is being the best you can be. So be sure to come to the meeting prepared to discuss your plan for 2021. What do you want to accomplish and how can we help you do that. How are you going to show everyone the best you have to offer?

Remember if you don't plan to succeed you probably won't.

SAVE THE DATE
**SC DISTRICT
VIRTUAL WINTER ENRICHMENT**

January 30, 2021 | Saturday
10:00am - 1:00pm



4HOnlineSM
4-H Enrollment and Event Registration

Yes 2021 is upon us which means we must re-commit to 4H and Young Commissioners. You must re-roll every year to stay active in 4H and you must be active in 4H participate in YC activities.

Enrollment will be opening soon so be on the look out for my email telling you when it's time to re-enroll. Once it opens you will only have a couple of weeks to update your information and be counted for 2021.

I'm confident Covid will be behind us in 2021 and you will not want to miss out on any of the things we have planned.

COVID-19 SAFETY

Young Commissioners and 4H will be following all of the CDC Guidelines for safety during our meetings. In order to be able to attend a meeting you must:

- Not have a temperature
- Have no Covid symptoms
- Have not been in contact with anyone who has Covid 19 unless you have completed your 14 day quarantine or tested negative
- If you have tested positive for Covid you cannot return until you have tested negative

We will be practicing social distancing and you must wear a mask at all times during the meeting. We will have hand sanitizer available.

We want everyone to feel safe while at our meetings so if you have any concerns or questions please let Ms. Cindy know.

YC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2021

January

9th—General Meeting 9:00am-Noon

Extension Center

14th—General Meeting 4:30pm—7:30pm

Extension Center

30th—Winter Enrichment—10:00am-1:00pm

Virtual

February

13th—General Meeting 9:00am-noon

Extension Center

18th—General Meeting 4:30pm-7:30pm

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

Maria Torres
Jan. 8th

Congratulations! **Jocelyn Gomez**

Jocelyn Gomez is our Young Commissioner of the 4th Quarter of 2020! Jocelyn hit the ground running when she started with Young Commissioners. She joined Isaac and I for the Children's Business Fair in downtown Sanford, she has been to every meeting and lead the 4H pledge. She also did both homework assignments I gave you, wrote an article for the newsletter and helped with our Community Service project ringing the bells for Salvation Army.



Looking Back

at 2020



