

## **DECEMBER – SECOND WEEK NEWSLETTER**

**Quote of the week** – Here are a few that I found that seem appropriate. This first one is really funny –

**"I stopped believing in Santa Claus when I was six. Mother took me to see him in a department store and he asked for my autograph."** – *Shirley Temple*

**"The way you spend Christmas is far more important than how much."** – *Henry David Thoreau*

**"Christmas, to me, is as many people as possible happy."** – *Tupac Shakur*

**Song of the week** – One of my favorites, it's so underrated it's criminal. Tom DeLonge is a musical genius. The lyrics are incredible. Here it is –

Angels and Airwaves

<https://youtu.be/JMl8cQjBfqk?si=fvn5rPrFCcI3bIOk>

“Here we go, life's waiting to begin...tonight”

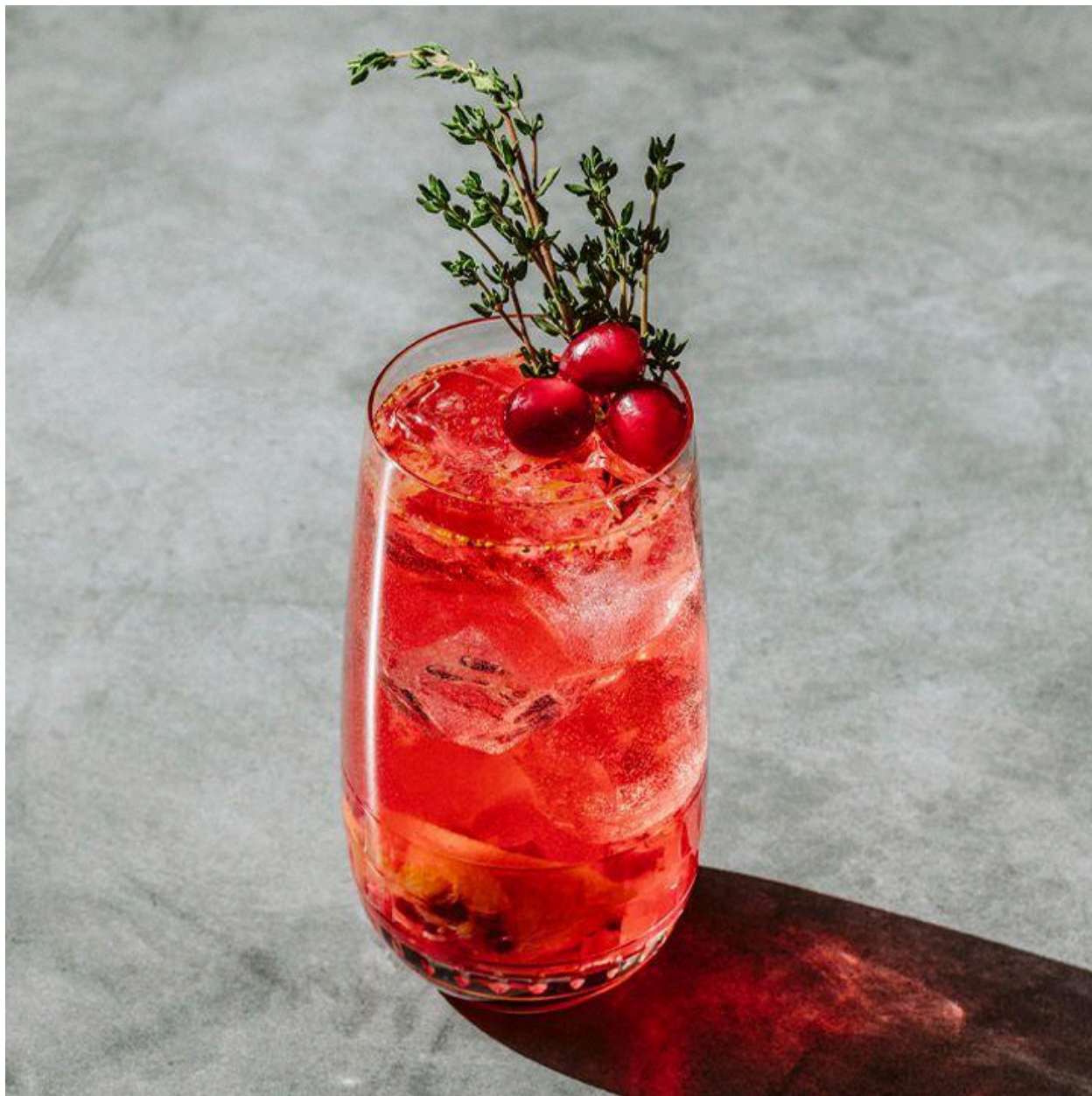
**Drink of the week** – This week's drink, Under the Mistletoe. Easy to make, it's perfect for the Holidays -

Ingredients:

