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## Holiday Tea A Success .....

Many thanks to Gwen Alter and Dee Pratt for organizing our annual Holiday Tea held on Wednesday, December 5. It was a beautiful day with great food and a time to relax with friends and get to know other members.



Cindy, Dyal, Shirley

Member Dyal Randall outdid herself (again) by preparing the tasty desserts. Chef Bill and the staff provided for a wonderful afternoon.

Thanks too to our “elves” who decorated the Christmas tree and the room – Sandy Magyar, Marsha Zupan, Mela Abate, Norm Magyar and Joe!

## Wed., Jan 9 - Meeting .....

Our meeting will be at 3pm on Wednesday, Jan. 9. Author Jim Jordan will talk about his first book, *Savannah Grey*, an historical novel about life in Georgia during the thirty years leading up to the Civil War. It has been nominated for the Michael Shaara Award for best Civil War fiction.

Following Mr. Jordan will be Roger Suggs, Assistant Property Appraiser for Clay County, who will explain the proposed constitutional amendment regarding homestead exemption that will be on the January 29<sup>th</sup> ballot. Questions and answers will follow his talk and spouses and guests are invited to attend.

Happy hour from 5-7pm and a buffet dinner will follow. The buffet will include Yankee Pot Roast and Baked Chicken for \$10.95++. Call Dyal for reservations.

## Can You Sing???

The Magnolia Singers are looking to expand. If there is anyone out there interested in singing, please send your name to Allen Eastman - [eastsandal@aol.com](mailto:eastsandal@aol.com) (529-1728) or Judy Williamson - [jwmson2@bellsouth.net](mailto:jwmson2@bellsouth.net) (284-9680) and we'll add you to our email list.

Rehearsals begin on Wednesday, Jan. 16 from 2-3:30 p.m. at Allen and Sandy's - 3484 Olympic Drive. We will begin

learning patriotic music, etc. You do not need to try out-- just bring your “ear” and love for singing. It’s kind of like a new beginning for us all as we learn new music. You can be a part of something fun! Encourage men who you know can sing to come out too.

## Thank You to Luminary Volunteers .....

Thanks to the many volunteers, Luminary Night on December 8<sup>th</sup> was a huge success. The volunteers included 52 block captains who sold almost 1100 luminary kits, 38 luminary kit assemblers, 7 cookie bakers, and 2 Luminary Night hostesses. A special thank you goes out to Bob and Diane Lang for their help in transporting luminary supplies, to Cindy Bonk for assembling goodie bags for Charles E. Bennett Chorus members, and to Joe for supplying hot chocolate to the Chorus members.



Magnolia Singers & CEB Chorus

Magnolia Point was glowing brightly on Luminary Night. The performances of the Charles E. Bennett Chorus and our own Magnolia Singers were a special treat at the end of the night.



Barbara Barclay

A special thanks to co-chairmen Barbara Barclay and Pat Ezzell for organizing a very successful Luminary Night and sales.



Pat Ezzell

Once again, Luminary Night was the kick-off for a special Holiday Season.

## President's Message .....

2007 - what a year and we should be proud of what we accomplished. December was such a busy month and everyone came through as you always do!!!

Luminary night was the best ever. Barbara and Pat did such an amazing job that it came off flawlessly. Joe was so excited - I think he can't wait till next year. Thanks to both of you - and to all the assemblers and block captains. It was such an enjoyable night.

Thank you Susan Mitchell for putting the slide show together for the tea. Thanks also to Dee and her committee for checking everyone in and the cute name tags where we found out where each of us were from.

I heard from Art Yeaman and he was very complimentary of the hard work put in at the Parade of Trees. He said it was their most successful year yet!! Thanks to everyone who worked on this project.

A special thanks to Sandy Eastman and JoAnn Johnson for organizing the Charles E. Bennett Christmas Drive and shopping. Thanks to the shoppers for purchasing toys, clothes, etc. for more than 20 families at Charles E. Bennett.

Thanks to everyone for the 828 pounds of food donated to the Food Pantry.

Now for upcoming events - watch for news from Candy MacMillan on Books-a-Go-Go. We will be collecting new and gently used books for children who otherwise would not have books to read in their homes.

Helen Weygand will be busy with the Charitable Requests Committee and Thresa Oliverio will start on the Scholarship Committee. They have both done these jobs for a long time and each have requested shadows at this time.

This is the time of year that the nominating process begins for the election of new officers. Please give some thought to volunteering for the following positions:

Officer positions: President Elect and Secretary  
Committee Chairmen: Fund Raising (+ a shadow)  
Luminary Chair  
Charitable Requests Shadow  
Scholarship Shadow  
Day Trips

If you would like to volunteer for one of the positions or be a shadow to be a future chairman, please let me know.

I can't begin to tell you what being President has meant to me. I have had so much fun getting to know everyone and

if you volunteer, you will get so much from it.

Here's to a happy, healthy 2008!! ~~ Cindy

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