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This week, I watched (again) one of the many showings on TV of “White Christmas,” which is one of my all-time favorite movies at Christmas time.

There are others, of course, but “White Christmas” is probably at the top. Who doesn’t love the crooning of Bing Crosby, who I believe has one of the most beautiful, natural voices of all time.

What struck me as I stayed up finishing cookies and wrapping presents Monday night with “White Christmas” playing in the background was another song from that movie, titled “Count Your Blessings.”

While the movie’s title song “White Christmas” is the best-selling song of all time, according to the Guinness Book of World Records, the song “Count Your Blessings” from that movie has so much more meaning, especially at Christmas.

During the past year in these editorial pages, I’ve addressed many problems we have in this country, especially in the political world.

What a relief it is to get away from that for awhile, relax with family and friends, eat too many Christmas cookies and count your blessings. We forget sometimes—myself included—all that we have for which to be thankful in this community, state and country. We truly are blessed.

In “Count Your Blessings,” Bing Crosby remembers when his bankroll was small but also when he had none at all. Or thinking of the “curly heads” in the nursery. Then, he sings, “If you’re worried and you can’t sleep, count your blessings instead of sheep.”

The song was written in 1954, but it still has meaning today almost 60 years later. At this time of year, count your blessings rather than all the things you don’t have. It’s something we all need to remember.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!