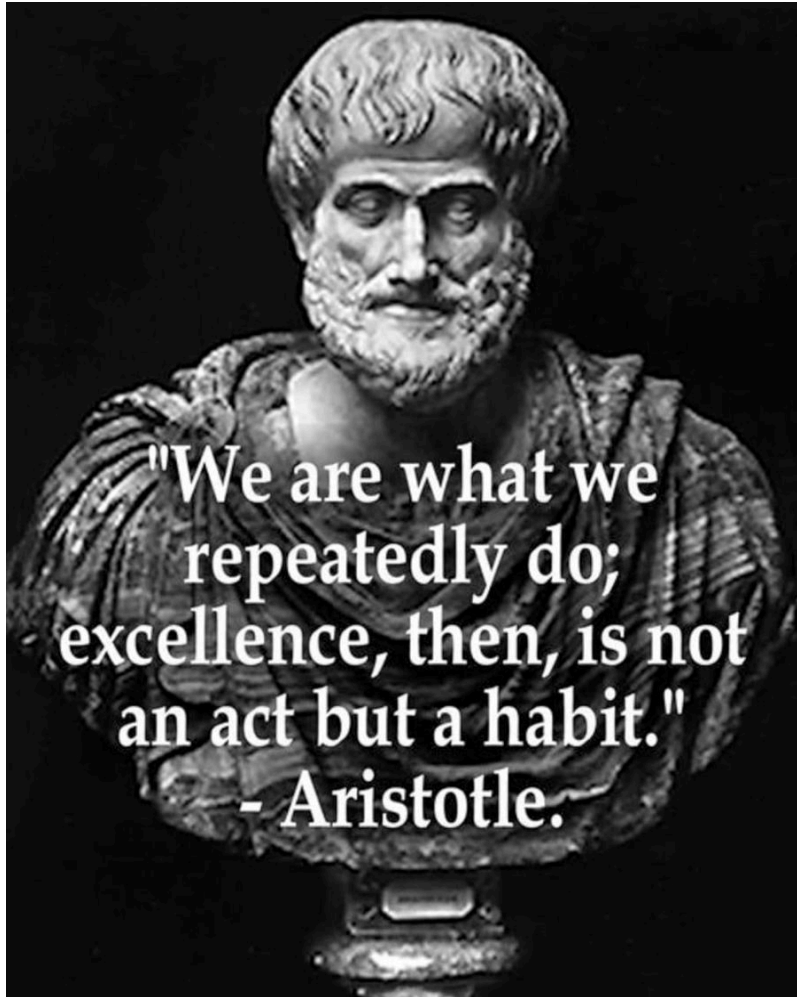
- 4 cranberries
- 2 orange half-wheels
- 1/2 ounce simple syrup
- 2 ounces London dry gin
- Cranberry juice, to top
- Club soda, chilled, to top
- Garnish: thyme sprig
- Garnish: 3 cranberries

Steps:

1. In a Collins glass, muddle the cranberries and orange half-wheels with the simple syrup.
2. Fill the glass with ice and add the gin.
3. Top with a mixture of two parts cranberry juice to one part club soda.
4. Stir with a thyme sprig, leaving it in the glass, and garnish with three additional cranberries.



Enjoy!



**Art of the week** – I thought I would share an artist who painted the landscape of America during the 20<sup>th</sup> century. His paintings were a reflection of the times. Norman Rockwell is best known for his Saturday Evening Post covers. There's something calming and charming about them. This of course, is a holiday themed one. It's called Merry Christmas, Grandma! It speaks to me about a simpler time when family and friends meant more than an



Xbox. When the world was at peace and Christmas really was... Merry. Here it is —



“It is we who become tired when we cease to be curious and appreciative.” Norman Rockwell

**Options** – This week I thought I would include the Top 100 restaurants according to Open Table. It will certainly give you some options for places to try. Remember, if there is a place you’d like to try and you don’t want to spend \$100/person, sit at the bar, have a drink and an appetizer and you still get the vibe of the place. Here it is, Bon Appetit!

<https://www.opentable.com/c/top-restaurants/top-100/>

**Bonus video of the week** – Judi Dench is an amazing actress. She has appeared in many films, but my favorite is her portrayal of M in the Bond films. Born Dec 9<sup>th</sup>, let’s celebrate by watching these two clips...

First introduction as M –

<https://youtu.be/tEujAIjTldk?si=MdlgEJ6ON1sBF0-q>

(I love that she drinks bourbon)

And...well, here it is –

<https://youtu.be/eTeBFTlR0VI?si=jPHNJg6ji3KOEtlK>



Ok, back to the holiday spirit!

Pour a drink, listen to this and wrap those presents!

<https://youtu.be/amk7AiEI43I?si=bTuxeCzOINvriani>

\*If anyone is wondering what to get me for Christmas, here's one from my Wishlist. It is from 2013, but it's still as beautiful now as it was then –

<https://youtu.be/SJ82dP5s1cU?si=ZFL14Zc-hqXsC7Rg>

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That's all for this week. Don't hesitate to live the life you've always imagined! Cheers!