



A Few Words From The President

I'm not a fan of New Year's resolutions - I tend to think they are fake commitments based on an arbitrary event. But as 2018 dawns upon us, I have committed myself and my nation to two new goals, resolutions, if you must. First, I plan to continue to push to make Molossia better known. We began this in 2017 with our usual public events, and a few new ones, such as the meet and greet at the local coffee shop. I envision more of these and similar events as part of a push to increase public awareness about Molossia. Second, I want to strengthen our knowledge and use of Esperanto. Our second language is fairly second class in Molossia and I intend for that to change. We have a vehicle here in our nation to help spread the word about Esperanto; the more that know about our nation can also learn about our language. These are my long term goals for Molossia in the coming year - but of course there will be others - Molossia is always on the forefront of doing great things!



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Molossian Christmas

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Christmas is a major holiday in Molossia and a time of great tradition as well as festivity. Christmas is one of the most important holidays in the Republic of Molossia, and is traditionally a three-day celebration. The holiday actually begins on December 24th with Christmas Eve activities, including watching movies, baking (and eating) cookies, drinking eggnog and playing board games as a family - and the new tradition of decorating Molossia's Christmas Crane. Christmas Eve dinner this year was turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, and all the trimmings. The evening ends with the reading of the "Night Before Christmas", and with tracking the arrival of Santa Claus using NORAD's website.



National Christmas Tree in
Government House

Christmas morning, December 25th, begins early, as the family descends upon the hoard of presents beneath the National Christmas Tree. Once the frenzy of present-opening ends, Christmas breakfast is made and served, and afterward everyone settles down to enjoy their gifts. Christmas dinner takes place in the later afternoon, largely wrapping up a lazy, relaxing day. Christmas dinner consisted this year of our traditional meal of lasagna, reflecting the Italian heritage of Molossia. Boxing Day is on December 26th, and is the last day of the Christmas holidays. While no special events take place, dinner on Boxing Day is traditionally Shepherd's Pie, in keeping with the British theme of the day. This wraps up the Christmas events for the year, with everyone eagerly looking forward to the distant arrival of next year's Christmas.



National Christmas Tree in
Republic Square

Out and About

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. The Republic of Molossia is known all over the world, but lately we have been seeking to increase local awareness, to enhance our nation's image in Nevada, the US state that surrounds us. In early December His Excellency, The President decided to enhance our local awareness here in Dayton Valley, the valley in which Molossia lies. First scheduled was a meet and greet at the local coffee shop, Blaqk Coffee, located in downtown Dayton. For over an hour The President and First Lady met and chatted with local Nevadans and fans of Molossia, including our loyal fan and ally, Jerry Jessop. While our meet and greet was somewhat otherwise sparsely attended, it was a good first foray in increasing our local visibility and more such meet and greets are planned. The day following the meet and greet, His Excellency, The First Lady and the Chief Constable visited the annual Dayton Small Town Christmas, a tree-lighting and holiday event also held in downtown Dayton, in the town park. The President donated canned goods to the needy, visited Santa and said a few words of holiday greeting onstage before a festive and appreciative crowd. In all, both events were excellent opportunities to spread awareness of our nation as well as being great fun!



At the Coffee Shop



Posing With Santa



Looking Festive

Banknotes Of Molossia

The basic unit of currency in Molossia is the Valora (plural: Valora). The Valora is linked in value to Pillsbury Cookie Dough, 3 Valora having equal value to one tube of Cookie Dough. While our currency is not accepted for exchange outside Molossia, it is legal tender within our nation and can be used to purchase items at the Molossia Trading Company and in Molossia's Tiki Hut Bar and Grill.

