

January 2007

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

We joined Eden Group on December 14 for our Christmas Social, and enjoyed the beautiful voice of Liz Mobley and delicious hors d'oeuvre served by the Holiday Inn. If you missed this special event, you missed a wonderful evening of great food and beautiful music. Attendees included Donald Harris, Stan Storey, Gerri and Ed Jones, Richard and Gayle Berry, Gene Maszy and daughter, Robert Peebles and his daughter Gill and her husband Ryan, Harry and Laura Wagner, Paul Forte, Rev. Ray and Kay Turner, Faye Rustin, George and Elizabeth Corey, Janet and John Johnson, Warren and Mary Alvarez, and Jim and Winona Fair. The entertainment by Liz Mobley really added to the festivities and got the holidays off to a great start. We hope next year you will plan to join us.



MEMBER NEWS

We have learned that Sandra Chestnut and Joyce Peebles have been under the weather. Please keep Sandra and Joyce in your daily thoughts and prayers.

COMMUNITY NEWS

SHADCO, (Sheriff's Advisory Council) Zone 6 held an annual Christmas event for needy children. They brought smiles to the faces of 30 children this year and thank the community businesses for their support. Very generous contributions were received from Bacardi Bottling Co., Dick Gore's R.V. World, Inc., Keefe Group, Big Chief's Tire Co., Inc., Northside Business Leaders, Jackson Hewitt, Arlington Medical Plaza, Walmart, Iron Workers Local #597 and the Zone 6 officers. These contributions made it possible to make Christmas a special day for these children who would have otherwise awaken Christmas morning with nothing from Santa.

If you have any exciting news or events to share with the Members, please forward this information to me by FAX 714-4596 or E-Mail nmb7144596@bellsouth.net.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Before we close the 2006 holidays, I wanted to share this poem with you. May your New Year 2007 be the best ever for you and your family, and bring you good health and prosperity.

A DIFFERENT CHRISTMAS POEM

The embers flowed softly, and in their dim light,
I gazed around the room and I cherished the sight.

My wife was asleep, her head on my chest
My daughter beside me, angelic in rest.

Outside the snow fell, a blanket of white,
Transforming the yard to a winter delight.

The sparkling lights in the tree I believe,
Completed the magic that was Christmas Eve.
My eyelids were heavy, my breathing was deep,
Secure and surrounded by love I would sleep.
In perfect contentment, or so it would seem,
So I slumbered, perhaps I started to dream.

The sound wasn't loud, and it wasn't too near,
But I opened my eyes when it tickled my ear.
Perhaps just a cough, I didn't quite know, Then the
Sure sound of footsteps outside in the snow.

My soul gave a tremble, I struggled to hear,
And I crept to the door just to see who was near.
Standing out in the cold and the dark of the night,
A lone figure stood, his face weary and tight.

A soldier, I puzzled, some twenty years old,
Perhaps a Marine, huddled here in the cold.
Alone in the dark, he looked up and smiled,
Standing watch over me, and my wife and my child.
"What are you doing?" I asked without fear,
"Come in this moment, it's freezing out here!"
Put down your pack, brush the snow from your sleeve,
You should be at home on a cold Christmas Eve.
For barely a moment I saw his eyes shift.
Away from the cold and the snow blown in drifts.
To the window that danced with a warm fire's light
Then he sighed and he said "Its really all right,
I'm out here by choice. I'm here every night."

"It's my duty to stand at the front of the line,
That separates you from the darkest of times.
No one had to ask or beg or implore me,
I'm proud to stand here like my fathers before me.
My Gramps died at "Pearl on a day in December,"
Then, he signed, "That's a Christmas "Gram always remem-
bers."

My dad stood his watch in the jungles of 'Nam'
An now its my turn and so, here I am.
I've not seen my own son in more than a while,
But my wife sends me pictures, he's sure got her smile.

Then he bent and he carefully pulled from his bag,
The red, white, and blue. . . an American flag.
I can live through the cold and the being alone,
Away from my family, my house and my home.
I can stand at my post through the rain and the sleet,
I can sleep in a foxhole with little to eat.
I can carry the weight of killing another,
Or lay down my life with my sister and brother . . .
Who stand at the front against any and all,
To ensure for all time that this flag will not fall."

"So go back inside," he said, "harbor no fright,
Your family is waiting and I'll be all right."
"But there is something I can do, at the least,
"Give you money," I asked, "or prepare you a feast?
It seems all too little for all that you've done,
For being away from your wife and your son,"
Then his eye welled a tear that held no regret,
"Just tell us you love us, and never forget.
To fight for our rights back at home while we're gone,
To stand your own watch, no matter how long.
For when we come home, either standing or dead,
To know you remember we fought and we bled.
Is payment enough, and with that we will trust,
That we mattered to you as you mattered to us."

YEAR END TAX TIPS

The end of the year is a good time to look over your finances and see if you can take action to realize tax savings. The basic strategy for year-end planning is to time your income so that it will be taxed at a lower rate and time your deductible expenses so that they may be claimed in years when you are in a higher tax bracket.

Here are some useful tips.

1. If you have realized capital gains this year, consider selling other investments that may generate a capital loss to offset the gain.
2. Consider selling only assets held for more than 12 months to lower capital gains tax.
3. Consider structuring the sale of investment property as an installment sale in order to defer gains to later years.
4. Set up IRAs, spousal IRAs and IRAs for children with earned income. Make maximum deductible contributions.

Year 2006 - 2007

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MEETINGS

Are held the 2nd and
4th Tuesdays at
11:45 a.m. in the
Samburu Room at
The Jacksonville
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JANUARY 2007						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	1 HAPPY NEW YEAR	2	3 NSBL Bd. Mtg. 11:45 a.m. Jax Zoo	4	5 Rotary Zoo 12:30 p.m.	6
7	8	9 NSBL Luncheon Mtg. 11:45 a.m. - Zoo City Council 6:00 p.m.	10	11	12 Rotary Zoo 12:30 p.m.	13
14	15	16	17 Eden Brd Mtg HI 8:00 a.m. No. CPAC 4:00 p.m. FCCJ	18	19 Rotary Zoo 12:30 p.m.	20
21	22	23 NSBL Luncheon Mtg. 11:45 a.m. - Zoo City Council 6:00 p.m.	24	25	26 Rotary Zoo 12:30 p.m.	27
28	29 NS Civic Assoc. Mtg HMS - 7:30 pm	30	31			