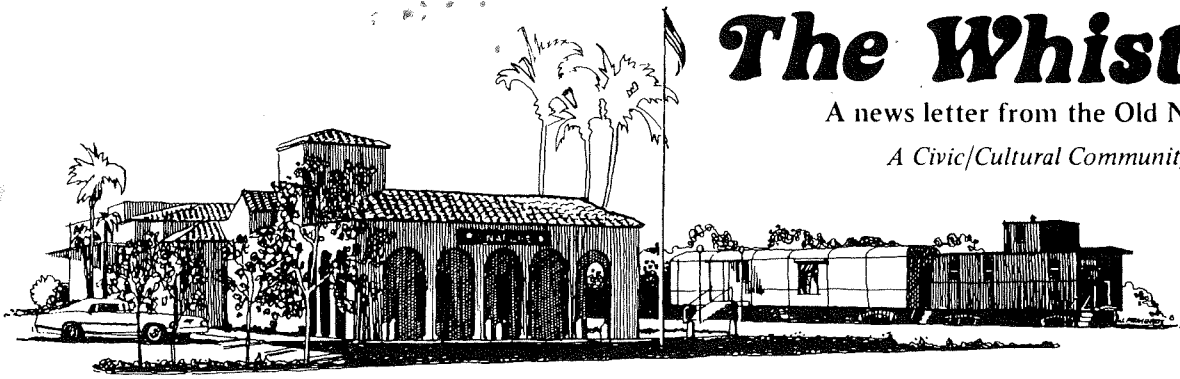


The Whistlestop

A news letter from the Old Naples Depot

A Civic/Cultural Community Center



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

For many of us coming from "the cold country" it seems hard to believe that the Christmas season is at hand! We at the Depot are planning to make the Season more meaningful to all of us with two events:

The first - The Giving Trees, designed to collect money and food for local charities, will begin operations on December 1st, at the Depot.

The second event is the annual Christmas Eve at the Depot which will feature entertainment by community musicians. This is always a well-attended affair and I am sure this year will be no exception. You are most welcome to come and bring your friends.

Both of these events are written up in more detail in this issue of the WHISTLESTOP.

In the meantime, I join with the other directors of Southwest Heritage in wishing you A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

George R. Wallace III, President



Shirley Johnson and insets (left, Madeleine Fisher; center, Olin Fisher; right, Helen Chapman) of some who have contributed their talents every year.

CHRISTMAS EVE AT THE DEPOT

At the magical 5 P.M. hour of sunset time on December 24th, the community is invited to a holiday musical at the Old Depot.

This traditional event has lent pleasure to many (400 last year). With echoes of carols in their ears, visitors leave the doors of the Depot and the air is filled with "Merry Christmas" wishes, and smiles galore.

This year's event was composed and directed by Shirley Johnson of Naples, well known soprano and actress. She has garnered talents of the best, and has made stagings of professional expertise. The participants share their talents without charges.

The Toyland scene and the sacred Nativity scene ending the production will long be remembered. There is no admission fee but those attending last year gladly left donations for charity via the GIVING TREE.

THE GIVING TREES

A Christmas Tree at the south end of the Caboose, and one on the desk in the Depot foyer, have special meanings. These are SWH's Giving trees.

The one outside is like no other holiday tree in the land! True, it is decorated with lights, tinsel and ornaments, but the main decorations are empty tin cans! Here, the public may, as many, many did last year, contribute quantities of canned foods. Each evening the donations are gathered up and stored for charity-giving.

The inside tree is decorated with lights and all denominations of play money, indicating placing real bills in the strong box would be most appreciated.

Paul Hartley of Naples Welfare Association will receive all donations. This project was begun last year and meant so much to all. The End of the Line Volunteers erect the trees and are pleased that such a project is developing into a tradition.

Those responsible for the trees suggest asking the grocery store managers where they buy, for their supply of surplus canned goods. This brought great quantities last year.

Sooooooo, this season, remember the less fortunate by visiting THE GIVING TREES.



From left to right, Helen Voter, Ruth Blodale

GARDEN CLUB NOTES

The Membership Meeting of the Naples Garden Club will be held on Monday, December 5th at 2 P.M. The program is titled "Holidays through the Ages". A member program of flower arrangers inspired by Margaret Dodson will be presented. It is a seasonal salute to Christmases Past and Present.

The flower arrangement workshop, "A Festive Table" is scheduled for Monday, December 12th, from 12:30 to 3:30 P.M., and on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 14th and 15th, an overnight bus trip is planned to Winter Haven to visit Cypress Gardens.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS MUSIC PROGRAM

The Big Cypress Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will hold their December meeting in the Norris Room on Thursday, December 15th at 1:30 P.M. for members only.

