

TIHAA Christmas Party - December 9, 2018

by Lola McMann



It was that time of year again. Our annual TIHAA Retirees Christmas party fits right in with the joyous time of year.

The end-of-year event was held again at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, an early afternoon semi-formal affair. Early arrivals began to show up by 1:30 pm and partook of the appetizers that were set out to quell the hunger until the buffet meal was served.

48 TIHAA members attended the Christmas party for an evening of dining and visiting with their guests and old friends. Even though the weather was chilly and cloudy, it didn't keep anyone from enjoying the evening.

The lobby and buffet room were gaily decorated with all facets of Christmas decor and the ambience was terrific. The staff was very helpful and attended to all our needs.

Each member and guest was given a numbered raffle ticket for the free door prizes.

As they arrived, Lawson Cook greeted and took photos of members and guests in front of the huge, decorated Christmas tree in the hotel lobby.

Christmas music played in the background as members and guests visited and caught up with their busy lives.

Before the meal, Tom Johnson said grace and blessed the food that we were about to receive.



A brief snafu ensued when we found out that there was no open bar in the lobby for those that desired a glass of wine, but all went well after we made a deal to purchase 4 bottles of red wine for the group.

Shortly after everyone had eaten, ex-president Gary Lockett announced that the door prizes would be given out in two stages. The 8 gift cards would be given out first, thus giving everyone an opportunity to win one. Shortly after they were all handed out, Gary called out the successive winners of the 12 poinsettias. Della DuHart was kept on her toes handing out the 20 door prizes en total.

Members and guests enjoyed a buffet meal of juicy baked chicken and/or sliced beef with all the side dishes that accompanied it. Seconds were readily available. Many compliments were made about the meal.

The prize winners were as follows:

Walmart and Visa gift cards: Robert Butler, Tom Sutter, Estella Garcia, Mary Gomez, Ralph Garcia, Jeanette Johnson, Daryl Moss and Shelly Bass.

Poinsettias: Gladys Price, Guerette Roep, Gary Lockett, Mike Camara, Kathy Reko, Lonnie Buckner, Fermina Sutter, Bob Gruber, Charles Brixey, Marian Gruber and Diane Murray.

A good time was had by all.

[NOTE: A special thanks goes to Lola McMann from all attendees for an outstanding job in organizing this annual event, and to Della DuHart for taking care of the sign-ins. Also to Lucy Salas for providing the soft background Christmas music and Gary Lockett for laptop playback.]

On the following pages, our attendees pose next to the Christmas tree:





