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Annual Christmas Party

- Date: Friday December 13, 2002
Reservation by December 11, 2002
- Place: Racquet Club of Memphis
5111 Sanderlin Avenue
Memphis, TN 38117
- Time: Social Period 6:30 PM
Dinner 7:00 PM
- Menu: Hors d'ouvres-Chocolate dipped Strawberries and
Strawberries with Orange Cream Sauce.
Mixed Greens, Garlic and Herb crusted New York
with Sauvignon Sauce, Medley of Market Vegetables,
Steamed Red Bliss Potatoes, Pecan Pie or Key Lime
Pie, Coffee and Tea
- Tariff: \$30.00 for Members and Guests
\$25.00 for Students and Educators
\$35.00 for non-members

There will be a special appearance by Santa Claus and musical entertainment. There will also be a very special door prize this evening provided by **Northwest Airlines**. Two passes for a trip anywhere in the lower 48. Entry is by donation of a new toy for the Union Mission or a cash donation. There will also be an ornament exchange. If you wish to participate bring an ornament. Use your Club's Information and Reservation Number, 901-794-6004 or the Club's web site trafficclubofmemphis.com to make your reservation.

This Month's Quote: God bless us everyone. (Tiny Tim) Charles Dickens.

President's Message

Let me first say what an honor it is to once again be elected to this prestigious position, and then to have such a fine slate of members elected to serve as your board for this year. Please note the board assignments for this term on the last page of this news-letter and please let me encourage each TCofM member to **consider volunteering** and assisting any board member/position that you may feel you would fit in with. This could give you some incite as to whether or not to consider running for a board position yourself in the future by understanding the goings-on of that particular position. I'm sure **each board member would welcome ANY support you could offer them in their duties**. I also want to thank Dale Kerr once again for the outstanding job he did these last two years as our President. Dale listed some of the highlights of his tenure in last months newsletter. Please click on the November newsletter option to review the list. **Thanks again Dale!!**

Also let me encourage any member that has not renewed their dues to please do so as soon as possible. **The club needs your continued support of both yearly dues and monthly meeting attendance** so we can keep the momentum growing with your club. This year promises to be another exciting year with the speakers we already have lined up through February (**a lunch meeting**) and the others that are being contacted and secured currently, along with the two golf tournaments held annually. Your help is needed in signing up!!

There still is an opening available for the Editor position. If you are interested, please contact myself or Ted Barham to answer any questions you may have regarding this appointed position which also includes voting status at the board meetings.

Last, let me **invite and encourage each member to attend and bring a spouse, guest, etc., and support our December Christmas Party**. We will once again be entertained before our meal by an acoustical guitarist and after dining, Santa will be on hand to present the various door prizes to those who donate a gift when arriving! This year we have selected the **Memphis Union Mission** as the benefactor of our toy drive. Each attendee is requested to bring a toy or cash/check that will help bring joy and hope during this Christmas season to a girl or boy that otherwise might not have been able rejoice in it. By donating a toy or cash/check, you will be eligible to possibly receive one of numerous door prizes, with the **GRAND PRIZE BEING TWO ROUND-TRIP AIRFARES via NORTHWEST AIRLINES** anywhere in the continental U.S. Remember, **in order to be eligible, you MUST donate a gift** for the Memphis Union Mission upon arrival at check-in. We will also continue the tradition of having an **ornament exchange**, so if you want to participate in this exchange, you must bring an ornament to receive an ornament. Please plan on attending and make your reservations early **as space is limited**. Looking forward to seeing each of you there. **Merry Christmas!**

November Meeting

Thanks to **Shirley Kyles** and **Mel Howell** of **International Paper.**

Shirley spoke about the multitude of public service organizations that I.P is involved with and Mel discussed helpful management techniques that are useful in all areas of business. Their presentations were both interesting and informative. The 32 members that were present, got a great deal from their presentation.



Families for This Year's Gift Contributions

Family 1

Boy 3yrs old(size 3t-4t)

Girl 16 months(size 2t)

Wish list: Play bbq grill or stove, play food, soft doll with bottle, wrestling action figures, small ride on for girl

Family 2

Boy 3yrs old(coat size 7/8, shoe 9, pants 4t, shirt 4t)

Boy 1yrs old(coat size 2, shoe 6, pants 1t, shirt size 1t)

Wish list: Learning activity toys, riding toys, cars and trucks, building blocks, children's Bibles.

Family 3

Boy 3yrs old(size 4t, shoe 8 or 8.5, sock size 8.5 wide)

Boy 2months old(size 3-6 months, diaper size 1, needs snow suit size 3-6months)

Wish list: Golf set, Candyland board game, doctor set, videos, Fisher Price One Step Toys, Disney characters:(Tarzan, Mulah, Dumbo, Hunchback) toy guiter, remote control car

Family 4

Girl 6yrs old(pant 8, skirt 8,dress 8, shirt 8, shoe 2)

Wish list: barbie bike, barbie dolls, van or car for dolls, baby doll, Veggie Tales video.

Also there are additional children with various ages and sizes we can donate to.

News of Scholarship Winners

Nic Reynolds, scholarship winner in 2000, is graduating this December from the University of Tennessee. Nic's major was Logistics with a 3.4 GPA and 7 semesters on the dean's list. Nic has experience with FedEx and is looking to advance his career in materials management and distribution. If you would like to contact Nic, his e-mail is nreynol1@utk.edu or phone is 865-386-6974.

Nicole Britt, scholarship winner in 1997, received her associates degree from State Tech in 2000, she is currently a senior majoring in journalism at the University of Memphis. Nicole had the honor of being chosen for a summer internship with the National Geographic Society in Washington, DC this last summer. While completing her internship with NGS she resided on the historic Georgetown University campus. Nicole is also the afternoon DJ at the WUOM Jazz radio station Sunday afternoons.

New Members

Welcome to the following new members:

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Yellow Transportation
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Coming Events

January 2003 Speaker meeting Robert Anno, AutoZone

February Speaker meeting Bill Logue, FedEx Express

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