A special program of Christmas music will be presented by a chorus from Lely High School, under the direction of Miss Kathy Jones, Director of the Music Department at Lely.

THE MYSTERY LADY AND THE DEPOT CATS

Have you noticed? Around the Old Depot there lives a family of Felines - all pretty! They come in colors of black, black and white, and spotted. Seems a mother cat liked the area a year ago and made her headquarters under the bushes on the east side. Came summertime and there were kittens - now half grown and so playful.

Each day the mystery lady walks from midtown to the fish house, gathers up the heads, fins and skins saved for her. She walks back to the Depot and leaves her treasures under the steps at the north end of the End of the Line baggage car. The food disappears in record time. No wonder all the kittys look so sleek and healthy. All because of that humanitarian. We bet the rodents in the high grasses have taken leave of our premises quite sometime ago!

"END OF THE LINE SHOP"

Five years ago the Depot baggage car was given to SWH by Southern Pacific R.R. It was converted into a unique re-sale store, depending on donations and consignments for quality goods to sell.

A staff of 10 work at the facility — keeping the shop open 6 days a week, 10 to 4. All proceeds go for maintenance costs in Depot operations.

On Tuesdays two gracious ladies meet the public. Helen Voter was born and grew up in New York City, and lived in New Jersey before coming to Naples in 1979. She attended Farleigh Dickinson University and New York University graduate school. She was vice-president of Templeton, Dobbow and Vance Investment Counselors, and currently is on the board of Directors of Train, Smith Counsel in New York City.

Ruth Blodale was born and raised in Michigan, and graduated from Michigan State University with a B.A. in history and political science. She taught school for 15 years and she and her husband have been coming to Naples for 5 winters. Like Helen she has been volunteering for 4 years, and like Helen summertimes find both in their northern homes.

PAL DANCE AT THE DEPOT

The Police Athletic League is sponsoring a festive Country Western Dance at the Depot on Friday, December 2nd. The Sam Bass Band will furnish the music, starting at 9 P.M. and lasting until 1 P.M. Tickets may be purchased at the Police Station, or by calling Wayne Exum at 774-0632. They will also be available at the door. The cost: \$6 per person or \$10 per couple. There will be a cash bar and heavy hors d'oeuvres. Everybody welcome!

A LECTURE ON VICTORIAN JEWELRY

On Tuesday, December 6th, at 10 A.m., Gulf Coast Coin Brokers and The Art Jewelry will present the third in their series of lectures on art and jewelry. The subject of the current lecture is Victorian Jewelry, and the lecturer will be Miranda Perelman. Mrs. Perelman received her doctorate in art history from the University of Pavia, Italy, and is well known in Naples art circles. This is an opportunity to learn the meaning behind and the collection value of your treasured Victorian heirlooms. The public is welcome.

GENERAL BRICKEL TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Lt. General James R. Brickel, Deputy Commander in chief of the U.S. Readiness Command and Vice Director of the Joint Deployment Agency, will be the principal speaker at the December meeting of the Naples Council on World Affairs. The meeting will be held at 7:30 on Monday, December 5th.

General Brickel's subject is "Global Strategy", and he will discuss, so far as security permits, the deployment of U.S. Forces around the world and strategies in the Mid East, and the reasons for training troops in Honduras.

Admission to members is \$3.00, and non-members, \$6.00.

A RETURN FROM THE DEAD

Fred and Shirley Lawrence of Syracuse, New York will be the principal speakers at the December meeting of the Full Gospel Businessmen's Fellowship. Mr. Lawrence, who was declared medically dead, will share his experience of how it feels to die and return to life. Mrs. Lawrence, who has been active in divine healing, will describe a number of medical problems which have been healed, miraculously, through the power of prayer.

The meeting will be held on Saturday, December 10th, in the Windisch Room and a buffet dinner will be served at 6:15 P.M. The cost is \$6.75 per person (including tax and gratuities). The public (including ladies) is invited.

Reservations may be made by calling Dr. Larry Hammond at 261-4499.

BENTLEY VILLAGE SEMINAR

On Tuesday, December 6th, at 1 P.M., Bentley Village will hold a Seminar at the Depot. Its purpose is to further an understanding of life-care communities, to describe how they work, and since there are several types of life-care communities, to explain the differences which exist.

For reservations to attend, please call Bentley Village at 263-4141.

ORCHID SOCIETY

The monthly meeting of the Orchid Society will take place on Thursday, December 1st at 7:30 P.M. David Ide, owner of Idle Hours Orchids in Fort Lauderdale, will give a program titled "New Thoughts for Orchid Culture." Members will bring their best blooming orchids for the monthly plant competition. The public is welcome.

