



President's Corner

Season's greetings and hope that your holiday planning is on schedule! By this time each year I've usually got all my various outside decorations up and lit but this year we've decided to forgo all of that and just have a subtle, low key Christmas with a few inside decorations. It's incredible how different things seem this year with the failing economy and all. While in town to get a few presents the other day I was amazed at how few other shoppers were out and about. Another area that our family has cut back on is dining out, while more for dietary reasons than cost, we have been eating more meals at home which is, for us, quite a change from past habits.

One event that we're hoping you won't forgo this year is our yearly chapter Christmas Party which will be held on Saturday, January 10th. Plans are nearing completion for a fine meal at a really reasonable price! We have looked at several possible locations and come to a decision that the American Legion hall in Little Lake is still our best deal. The dinner will be a real "home cooked" extravaganza of culinary delight which will include:

Baked Ham	Roast Turkey	Mashed Potatoes & Gravy	Stuffing
Rutabaga	Buns w/ Butter	Cranberry Sauce	Cabbage Salad
Jello Salad	Lettuce Salad	Green Bean Casserole	Mixed Vegetables
Chapter 850 Cake	Coffee & more		

All this for only \$13.00 per person!

Social hour will begin at 6pm with dinner at 7pm.

Lynn Sykes will be including an RSVP mailer with this newsletter which MUST BE RETURNED ALONG WITH YOUR PAYMENT to Fred Joyal by January 1st in order to give the cooks an accurate count of plates. We will not be accepting payment at the event!

We are also looking for items that you would be willing to donate to a silent auction which we will be having at the party. These items need not be aviation related or expensive, just something that people might bid on. We have already received a few items from some of our members but we could surely use more. Contact myself or Lynn Sykes for donations.

Again this year we will have an optional gift exchange at the party. If you wish to participate, please bring a wrapped gift to exchange with a value of approximately \$10 appropriate to your gender. This is strictly voluntary and if you don't wish to participate you need not.

Our monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, December 20th at 10:00am in the GA terminal. We have a new aircraft build project starting in our chapter and I'm hoping that the excited builder will share his thoughts with us as to how the project will commence.

Happy Holidays to you all!

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