



Dear Friends,

December, 2021

Once again it is a great pleasure to share Holiday Greetings with family and friends around the world. As the years go by, the opportunities to visit personally seem to diminish more and more. So, I enjoy the notes and cards which often tell the stories and adventures of those who have been part of many years of friendship.

This past year has certainly been one with many "highs and lows." The downside was spending nearly four months on my back in the hospital as a result of a difficult leg infection and other complications. This resulted in having to find a new senior residence, which would accommodate me, as I was no longer able to have total walking ability.

Fortunately, I found a newly opened senior facility in Lodi, only six miles away from my former home in Stockton, where my daughter, Claudia, and son-in-law, Bill, now live. Both of them have been a tremendous help in my resettling and recovery. My new home is named Oakmont in Lodi, which *is* about 5 miles North of Stockton.

I am enjoying my circle of newly found friends in Lodi, and certainly miss many of my long-time friends in Moraga. I try to keep busy providing a non-denominational Sunday morning service which includes

short homily and comments on informal experiences. The Sunday morning homilies are not too difficult to recall, since I used them every week at my previous retirement center in Moraga

The infections which started my whole problems are slowly making improvements, but not as rapidly as I would wish.

Another new experience has been the opportunity to attend the weekly Rotary meetings without leaving my apartment. This electronic form of communication has also enabled me to visit and speak to several Rotary Clubs around the world.

In these year-ending days, I can only say how much I enjoy the cards and messages which tell the stories and adventures of so many friends. As I address each card, you vividly come into my mind with happy memories.

With all good wishes for a wonderful 2022.

Sincerely,

*Cliff*

*Sadly, Cliff passed away on November 23, 2021. Cliff had written this Christmas message, but never sent it.*