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Christmas Tea A Success

Many thanks to Gwen Alter and Dee Pratt for planning another wonderful day at the club. The Annual Christmas Tea was attended by more than 80 members and their guests who were treated to a holiday music performance by our Magnolia Point Singers. Leader Allen Eastman has developed the singers into a very professional group.



Also, thanks to Dyal, Chef Bill and the staff for their service and an array of delightful treats.

The many door prizes were a big hit this year.

Wed., Jan. 14 - Meeting

Our January meeting will be held on Wednesday, the 14th, at 3pm in the clubhouse.

The program planned by Gwen and Dee is a musical one with a ladies barber shop quartet - "4 His Glory", based out of the Orange Park United Methodist Church. They will be singing 1940's show tunes, big band era songs and gospel songs for about 30 minutes. They have performed at the Concert on the Green, entertainment shows and for many senior centers.

Following the meeting and program is Happy Hour from 5 to 7pm in the Magnolia Dining Room. A buffet dinner will be served from 5 to 7pm. The menu includes Stir Fry with Vegetables over Rice (choice of Chicken Breast Strips, Angus Beef Strips or Atlantic White Shrimp) and the Caesar Salad Bar for \$10.95++. You can dine-in or carry-out!

Please call Dyal for dinner reservations - 269-9276.

Charles E. Bennett Christmas Help

Many thanks to all who helped the CEB committee with providing Christmas for twelve families from Charles E. Bennett Elementary.

From stuffing the envelopes, delivering the letters, and shopping for the children, our volunteers helped make this Christmas a very special one for 34 children. For some



of these families, this was the only Christmas they were having. In addition to having gift bags for the children, each family also received a gift card from Winn Dixie to help with holiday food needs. We delivered the goodies on December 16th and there were tears in the eyes of the staff at CEB as we unloaded the cars.

A special thanks to the shoppers who not only "bargain shopped" for those special gifts, but also gift wrapped and tagged each present and packed them in a gift bag for each child. We know our shoppers went "over and above the call of duty" as many hours of work went into this process.

Our shoppers were Jeanne Boyer, Kit Cella, Jean Cosby, Sherry Cruse, Dotti Curry, Marsha Elmore, Kathy Felten, Diane Gove, Betty Holmes, Marlene Jacobs, Whitney Keyes, Myrna Kissinger, Randi Luck, Dottie Lunt, Cheryle Newman, Dee Pratt, Sara Spurrier, Emily Vereen, and Marsha Zupan.

Thanks to all of you! Joanie Braatz & Jo Ann Johnson

"Sin, Sex and the CIA" - Jan. 22

We are hosting the Orange Park Community Theatre's hilarious play "Sin, Sex and the CIA" on Thursday night, January 22 at 8pm. Tickets and seating are on a first come, first served basis - \$15 each. Order tickets from Susan Mitchell at 529-7215.

At 6:30, we will have a wine and cheese get together in the theatre's lobby. If you come for the wine, beer, soft drinks and cheese, we only ask for a donation.

President's Message

Happy New Year to you all!! Hope your holidays were the best ever. Michael and I had a delightful time. I'm still so full from all the good food and cheer.--- Glad it's January.

Shirley Orvosh is busy planning a fund raising project at the Orange Park Theater performing--- "Sin, Sex, and the CIA." At \$15.00 a ticket, it certainly makes it affordable for 100 of us to attend. Sounds like a fun evening to me. The subject matter certainly sounds interesting!! Thank you, Shirley.

Nancy Nettuno is beginning to form a committee to allocate funds to charities. Our club is so generous! And just a short time ago, Nancy applied for a grant from Publix. We just heard from them, and received a \$500.00 check which we have deposited to our account. Amazing---becoming a 501(c)3 will now allow us to apply for all sorts of grants. Thank you Nancy, for your expertise in pursuing this new avenue for our club! It is all going to bring enormous opportunities for the Women's Club.

Cindy Bonk did an outstanding job as Luminary Chairwoman. Thank you, Cindy! The Luminary Committee reported the sale of 1055 kits. Revenue from the kits was \$5,275.00, with a net income of \$3,152.40! That's just outstanding!!

Jo Ann Johnson needs to be thanked again for heading the Charles E. Bennett Committee. They raised \$6,055.00! Amazing! That's a lot of money! Everyone who contributed helped those 12 families, and their 34 children to have a very special Christmas morning. Jo Ann has some thank you notes she'll read to us at the meeting. Very special!

Gwen and Dee have a great program after the meeting. A barbershop quartet, singing songs from the 40's and big band songs. Sound like fun to me. Try to plan and stay for happy hour, and dinner to follow in the main dining room. Remember, the more the merrier!

That's it for now. Please, Stay happy and healthy-----but most of all---have Fun!!

Your devoted President, Lynn Kelly

Wed., Feb. 11 - Wild Florida by the Jax Zoo



Mark your calendars for the February meeting on the 11th at 3pm in the clubhouse. The program will be presented by the Jacksonville Zoo and they will be showing us "live" samples of Florida wildlife!!!

Spouses are invited to attend and the program will start promptly at 4pm.

Love Me Tender, From Elvis With Love ...

Ninety-one members and their guests will enjoy the "Elvis" program at the Thrasher-Horne Center for the Arts on Saturday night, February 7th at 7:30pm.

Prior to the show, the club is offering a special dinner from 5 to 7pm, including happy hour. The menu includes a choice of:

1. Caesar Salad Buffet Bar w/Flambe toppings of choice, select shrimp, beef or chicken
2. Mongolian BBQ w/fresh entrée and vegetable with toppings made to order w/wild and white rice
3. Chilled Trio Plate served w/spring mix salad, jumbo peel & eat shrimp cocktail and a fruit cup

The price is \$15.00 All Inclusive.

Desserts available include Hot Fudge Brownie for Two w/French Vanilla Ice Cream or Magnolia Style Banana Split for \$4.95++.

Call Dyal at 269-9276 x 0 for dinner reservations.

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