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Many heartfelt thanks to everyone (volunteers and attendees) that helped make my 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Party for Town of Verona residents on December 10<sup>th</sup> a success! Fabulous volunteers worked together to make this event happen and festive attendees shared the Christmas holiday spirit. Some pictures from this event can be found on my website: [www.fritzscherz.com](http://www.fritzscherz.com)

Thanks to the following people for taking part in the programmatic portion of the event: Bingo The Clown and Grinchy The Elf for face painting; Frank Buda for performing songs on his accordion; Lori Bunce of Cornell Cooperative Extension for make & take activities; Trooper Matt Kaido for the drone display; Shelley Kemp of PetZotics for the Exotic Reptile and Pet display and petting zoo; Izic Marsh, Courtney Fiorenza and Kaitlyn Maggiolino of ICAN for arts, crafts & activities from the Utica Children's Museum Mobile Museum; Justin Smithson for singing and playing songs on his guitar; St. Peter's Lutheran Church Choice for singing tunes; and Spencer Walker for singing and performing songs on his guitar.

Thanks to the following people for supporting this event in a variety of ways: Gary Bissaillon, Steven Bulger, Stan Dakosty, Frank Elias, Martha Group, Jeff Hull, Mike Jaquays, Shelley Kemp, Mary Beth McEwen, Honorable Tony Picente, Captain Jason Place, Megan Rose, Richelle Singer, Noah Walker, Diana Wilson, Tami Wooten, and Honorable Cindy Rogers Witt.

Thanks to the following businesses and/or organizations for donating baked goods and/or gifts or simply helping out: Circle K, Colgate University Football, Dunkin' Donuts (Willow Place Store), Freihofer's Bakery Outlet, New York State Police, Oneida Indian Nation SavOn, PetZotics, Price Chopper (Oneida), Recovery Sports Grill (Verona Store), Staples (New Hartford), Utica Coffee, Walmart (Oneida) and the media that helped publicize the Holiday Party.

Thanks to the Verona Fire Department for providing the venue for the Holiday Party. Special thanks to my wife, Kathy, and our children, Katherine, Marissa, and Freddy for being so supportive, encouraging, and helpful during the weeks leading up to the Holiday Party and during the event itself. Thanks, too, to anyone I might've missed who played a role in the success of this event!

In closing, the bottom line is that so many people worked together to make this event happen. It is people like you that make a community great! I am so honored to call these great people my friends and Verona my hometown! Thank you!!! Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas!!!