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President's Message



This will be my last monthly newsletter and because this medium reaches the most members I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your support these past two years. As I reflect back over my time as Club President I am keenly aware that all of

our accomplishments were achieved through the combined efforts and support of every club member. Each of our committee leaders did a great job in their respective areas. Without their hard work and commitment nothing would have been accomplished. However, without question the area that I am most proud of is the fact that I see our club continuing to strengthen and grow in the future. I know Keith, Don, Kathy and Paul have a great plan for the coming year and look forward to supporting them as they lead us into the future.

Our final event of the current year is our annual **Christmas Party**. It will be held on Sunday, December 3 at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall of the Shepherd of the Woods Lutheran Church located at 7860 Southside Blvd. All food will be provided by the club but to add a little additional excitement to this year's party we ask that you bring a turned object (something simple please) for a secret gift exchange. Each gift will be distributed via a random selection process. Unfortunately, so far we have a disappointing number of people signed up to attend. If you have not committed to attend I hope you will

reconsider and come to the party. This is our best opportunity to socialize and become closer as a unified group. Please join us.

I want to thank Ed Malesky for his demonstration on turning a Christmas ornaments. He is a great demonstrator and we are very fortunate to have him as a member of our club. Additionally, I want to thank Ed for his support this past year. He was our club President for eight years and I could not have made it through my term as President without his guidance.

As we just completed the Thanksgiving holiday, like many of you I spent a little time reflecting back over the many things I have to be thankful for. During this time of reflection I also spent time thinking about one of our club members who is going through a difficult period. As you may know, Don Penny is currently undergoing both radiation and chemotherapy treatment for cancer. This is a very aggressive treatment and as a result Don is unable to work. You can follow his progress by viewing his posts on Facebook or by viewing his blog at <http://cancerguy.blog>. Because Don is unable to work, friends have setup a "Go Fund Me" site where donations to help Don and Kathy during this difficult time can be made

<https://www.gofundme.com/HelpDonandKat>. I am sharing this with you because I believe it is important to communicate both the good news as well as the bad. I also know how important it is to support friends. I know Don and Kathy would appreciate your support and prayers.

I am excited about the coming year and I look forward to seeing you at the Christmas Party on Dec. 3.

Committee Notes

There are no new committee notes for this publication!

Zoo Lights

It is that time of year again and we have had a great response so far. We need one person for:

Sat, December 16 to work with Paul Rushton

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Fri, January 5 to work with Daniel Callahan

Would also be nice to have an extra person on the following working with some first timers or anytime you would like to come out;

Fri, December 22 working with Loretta Lombard and Daniel Callahan

You can sign up on line at:

<https://doodle.com/poll/2wscd3k8dgnnm3vq>

Instant Gallery







Club Christmas Party

Sunday, December 3 at 5:30pm

-Fellowship Hall of the Shepherd of the Woods Lutheran Church

-7860 Southside Blvd. Jacksonville, Fl 32256

-All food will be provided by the club

-BYOB if desired

-If you want to participate bring a wrapped turned object (something simple please) for a secret gift exchange.

Here are the members who have let me know they are coming

Penny	2
Malesky	2
Minahan	1
Seivert	2
Stanton	2
Hughes	2
Griffith	2
Rushton	1
Hunt	2
Aaron	2
Brienza	1
Eversole	2
O'donnell	2
Larrett	2
Jensen-Forbell	2
Wood	2
Ross	2
Smith	2

If your name is not on the list and you plan to attend, please let me know ASAP at

donaldpenny@att.net or call 904 771-6054

So that we make sure to order enough food!