



December 2007

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TUNA CHRISTMAS AT THE BROACH THEATER

We had a great evening at the theater. Sharon Lipscomb was seen with most eligible bachelorette in High Point, Jerri White. Our President escorted our good friend Jerry Streetman. Soon to retire Dr. Brian Donley was with his lovely wife Betty and he laughed louder than anyone in the theater. I guess he gets a big kick seeing men dressed up in high heels.

It truly was a hilarious play with two gifted male comedians playing 22 characters, male and female. The setting was the third smallest town in Texas called Tuna and the plot was about the annual contest for the best Christmas yard display. The anticipation up to the final announcement created many humorous scenes throughout the play.

Our sincere appreciation goes to Murray White for arranging the event and to Murray Catton for hosting the pre-play party at his showroom.

ANGEL TREE

Jody Susong reported that she has had the best participation ever this year. She was able to get gifts for all 36 of our Angels. Special thanks go to all our members for digging deep into their pockets for those gifts for the kids.



Blair Rankin and Jody Susong

Also, the following should be recognized for coming out Saturday morning to distribute the gifts.

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| Tom Foster | Jody Susong |
| Murray White | Toye Payne |
| Blair Rankin | Gary Susong |
| Nick Platt | |

Thank you, Jody!

HOUSE PROJECT UPDATE
OPEN HOUSE 2:00 to 4:00 PM
Sundays

December 16 Jim Gayle
December 30 Woody Hathaway
January 6 David Parker
January 13 Jack Hamilton
January 20 Murray Catton

We are actively seeking a buyer and hope that by March the house will sell. If it does not sell we hope to negotiate new terms on the loan until such time that it does. Both boards are meeting frequently to come up with a realistic plan to market and sell the house. A membership meeting is planned on Tuesday December 18, 2007 to update the club and entertain any new ideas from the membership. We are urging everyone to be there for that all important membership meeting.

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Earl Donnelly - December 6
Michaela Jarrett - December 14
Ray Coble - December 28
Larry Dunlap - December 30



Jim Sloop celebrates a recent birthday

MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Richard Kerr - December 13
Sharon Lipscomb - December 19

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Dec 25 - No meeting. Merry Christmas!
Jan 1 - No meeting. Happy New Year!
Jan 8 - Tom Blount Team 2
Jan 15 - Earl Donnelly Team 3
Jan 22 - Sharon Lipscomb Team 4

DISTRICT CONFERENCE

CHATEAU ELAN

APRIL 24 - 27

MEAL PRICES

Meal prices at The String and Splinter have gone up effective January 1 from \$11.14 (tax and gratuity included) to \$12.76, a 15% increase. This means that now we will have to charge \$13.00 for guests and visitors. How this might affect our **dues** will be discussed at the January board meeting. The String has really held their cost to us for a long time, but they are now faced with passing it on. It truly is the **best food** in town and a very central place for all of us.

MAKE UP'S

Looking for a make-up? Just visit www.rotary7690.org for the most complete listing of make-up meeting locations in our area. You can also visit any other Rotary Club meeting in the area!

4 WAY TEST

For the things we think say and do:

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it bring good will and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 9 – Board Meeting at Tom's Restaurant, 12 Noon

February 15 – Final date to register for the District Conference; all deposits due.

April 24 – 27 - Annual Conference Chateau Elan Resort and Winery, Braselton, GA (near Atlanta). Voted the most romantic hotel in Georgia.

May 30 – 31 - Bulls 'n Barrels Fundraiser

SMITH RECEIVES PHF AWARD

Tom Smith received his Paul Harris Fellow award on November 27. The award was presented by Foundation Chairman Jack Hamilton.



Tom and Sheila Smith with Jack Hamilton

MEANDERINGS with MARGARET

By Jerri White, Visiting Columnist (Humor)

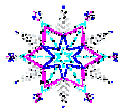
FROM: Murray White, Party Planner Extraordinaire

TO: Everyone

RE: Christmas Party

DATE: December 1

I'm happy to inform you that the Rotary Christmas Party will take place on December 23, starting at noon in the back booths at Kepley's Barbecue. No-host bar, but plenty of eggnog! We'll have a small band playing traditional carols...feel free to sing along. And don't be surprised if our president shows up dressed as Santa Claus!



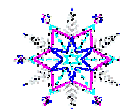
FROM: Murray White, Party Planner

DATE: December 2

RE: Christmas Party

In no way was yesterday's memo intended to exclude our Jewish friends. We recognize that Hanukkah is an important holiday which often coincides with Christmas, though unfortunately not this year. However, from now on we're calling it our "Holiday Party." The same policy applies to members who may be celebrating Kwanzaa at this time.

Happy now?



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FROM: Murray White, Party Planner
DATE: December 3
RE: Holiday Party

Regarding the note I received from a member of Alcoholics Anonymous requesting a non-drinking table ... you didn't sign your name. I'm happy to accommodate this request, but if I put a sign on a table that reads "AA Only" you wouldn't be anonymous anymore. How am I supposed to handle this? Somebody?



FROM: Murray White, Party Planner
DATE: December 7
RE: Holiday Party

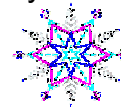
What a diverse group we are! I had no idea that December 2 begins the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, which forbids eating, drinking and sex during daylight hours. There goes the party! Seriously, we can appreciate how a luncheon this time of year does not accommodate our Muslim friends' beliefs. Perhaps Kepley's can hold off on serving your meal until the end of the party- the days are so short this time of year - or else package everything for take-home in little foil pigs. Will that work?

Meanwhile, I've arranged for members of Overeaters Anonymous to sit farthest from the dessert counter and pregnant women will get the table closest to the restrooms. Did I miss anything?



FROM: Murray White, Party Planner
DATE: December 8
RE: Holiday Party

So December 22 marks the Winter Solstice...what do you expect me to do, a tap-dance on your heads? Fire regulations at Kepley's prohibit the burning of sage by our "earth-based Goddess-worshipping" employees, but we'll try to accommodate your shamanic drumming circle during the band's breaks. Okay???



FROM: Murray White, Party Planner
Date: December 9
RE: Holiday Party

People, people, nothing sinister was intended by having our president dress up like Santa Claus! Even if the anagram of "Santa" does happen to be "Satan," there is no evil connotation to our own "little man in a red suit." It's a tradition, folks, like sugar shock at Halloween or family feuds over the Thanksgiving turkey or broken hearts on Valentine's Day. Could we lighten up?



FROM: Murray White, Party Planner
DATE: December 10
RE: Holiday Party

Vegetarians!?!?!? I've had it with the membership!!! We're going to keep this party at Kepley's whether you like it or not, so you can sit quietly at the booth furthest from the "grill of death," as you so quaintly put it, and you'll get your freaking salad bar, including hydroponic tomatoes. But you know, they have feelings too. Tomatoes scream when you slice them. I've heard them scream. I'm hearing them scream right now!



FROM: Father Guido, Acting Party Planner
DATE: December 14
RE: Murray White and Holiday Party

I'm sure I speak for all of us in wishing Murray White a speedy recovery from his stress-related illness and I'll continue to forward Your cards to him at the sanatorium.

In the meantime, the Board of Directors has decided to cancel our Holiday Party and give everyone heartfelt greeting.

Merry Christmas!!!!!!

We hope that this change does not offend anyone.