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## Christmas Tea A Success!

Many thanks to **Chairman Cindy Bonk** for organizing our Christmas Tea held on Wednesday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>. Over 120 members and guests attended and enjoyed the afternoon.



Left to right: Lexie Beaver, Ann Colantuano  
Chairman Cindy Bonk, Debbie Brown

Thanks also go to **Chef Bill** and his staff for the beautiful display of delicious goodies and to **Dyal Randall** for the wonderful desserts.

## Meeting, Wed., January 10

Our next meeting is Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 3pm in the clubhouse. It will run a little different in format in order to accommodate our speaker.

The meeting will start with our guest speakers, Dr. Maarten Van de Guchte and Amy Barrett, from the Cummer Art Museum and Gardens located in Jacksonville. They will share with us information on the new Egyptian exhibit and other plans for 2007. Many of you have had the opportunity to visit this beautiful museum and grounds and we know you will want to make the trip there several times this new year.

The program will run until 4 PM and then, we will begin a short club meeting. The program committee thanks you for your understanding of this needed adjustment. Spouses, friends and neighbors are invited to attend.

Happy Hour and a "Jumbo" Wings Buffet will follow in the 28<sup>th</sup> Hole Bar and Grill.

## CEB Christmas Drive

This year, our ladies distributed over 600 letters to our residents, seeking donations for the Bennett Fund. The response was amazing, but not surprising! Maybe it's the spirit of the season; maybe it's wanting to help those less fortunate; maybe it's just all the good, kind people that live here. Whatever the reason, we are grateful and appreciative of their giving.

The money collected allowed us to provide Christmas toys and clothing for the children and a food gift card for the parents. This would not have been possible without the help of our shoppers: Marguerite Martin, Doe Sankey, Sharon Sprott, Dottie Lunt, Jan Pence, Dee Pratt, Kathie Gildenhorn, Pat Ezzell, Sherry Cruse, Marge Viken, Cindy Triay, Phyllis Peterson and Karen Kennedy.

In addition, we now have some money to assist families at Bennett when emergency issues arise. We have partnered with the school for many years, and they know they can call on us for our continued support and care.

## Presidents - Past, Present and Future



Cindy, Nancy, Kathie, Dorothy

In attendance at our tea were our past, present and future leaders of the women's club including:

- Cindy Triay . . . . . President-Elect
- Nancy Nettuno . . . . . Past President
- Kathie Cardon . . . . . Past President
- Dorothy Wood . . . . . President

## President's Message . . . . .

Take a sigh of relief that the holidays are over, rest on laurels of jobs well done, and gear up to get going again . . . all in one breath. That is what you all do with such grace and style. Many thank yous . . .

For the landslide of toys that you brought to the meeting for children in Green Cove, and to **Jeanne and Ed Boyer** for collecting and delivering them to the Green Cove fire department. Wow.

For the ladies that decorated trees in Spring Park.

To **Sue Dake** for hard work putting together the Luminary Night...and to her team of assemblers and block captains that made it happen. And, again to Bob Lang for getting it all to us in one trip in his truck:).

To **Susan Mitchell** for the wonderful slide show at our Christmas tea and to Cindy Bonk for coordinating the tea.

And to **Shirley Orvosh** of the Fund Raising committee for persisting in the sale of raffle tickets for the four beautiful rings that were raffled at the tea. AND to Kingsley Jewelers for their generous donation.

Up and coming are the disbursement of our funds to the charities that we support and the beginning of our scholarship selection process. Your committees are hard at work. Thank you **Helen Weygand and Teresa Oliverio**.

We will also begin the nominating process and committee appointments. We need a President Elect, Program VP, Fund Raising chairman/shadow and Luminary chairman. If you would like to volunteer to be one of these or to "shadow" to be a future chairman, please let me know. It is YOUR club and only each of you make it what it is.

Reminder. Mystery Night is January 20<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you all there. It should be a great dinner and a fun evening.

The Happiest and Healthiest 2007 to you all from OZ.

Dorothy

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## January Book Club

The next book club meeting will be Wednesday, January 24. The place will be announced via email. The book to be reviewed is "*Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close*" by Jonathan Foer, a story about a young boy who's father is killed in the "9/11" attack. Don't forget to bring your lunch and drinks and dessert will be provided. For more info, contact Donna Medara at 529-7524.

## Jan 20 - Mystery Dinner Night

Make your reservations soon as they are filling up quickly for this unique evening. The women's club is sponsoring the event that includes a buffet dinner and a "whodunit" to be produced by actors from Orange Park and include 10 to 12 willing audience members.

The cost is \$39.95 pp all inclusive. At the end, each table will vote on a solution to the mystery. It should make for a fun evening. For reservations, call Dyal 269-9276 x 0.

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## Donation of Christmas Gifts

Many, many thanks for the generous donation of toys brought to our tea. They were given to the local Fire Department for distribution and made for many happy little faces on Christmas morning. Also, thanks to Jeanne Boyer for organizing the collection of toys and to Ed Boyer for being our delivery person.

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## Welcome New Members . . . . .

**Gerlach, Phyllis (Phil)** **529-8125**  
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(B) Mar 20 - (A) Jun 23

**Lodge, Alice (Jim)** **284-6160**  
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(B) Jun 29 - (A) Aug 2

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