HOLE AND VIDZES TO SPEAK AT DEPOT

Stanley W. Hole, Vice Chairman of the South Florida Water Management District, and Fred Vidzes, Big Cypress Basin Administrator, will be the principal speakers at the League of Women Voters meeting on Monday, December 12th. Their subject is the status and impact of the Flood Elevation study for Collier County. The Flood Elevation study should be a matter of interest to everyone, and of critical concern to coastal residents.

This luncheon meeting is open to the public — Luncheon (\$5.00) will be served at Noon, preceded by a Social Hour. Those unable to attend the luncheon are welcome to attend the discussion at no charge. This should start at about 12:30.

For luncheon reservation, please call the Hospitality Chairman, Charlotte DeSola — 262-4678 — no later than Friday, December 9th.

GULF COAST SAILING CLUB

Richard Rodriques of Feliz Marine Electronics will be the principal speaker at the monthly meeting of the Gulf Coast Sailing Club, to be held at 7:30 P.M. on Wednesday, December 14th. Mr. Rodriques' subject will be Loran, a system of long-range navigation in which pulsed signals sent out by two pairs of radio stations are used to determine the geographical position of a ship. The public is welcome.

Membership in the Gulf Coast Sailing Club is open, and those desiring further information should call Linda Tamulaites at 262-5879.

IKEBANA INTERNATIONAL

Ikebana International will hold its monthly meeting at the Depot on Wednesday, December 14th, at 9:30 A.M. Mr. Burt Stevens will speak on "Bonsai". For members only.

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MEMBERSHIPS

If you have not renewed your membership for 1984, please do so. Regular membership for one year is still \$15. Family Memberships are \$25, Sponsor Memberships are \$50, Sustaining Memberships are \$100, and Life Memberships \$1,000. To conform to our fiscal year, all memberships run to January 1985 and yearly thence.

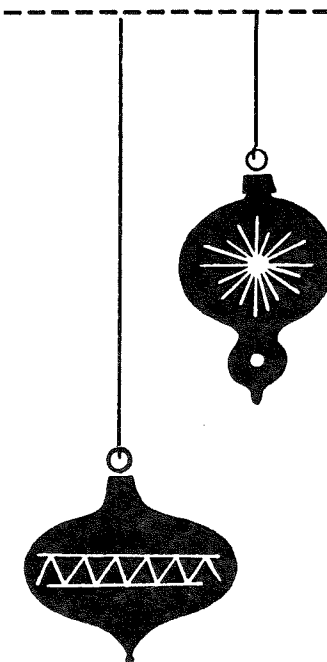
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CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER, 1983

(As of November 22, 1983)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
The Edward Hopper exhibit "The Early Years," will be shown in the newly-remodelled Bradley Gallery, and will be open to the public from December 27th to January 20th. This is the first of three exhibits to be presented by the Friends of Art in 1984. More about this in the January issue.				1 Powell & Yanson - morning Christian Women's Club - morning Naples ORCHID Soc. - evening	2 NAA B/D morning P.A.L. DANCE eve	3
4 Maas Brothers XMAS party	5 GARDEN CLUB afternoon Mary K - eve Council on World Affairs - eve Sherhurst Office Co. - eveing	6 Art & Jewelry Show - morning Bentley Village afternoon Sherhurst Office Co. - evening	7 E.F. Hutton - AM Dean Witter - aftn JAYCEES - eve	8 Powell & Yanson - morning STAMP CLUB evening Rolfing, B. Parker Walter Olsen - eve	9 Copy Products of Naples - eve Party	10 Full Gospel Businessmen's Fellowship - eve Party
11 First National XMAS party Marshall's XMAS party	12 GARDEN CLUB arranging - aft Mary K - eve League of Women Voters aftn	13 Nancy Andrews XMAS event SWHI - B/D - aft	14 IKEBANA - morn Gulf Coast Sailing Club - eve Investmt Properties Lely Palms - aftn FRIENDS OF ART XMAS TEA - aftn	15 D.A.R. - aftn Powell & Yanson AM E.F. Hutton - AM Friends of Art	16 PBA XMAS party evening	17 Gulf Coast Sailing Club evening Rogers Wood Hill etc. morning Party
18 Naples Fine Arts Society - eve	19 GARDEN CLUB Board - morn Fl. Cosmetology evening Mary K - eve	20	21 Embroiderers Guild of Amer. morning JAYCEES - eve AAA Travel - aftn	22 Powell & Yanson - morn	23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE AT THE DEPOT
25	26 ARTCRAFTERS EVE Mary K - eve FRIENDS OF ART Hopper receptn	27	28 Party	29 Powell & Yanson - morn Party	30 Wedding receptions	31

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