

## DECEMBER 10, 2008 Adairsville Inn Restaurant

Hosts: Bargainniers, Gillelands, Salmons

Members/Friends Attending: Abbotts, Armstrong & Guest, Marion Smith, Barretts, Birts, Bargainniers, Bielemiers, Blanchfields, Borings, Broadys, Callases, Carpenters, Conners, Earleys, Etheredges, Franklins, Gillelands, Hardisons, Hills, Horchers, Huffmans, Hughes, Longs, Martins, O'Donovans, Prices, Salmons, Silvers, Simpsons, Whites, T & E Swanson, W & S Swanson, Wilsons

Camping: Barretts, Hardisons, Connors, Blanchfields, Horschers, Bielemiers, and Armstrong had an unofficial mini-rally at Harvest Moon RV Park, about a mile from the restaurant. All had planned to stay just two nights but the stormy weather gave some a reason to extend that one more night. You know---camp when you get a chance! After a trip to a large outlet mall, then discovering the T-Bones Steakhouse is now closed, we decided to visit the restaurant designated for tomorrow's luncheon. The food was very good, the service excellent, and the chef and staff extremely friendly. Later, we tried out the campground's clubhouse for a game of Hand and Foot. FYI – this campground is where the April, 2009 rally will be.

Wednesday, December 10: We had 69 people registered for lunch and 64 braved rain and wind to join in the fun and festivities at Adairsville Inn Restaurant. The restaurant's buffet was great and, again, the service and staff were top-notch. It was great to see that we had 8 Charter Members present: Hills, Callases, Bargainniers, Wilsons. Glad you could all attend.

John Long welcomed everyone and updated us on his health. John, we're glad to hear you feel remarkably better since your last surgery. He then held the drawing for lots of door prizes. The hosts presided over the exchanging of the gifts each person had brought that was marked "male" or "female". The hosts had also made Christmas cookies so we could have a goody bag. Everyone appeared to be having a great time.

Willard Swanson surprised our out-going President, Ted Barrett, with a big thank-you gift from the members for all the excellent work he has done in increasing our membership. Ted was completely surprised and excited to receive a Georgia Mountaineers Apron (he needed to look the part when he cooks for us) plus a gift certificate to his favorite Mexican restaurant and one for Sticky Fingers. Ted, we thank you and hope you and Martha enjoy those certificates.

We were sorry to see that Sue Swanson came with a walker. She was in a car accident on Tuesday and the top of her foot was fractured. Take care, Sue, and we hope you are well soon.

Speaking of accidents, Charles Bargainnier was also in a car accident but, fortunately, he was not injured.

A huge thanks to our hosts for finding this great place and for all the planning and baking those Christmas cookies.

## MAY YOU ALL HAVE A BLESSED AND MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HEALTHY AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

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