

Hello Sisters and Brothers,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy. One of my favorite Christmas songs that I don't hear often anymore is "Snoopy vs. The Red Baron." Have you heard it? Do you know the history?

The Royal Guardsmen - The Story Of Snoopy's Christmas - Bing video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0-hWZGIWe_U

The Royal Guardsmen, a six-piece from Ocala, Florida, created this song about World War I and where Snoopy, who was a fighter pilot, is being pursued by the Red Barron who decides not to shoot Snoopy down, but forces him to land and gives him a Christmas gift.

According to historical records, there really was a Christmas Truce in 1914 between the British and German troops, mainly on the Western Front. On Christmas, with a stalemate and ceasefire, in a series of trenches that were labeled "no-man's land," small gifts were exchanged between troops such as cigars, food, and even a dog. How I wish the world would come together in peace. Let's celebrate life, good will, and pray for good health, setting aside our differences. I hope for each of you there is peace in your hearts and in your soul. 2020 has been hard, but now we can rest for a few days and celebrate what is most important and that is each other—our loved ones, and feel comforted in rejoicing in the real meaning behind Christmas in celebrating the birth of Jesus.

If you are ill or sad, I send you all my love and prayers for strength and happiness. Please know you are not alone. You are loved. Here is a big hug to all my OES sisters and brothers. The golden chain binds us, holds us together, strengthens us, and will help us through our challenging times, all while God holds us in the palm of His hand.

In happiness and love this holiday season,
Sabrina - Your Grand Conductress