Charles & Linda Brixey



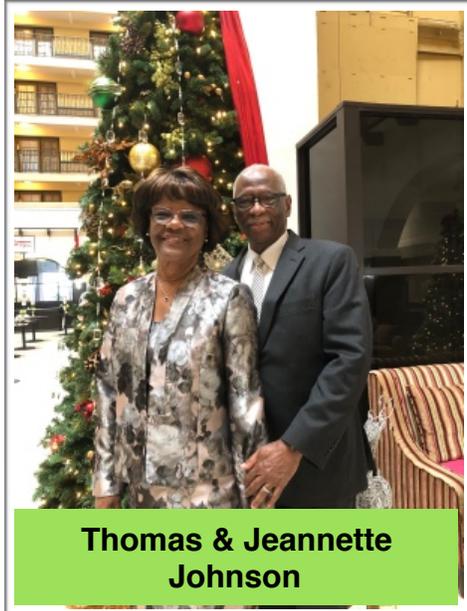
Sabrina R. Obidi



Lonnie Buckner & Shellye Bass



Daryl & Brenda Moss



Thomas & Jeannette Johnson



Bob & Cathy Reko



Rudy & Mary Gomez



Ralph & Estella Garcia



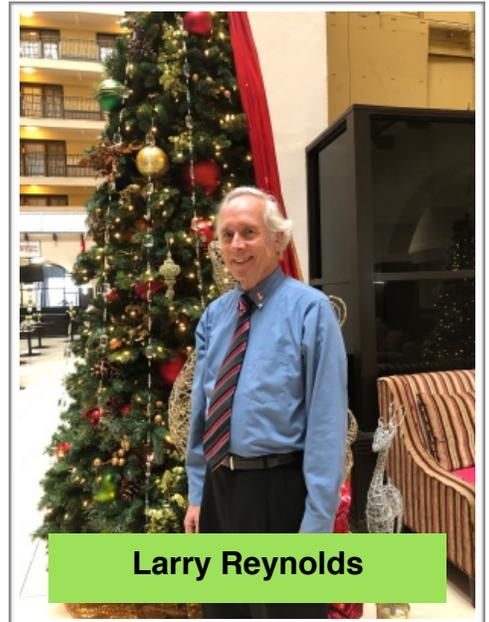
Tom & Fermina Sutter



Tony & Susan Leigh



Diane Murray



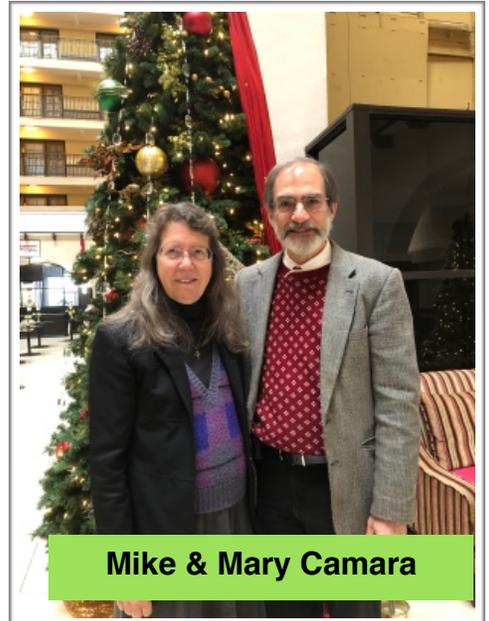
Larry Reynolds



Joe & Lola McMann



Robert & Gwen Butler



Mike & Mary Camara



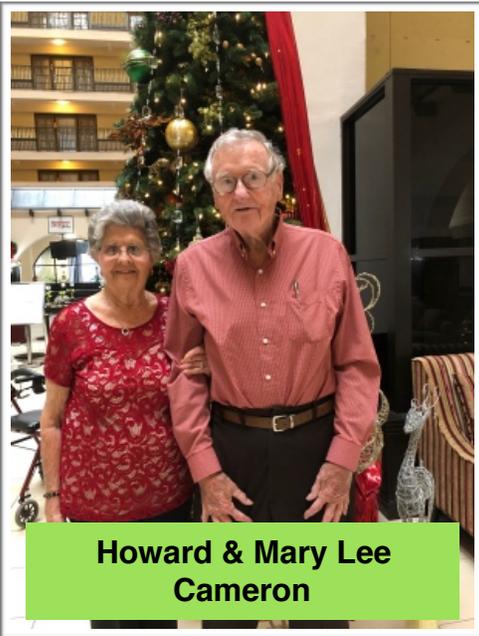
Eugenia Brown



Lawson & Kay Cook



Jean Houston



**Howard & Mary Lee
Cameron**

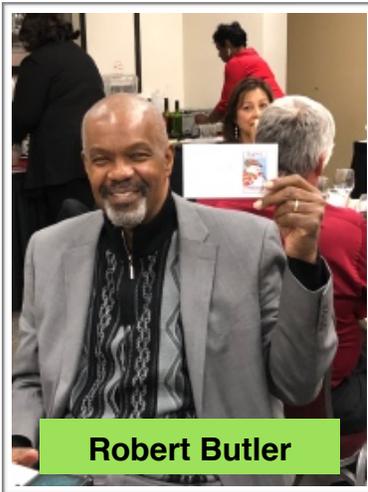


Israel & Nora Morales

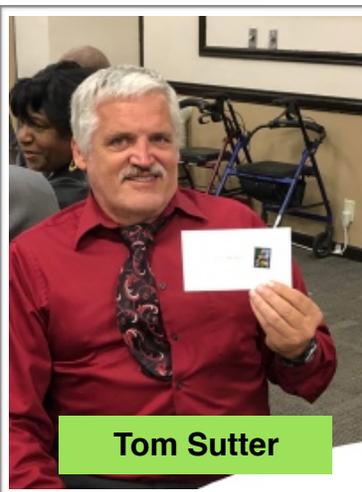


Della DuHart

Our Gift Card Winners:



Robert Butler



Tom Sutter



Estella Garcia



Mary Gomez



Ralph Garcia



Shellye Bass



Jeannette Johnson

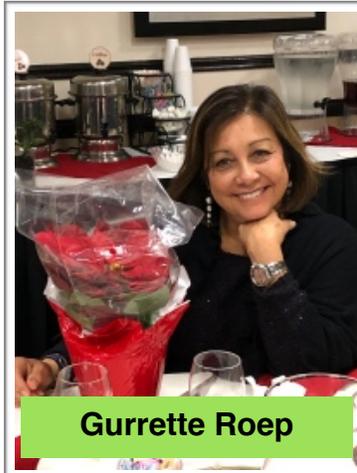


Daryl Moss

Our Poinsettia winners:



Gladys Price



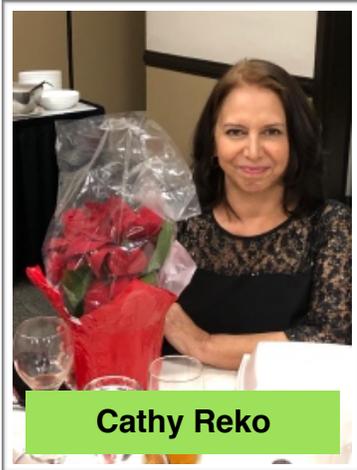
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Marian Gruber



Diane Murray

*Merry Christmas
&
Happy New Year!*