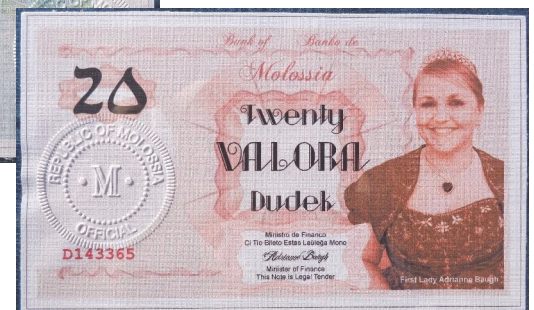


One Valora Face

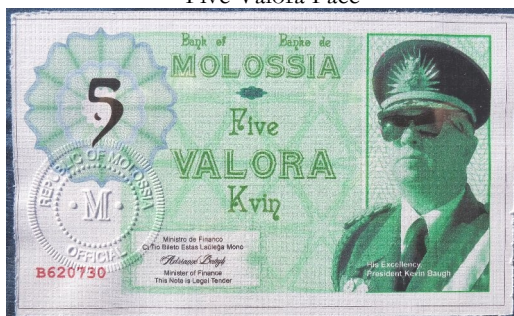
Ten Valora Face



Twenty Valora Face



Five Valora Face



Esperanto, Molossia's Second Language

Esperanto is an international language, created in 1887 by Dr. L. L. Zamenhof to be a second language that would allow people who speak different native languages to communicate, yet at the same time to retain their own languages and cultural identities. In practical use for more than a hundred years, Esperanto has proved to be a genuinely living language, capable of expressing all facets of human thought.

Here in Molossia, Esperanto is our second language, although its use in day-to-day life is thus far limited. It can, however, be seen on various signs throughout our nation, and has been featured in this newsletter as well as on Radio Molossia. It is always our intent to expand the use of the language, and toward this goal we strive daily. His Excellency, The President has mandated expanded use of Esperanto in official communication, seeking to make the current nominal use of our second language more real.



Some Esperanto Words and Phrases

Hello	Saluton	[sa.'lu.ton]
Yes	Jes	['jes]
No	Ne	['ne]
Good morning	Bonan matenon	['bo.nan ma.'te.non]
Good night	Bonan nokton	['bo.nan 'nok.ton]
Goodbye	Ĝis (la) revido	['dʒis (la) re.'vi.do]
What is your name?	Kio estas via nomo?	['ki.o ,es.tas ,vi.a 'no.mo]
My name is ...	Mia nomo estas ...	[mi.a 'no.mo ,es.tas 'mar.ko]
How are you?	Kiel vi fartas?	['ki.el vi 'far.tas]
I am well.	Mi fartas bone	[mi 'far.tas 'bo.ne]
All right, Okay	Bone	['bo.ne]
Thank you	Dankon	['dan.kon]
You're welcome	Ne dankinde	[,ne.dan.'kin.de]
Please	Bonvolu	[bon.'vo.lu]

Around Molossia...



Molossian Bradley Harrison's 2nd Birthday!



Molossia's Christmas Crane, decorated for the holiday!

Molossia's Official Christmas Card, sent all over the world!



Upcoming Tours Of Molossia

Saturday, 21 April 2018 at 10:00 AM PST, the first tour of the 2018 tourist season!



The Molossian Navy



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January Calendar

Emperor Norton I Day - January 8th

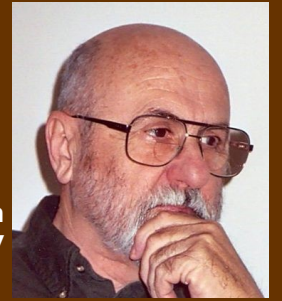
In memory of Emperor Norton I, Emperor of the United States and protector of Mexico. The "patron saint" of unrecognized nations. This holiday is traditionally celebrated with a "Cookie Dough Fest"

Molossaphone Day - 28 January

A day to laud our National Musical Instrument, the Molossaphone!



6 January - Malia Santos' Birthday



26 January - Tom Baugh's Birthday

THIS MONTH'S WEATHER

Molossia's weather is always gorgeous, with plenty of sunshine and temperatures year-round of 22° Celsius (72° Fahrenheit). However, our little country is surrounded by the US and they are so close, their awful weather invades frequently! So the weather report reflects both our weather and theirs.

	Molossia	US
Maximum Temperature	22° C / 72° F	18° C / 65° F
Minimum Temperature	22° C / 72° F	-11° C / 12 F
Average Temperature	22° C / 72° F	3.3° C / 38° F
Monthly Precipitation	0 mm	3.3 mm
Sunshine hours	Pretty much every day!	

The Last Word With The First Lady

January is here! The beginning of the new year brings so many new possibilities. Is it time for you to leave some things behind in 2017? Is it time for you to take that first step towards something new? This is a new chapter in your life, how will it be written? Will it be written by chance and circumstance or by intention? Some people live in a constant state of reaction to the world while others make their own path. Which do you want to be? How can you achieve that status? What small change can you take to be the maker of your own destiny? Whether it is a small feat or a larger goal, it all comes down to you and how you run your show. Instead of saying what will happen today, say what will I do today. Make life happen. You already know what you need to do. Everyone of us has a nagging voice in the back of our heads that says do this or don't do that. Listen closely and follow it. Don't watch other people live their life, be a spectacle and love every minute of it.



Thank you all and until next time..

Dance like no one is watching and be true to you.

~ Adrienne