MVYRADIO

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH NEWSLETTER



DECEMBER DARK AND LIGHT. There is no lack of community effort to bring light, joy, and support during what can be a very dark period for many. Generous folks have been shopping local, donating to non-profits and local causes, and reaching out to neighbors who may be lonely. With any holiday season, there are challenges but this year we've all experienced such a multitude of things of magnitude that we're in need of soothing more than ever. In addition to putting a lot of thought and care into the music we program daily, MVYRADIO has been collecting stories and information about people and organizations providing bright spots and guiding lights for those of us who are suffering or who just need a happy distraction. We air them on our public affairs show "The Vineyard Current" Sundays at 10am and on "Night Casts" Sundays at 7pm and 11pm.

You'll find these segments (and so much more!) in our archives at MVYRADIO.org



Sunday, December 6th:

Guinevere Cramer of *Point b Realty* and organizer of the celebrated and deeply loved *MV Teddy Bear Suite* speaks about how they're operating this season with *Teddies Around Town* and the 6th Annual *Teddy Bear Trot*. To date, they have raised more than 216K for the *MV Boys and Girls Club's Healthy Happy Kids Program* which helps address kids' food insecurities here on the island.







MVYRADIO DJ and Founder of *A Cup Of Karma Project*, Polly Simpkins tells us about her COMMUNITY WISHING TREE. This is an annual tradition that invites the entire community to write down a wish and tie it to the tree on her front lawn. She provides everything you need, including snacks and hot cocoa. On New Year's Eve, she sends them off to come true with a burning ceremony.

The Wishing Tree is non-denominational.



Sunday, December 20th:

MV Museum's Bow Van Riper shares Vineyard stories from our past.

Our weekly feature "Onda Brasil" with Poliana Bellan Wilson shares information for and from our vibrant Brazilian community.

On NIGHT CASTS Rabbi Caryn Broitman from MV Hebrew Center tells us the story and customs of Hanukkah and we play appropriate music that picks up where the words leave off.



STAY TUNED...

MVYRADIO is THRILLED to be able to bring you some HOLIDAY MAGIC with the presentation of the radio play "It's A Wonderful Life" by the MVRHS Theater Department. Music will be provided by the Minnesingers at the beginning and end. This presentation came together with help from the MV Film Festival's education programs. AIR DATES ARE: Sunday, December 20th at 7 pm and a second time on Christmas Day at 6 pm.



Everyone at MVYRADIO is wishing you warmth, light, and good health as we head into 2021! We will continue to pay attention to our beautiful, resilient, and caring community and give voice to what matters to you.