

GATEWAY DECORATIVE ARTISTS CHRISTMAS PARTY - DECEMBER 1ST, 2013

This year, the Christmas Party was held at Yacovelli's Restaurant. The theme was "Winter Wonderland". The party began at 12:30 with a "Meet and Greet" and a cash bar set up. The room was beautifully decorated and the Christmas Party Committee had adorable Snowman Placements at each place setting that they painted.

Barb Ogden welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. Vada Galvan said a prayer before our luncheon began. The lunch was buffet style which included a Tossed Salad, Fried Chicken, Roast Beef, Broccoli-Cauliflower Gratin, Green Beans, Rolls and Chocolate Cake for Dessert. Coffee and Tea was also included. The food was delicious.

After lunch, the Ornament Exchange took place. The ornaments had been placed in a large basket and this was passed around. Those who brought an ornament took one from the basket. After the ornaments were unwrapped, everyone showed the ornament they received and told who it was from.

The Installation of Officers took place next. Gloria Falk did the installation. The Officers installed for 2014 were: Lorie Reece - President, Debbie Finklang - Vice President, Barb Ogden - Program Chair, Donna Wessel - Treasurer, Cheryll Wilburn - Membership Secretary, Sandra Reynolds - Newsletter Editor, and Jean Rogenhofer - Recording Secretary.

After the Installation of Officers, the Cookie Exchange was done.

Next, it was time for the Gold Brush Award. Cheryll Wilburn, who was last year's recipient and this year's chair, made an announcement that this year's recipient was not at the Christmas Party so she was unable to present the award.

Barb Ogden thanked her committee for the nice job they did in helping her. She mentioned that several extra Snowman Placemats were painted and chances for "Opportunity of Ownership" were \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. A drawing took place and there were several lucky winners. Barb wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe trip home.

The Christmas Party had come to an end and everyone was giving hugs and Christmas wishes as they were leaving

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Rogenhofer
Recording Secretary