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Welcome everyone to the first-ever Santa HQ quarterly newsletter. I have a lot of people come up to me and ask me what I am doing now that Christmas is over and the one day of the year that my work is done. Well, I have completed my 51st year and have started work on my 52nd year. Here is a snippit from the internet.

Longest career as Santa Claus (male) 60 years

Dayton C. Fouts of Tuscon, Arizona, USA, played Santa Claus every year from 1937 until 14 December 1997. He first appeared as Santa for 55 years in Harvey, Illinois and continued the tradition in Tucson, with his last event at a Tucson Boys Chorus concert.

HOLIDAYS

I finished delivering all the presents last year and got home and was tired. I slept for 12 hours, got up, and just relaxed. Mrs. Claus and I went to Jamaica for 2 weeks for a vacation. The weather was fantastic and the ocean was at least 7 shades of blue. Some of the things we did were climb to the top of Dunns River Falls, go on an ATV ride, and visit the home of Bob Marley.

Where does Santa stay on holidays? At the Ho Ho Hotel.

The food was fabulous and the hospitality great and we had lots of fun. We came home and started back to work. We had meetings with all the elves and HR to make sure everyone was happy. We took all the reindeer to the vet for their annual checkups. By the way, do you know what the reindeer say to their kids? *I love you deerly!* I started up on all the paperwork and made sure it was all up to date. I have updated all my data bases.

We had our annual year-end party and everyone was allowed to let their hair down and party!



2024 CHRISTMAS PARTY BOOKINGS

I would like to give everyone a heads-up about booking your parties this year. I have been busy booking parties and now have 15 parties booked. If you need some help booking magicians, face painting, balloon twisting give us a call and we can help you. TIP! Have name tags for all the kids and put them on at the start of the party. When Santa comes in to meet the kids, he will know what their names are. (they will have forgotten they have the tags on)

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

We are in the planning stages of holding Christmas in July this year. We are working on a venue, date and times and I will advise you when it is completed. We are trying to line up food trucks, display tables etc. This is the first year for this and we want to *focus on picture-taking*. Mrs. Claus will be there along with an elf or two. We also want **to include your pets** as they are part of your family, and it is hard to get this done at Christmas time. You will be allowed 5 minutes to take your own pictures and videos. The cost will be \$10.00 and the proceeds will go to the YMCA Albert Street South Childcare Centre. Why not get your Christmas photo done early and include your pets?



Please stay 1 reindeer (2 metres/6 feet) apart

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