

## GATEWAY DECORATIVE ARTISTS CHRISTMAS PARTY - NOVEMBER 30, 2014

This year, the Christmas Party was held at Andre's Restaurant on Telegraph Road. The party started at 12:30 p.m. Barb welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for coming. An open bar was set up, which was included in the price of our lunch. This year the theme was Gingerbread. At every place setting was a little Gingerbread House and a cute Gingerbread Man place mat that the Christmas Party Committee had painted. The center piece at each table was a larger Gingerbread House.

After the opening prayer, a delicious buffet luncheon was served., The menu included a salad, chicken or veal, potatoes, green beans, a roll, butter and your choice of a drink.

After lunch, Lorie called a short meeting with the board members. We were notified that Vada Galvan had resigned from being elected Membership Secretary. We were told that Lorie had asked Jean Lindsey if she would assume this position and she accepted. This was approved by all board members.

Installation of the 2015 officers took place next. Gloria Falk presented the officers, as follows: Lorie Reece - President, Ellen Rohne - Vice President, Barb Ogden - Program Chairman, Jean Lindsey - Membership Secretary, Debbie Finklang - Recording Secretary, Donna Wessel - Treasurer, and Marilyn Hartnett - Newsletter Editor. In Marilyn's absence, due to a death in the family, Mary Jo Kumer stood in her place.

The cookie exchange took place next. All those that brought cookies, picked out 6 packages that were on display.

A basket containing the ornaments that were brought in for the ornament exchange was passed around. All those that brought an ornament took one from the basket. After the ornaments were unwrapped, each person showed the ornament they received and told who it was from.

Presentation of the Gold Brush Award was next. Cheryll Wilburn, our Gold Brush Chair, read the various accomplishments of this year's recipient. The Gold Brush Award was then presented to Janie Parisi.

The party had then come to an end and everyone said their good byes, Christmas wishes and hugs before leaving. Merry Christmas!

Respectfully submitted,  
Jean Rogenhofer  
Recording Secretary