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## GALA HOLIDAY PARTY DECEMBER 3, 2021

The last time our Chapter got together at a party was on December 5, 2019. It was right around that time that the Covid Pandemic broke, dooming group get togethers until late this year when enough have been vaccinated, including the booster, to allow for group activity to resume. So it was obvious that our Chapter members were not only ready but itching to resume social activities. The huge response to our Holiday Party reservation invitation made it clear that the members were looking forward to a great time! The initial response was enough to trigger an unprecedented second invitation to insure that all who were interested had an opportunity to get a reservation in. And they were returned in large numbers. When all was said or done, the final tally was 157 members and guests.

The party venue, The Chadwick in Wexford, had to do a reconfiguration to accommodate the large numbers of diners. Nevertheless, the huge Christmas Tree and other decorations, coupled with table centerpieces and gala table lines, clearly set the tone for the crowd that would later attend. Placement of favors for each diner were a big hit. Many thanks to Retiree Director Nancy Olumeker for providing the favors. A first at the party was a table dedicated to Chapter awards and photos. Included was a nice framed certificate from the Legislative/Political Department that chronicled a \$350.00 reward for the Chapter for our/your participation in the COPA fund raising drive. Thank you Director Judy Beard for this recognition.

On a separate table two sheet cakes with appropriate icing decorations were located. The inscriptions on the cakes were: WELCOME BACK RETIREES AND GUESTS; and GALA RETIREE CHAPTER HOLIDAY PARTY 2021. The Chapter always creates and provides the cakes as desert for the meal.

Registration was aptly handled by Trustees Betty Koch and Vaughn Fry, with member/Volunteer Staff Charlotte Richards handling the 50/50 drawing ticket sales. Volunteer Staff Barbara Capo was in charge of distributing party favors and obtaining signatures on the shut-in Christmas Cards. Recording Secretary Robbie Lynn distributed hats, masks, and other items. Vice President/Treasurer Joe Radovich rounded out the process.

The hors d'oeuvres station opened promptly at 11:00. Honey garlic glazed meatballs and baby vegetable egg rolls were hot choices served from multiple serving points for the hour that the station was open, before the sit down luncheon.

A prayer blessing was offered by member Dan McPoyle before the mixed green salad led off the meal. Three entrees were available. They were selected during the mail-in reservation process: Bistro Steak Medallions with Roasted Garlic Demi; Grilled Chicken Breast with Tomato Bruschetta Balsamic Drizzle; and Seared Salmon with Grilled Lemon Dill Cream. According to diner's comments heard throughout the room, the entrees were well received and enjoyed.



## RECOGNITION WAS GIVEN

After the meal was completed, we recognized and honored various groups that were in attendance. The Postal Service is the largest employer of military veterans. When we called for those present to stand or otherwise identify themselves, a large number accepted the ovation that followed. On a personal note, we have observed that no one enters military service to die, yet the luck of the draw could result in that outcome. We honor that facing that possibility with courage is what defines service. Next, those that joined the Great Postal Strike of 1970 were asked to rise. While those numbers diminish each year, there was a significant number in attendance. As they were honored by applause, we distributed 50 year strike anniversary pins to them.

The **Chapter** Executive Board was recognized: Vice President/Treasurer Joe Radovich; Recording Secretary Robbie Lynn; and Trustees Betty Koch, Vaughn Fry, and Rege Davis. Volunteer Staff/member Charlotte Richards and Barbara Capo were recognized. Officers of the **Pittsburgh Metro Local** who joined the **Retiree Chapter** upon retirement who were in attendance were also recognized: Joe Anthony, Ex. Vice President/Business Agent who was present at creation of the **Chapter** and served many years; Charlotte Richards, Recording Secretary; Ed Devey, Maintenance Craft Director; Drew Sidick, Ex. Vice President/Business Agent; and Trustees Greg Katchmark and Scott Thompson.

## PRIZES~~PRIZES~~PRIZES

A short Membership Meeting was held. Recording Secretary Robbie Lynn read the minutes of the previous meeting. They were unanimously adopted. Vice President/Treasurer Joe Radovich gave the Financial Report. It was also adopted unanimously. Then on to prize drawings! We encourage members show the **Chapter** Membership card at registration. \$50.00 gift cards were won by those members Tom Britting and Jacqueline Hucks, \$25 gift cards were won by Karen Lindsay, Gene Dziurzynski Sr., Tom Tengowski, and Del Philips. Sarris Candy samplers were won by Guests: Deb Nowakowski; Patty Liebro; Sharyn Kuebbing; Jacquie Sidick; Jane Bakos; Mike Filkosky; Michael Tulley; Robert Palmer; Teresa Sismour; Verlyn DiCaprio; Kirk Kunsak; Carol Figas; Josephine Saya; Eva Vukson; and Monica Devey. Members: Karen Kessler; David Nowakowski; Janet Shepherd; Gary Vereb; Constance Filipcic; Terry McConnell; Vaughn Fry; Thomas Kaczynski; Maureen Miller; Duane Schulte; Janet Wojciechowicz; Richard Ritter; Fred Dengler; and Frank Merlina Jr.

## THE MAJOR AWARD

At each Holiday Party we present "THE MAJOR AWARD" from the movie A Christmas Story, the iconic Leg Lamp, to a member. The winner this year was Kennneth Pollack. CONGRATULATIONS BROTHER POLLACK!

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The 50/50 was won by member Joe Sikora. \$866.00 was collected. Brother Sikora's share was \$433.00. Brother Sikora donated \$100.00 back to the Chapter. Thank you, Brother!

**SHUT-IN LIST** ~ Robert Gesk, Norbert Conway, and Veronica Bujdos are on the shut-in list. Please keep a good thought for our shut-ins. There but for the grace of God..... (To be included on the shut-in list, call the Chapter at 724 947 9374.)

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