

THE MOUNTAINEER



Newsletter of the Georgia Mountaineers Chapter of FMCA

Christmas Luncheon

December 4, 2014

Hibachi Grill

Gainesville, GA

Hosts:

Ken and Margie Alexander

Ed and Young Williams



The members attending were:

Ken & Margie Alexander, Van & Miriam Armstrong, Dan & Jean Baer, Ted & Martha Barrett, Bob & Eva Bielemeier, Ray & Donna Birt, Pat Bryant, Paul & Marsha Burlack, Linda Callas and guest, Harry Sasser, Dorris & Ethel Carpenter, Jerry & Dot Carpenter, Ken & Barbara Cook, Len & Pat Corley, Don & Peggy Crump, David & Brenda Dillon, Don & Pat Donnelly, Ed & Patricia Durrence, Jerry & Laura Eaves, Doug & Terry Gibbs, Irma Greulich, Don & Marquita Haines, Dennis & Joyce Horcher, Fred & Shirley Lee, Marie Lester, Ron & Doris Lewis, John & Sandra Long, Jim & Karen Mathis, Jerry & Irene McKellar, Jean Morris, Mike & Kathie Newton, Dave & Donna Porter, Truett & Elaine Swanson, Willard & Sue Swanson, Randy & Yvonne Tyson, Jack & Chris White, Ed & Young Williams, Herbie & Elinor Wilson (Friends of the Chapter), and Greg & Rose Zaic.

2nd Time Visitors: Hubert and Marsha Brown, who have now joined our group.



The luncheon was an amazing gathering of our members! Seventy-four of us met, to celebrate the closing of our year of camping, along with the coming Christmas season. We had decided that our Christmas donation this year would be given to the Salvation Army, in the name of our dear, departed friend, B. G. Greulich. Lt. Arnaldo Pena and Lt. Niurka Pena (two representatives of the Salvation Army) arrived just as our Luncheon was ready to begin. They thanked us for our donation, and explained that the money would be used for toys and necessities for needy children, this

Christmas. Ed announced that the total of our gift was \$1,095. We were so pleased that Irma Greulich was in attendance, as we honored our friend, B.G.

After the pledge to the flag, Dorris Carpenter gave the blessing for our meal, and we were invited to the buffet, which offered a wonderful array of meats, vegetables, salads, and desserts. The food was plentiful, and the conversation was a constant chorus accompanying our meal. There was much laughter, the sharing of hugs, tales of the Tyson's trip out west, Marie's assurance that she is faring well, since removal of her stitches, along with the sharing of plans for the Christmas and New Year's holidays.



Because two of our new officers for 2015 were not present for the installation of officers in Carrabelle, Ted took this opportunity for the installation of Jerry Eaves (National Director) and Don Crump (Treasurer.) He also announced the appointment of Bob Bielemeier, as Sherriff (soon beginning his ninth year in that position) and Kathie Newton, as our Sunshine Reporter. The officers are ready to begin the New Year; however we still need hosts for a few of our outings. Please check the 2015 SCHEDULE to see if you might like to attend, or perhaps co-host a rally.



[http://www.georgiamountaineers.org/Index/RallyInfo/2015 Rally Schedule.pdf](http://www.georgiamountaineers.org/Index/RallyInfo/2015_Rally_Schedule.pdf)

Pat Donnelly shared copies of her poetry -“Joy, Peace, and All Good Things” and “Memories and Joys of Christmas” - with our members. As the finale to our luncheon, we joined in song to wish Marquita a Happy Birthday, and shared her delicious cake. We offer our appreciation and thanks to our gracious hosts (Ken & Margie and Ed & Young) for arranging such a joyous event for the *Georgia Mountaineers*.



Reminder: During the luncheon, our treasurer, Don Crump, was busy, collecting dues for the coming year. If you have not already paid, please remember to send Don your dues for 2015.

Thinking warmly of each of you and wishing your family an extra measure of comfort, joy, and hope this Christmas. See you next year!



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