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Christmas Party, Dec. 16, 2009



Chapter 169 Awards Recognition 2009 were given to (seated from left): Ed Pilarski, Carol Becker, and Don Lynch, and standing also left to right; Paul Russell, Don Van Beck, and Ted Jansen.

Our goal for the 2009 Christmas Party was to fully integrate Chapters 188 and 169 into one for this special occasion. I felt that for the most part we achieved that. We'll of course try to improve more next year.

Seventy-seven members, wives, significant others, and guests came together at the Mission Inn in Howey-in-the-hills on Wednesday, December 16.

This was divided into 34 for 169, 40 for 188 and three guests.

Sandra Malhle, Director of Voluntary Services, Orlando VA Medical Center, and Stacie McCarter, Program Support Assistant, presented a well-received program; both are from the Orlando VA Medical Center, 5201 Raymond Street, Orlando, FL 32803. They told of the need for and the opportunity to volunteer in the VA program and answered several member questions.

We were seated in a private room at the north end of the complex and the luncheon setup was outside this room, which was convenient and without competition from the Inn's other groups and patrons. Some were concerned that the food might be cold but I did not find that the case for mine though.



Sandra Malhle (red dress) presenting gifts to Maxine Parker and Tom Thiel. Stacie McCarter left looks on.



Ed Pilarski and Sam Cohen handled the 50:50 drawing, which was divided equally between chapters. I'm sorry I

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didn't get the name of the winner who was from 188 or the amounts.

And Ted Jansen handled the drawing for the Laptop Computer, which was won by Hank Borger, 149 Paradise N, Leesburg. He is a neighbor of Jack Strasser, who took the donation on the ticket that Hank contributed for. Of course Jack received \$50.00 because his name was on



Ted counting \$50 to Strasser.

the rear of the ticket.

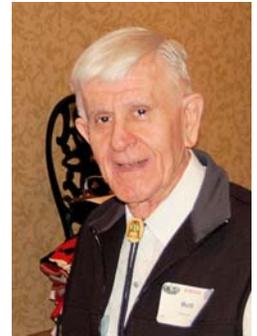
Ted reports that the drawing netted the Chapter \$664 with another \$39 anticipated from a sales tax refund. Congratulations Ted, and thank you!

We also thank Paul Russell and the Chapter Color Guard for posting the colors very nicely at the front of the room, as well as Harold Sievers who delivered the salute and the prayer.

And what about those Christmas stockings so nicely filled with gift items. Rumor has it that these were hand sewn and filled by Alice Pinette and Carol Becker. Thank you both for your generosity and kind gesture!

Bob McGinty also did better than ever in serving as Master of Ceremonies. His idea for sched-

uling tables for the buffet bar was unique and neat. He also made all arrangements with the Mission Inn.



Once again we want to thank the work of the Christmas Committee, Bob McGinty and Carol Becker co-chairs, and aided by Dick Pfahler and Paul Russell.

I'd rate the Party at least a B+ overall; and A on all the above but brought down by yours truly not properly communicating with Commander Parker on the Awards part of the program. Sorry about that Maxine.

Let's do it again in 2010!



Tom Thiel of 169 & Maxine Parker of 188



Harold Sievers of 169 chatting with Don Struhar of 188.

Some more Christmas Dinner Photos



