

# House Committee

**Vice Commodore Herb Schneider  
Chairman**

## **Best Kept Secret**

Our Wine Club gourmet dinner on November 18, in my opinion, was the best dinner served that night in the State of Florida. The wines were excellent as well. Did you know that you can make reservations for dinner and omit the wines? If you wish, your server can provide you with beverages of your choice. Look for Wine Club dinners every odd month of the year (January, March, etc.). Our Wine Club Subcommittee Chair, Mary Clausen and her team continue to deliver outstanding events.

## **Our Giving Tree Progress**

Our gifts benefit the Lee Memorial Children's Hospital to buy critically-needed medical equipment to save the lives of children. Our goal this year is \$16,000. As I write this in early December, we have received 59 gifts totaling \$7400, or 46% of our \$16,000 goal. Please consider making or increasing your gift by our cut-off date, January 10, 2010. All contributions are fully tax deductible. Write your checks out to the Lee Memorial Health System Foundation and drop them off in the office.

## **Holiday Decorations – We Need You January 4!**

Ninety-six RPYC members turned out on November 30 to decorate the club – thank you for your enthusiasm and the

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communications efforts. Speak with him if you need assistance in taking advantage of these services or if you have special distribution type requests.

A final but most important thought ... getting new members into the Club is only the beginning. We all must use every opportunity to meet and greet new members and get them comfortably "aboard". The "Stroll Down Memory Lane" progressive dinner on Saturday January 16 will be a particularly good way to meet other members.

Don't worry ... Be happy !! See you at The Club.

beautiful results, transforming our clubhouse into a holiday wonderland. Please plan on coming January 4 at 8:00 a.m. to put the decorations away for next year. We need a big crew to finish quickly. Please help, even if you missed the November 30 decorating date.

## **Snowflake Ball**

We hope you enjoyed our Snowflake Ball in December, hosted by Ellen and me. We would especially like to thank Charlene Borys who helped with the decorations and the clubhouse staff who helped make the evening memorable.

## **Your House Committee**

### **Contributions at Work**

The old lower-level bulletin board for FCYC notices and member postings was removed during renovations. The House Committee purchased and installed a new 4X6 foot bulletin board on the wall adjoining the lower food preparation area next to the Harbor Lounge.

## **Fine Dining**

Susan Fay, chair of our Food and Beverage Subcommittee, arranged a preview tasting of our new menu items presented by our club manager, Jason Little, and our new chef, David Shaal. Everyone was very impressed by the presentation and taste of the lunch and dinner offerings.

## **Skippers' Breakfasts**

Richard Borys and his team of hosts continue to deliver interesting speakers and delicious breakfasts. Don't miss them, scheduled for 9:00 a.m. the second Saturday of each month. For January only, we will meet for brunch at 11 a.m. Open to all members!

We invite all RPYC members to join the House Committee. Come to our next meeting, Thursday, January 14, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. New members *and* returning members are welcome!

## *In Memoriam...*

Vince "Capt. Bud" Foster

Sandy Schulte

*Four haiku to honor  
new landscape...  
by Linda Mattos*

*Colorful natives  
offer low maintenance and  
salt tolerance, too.*

*Muhly grass plumes pink,  
evergreen wild coffee shines,  
golden creeper creeps.*

*Firebush blooms brightly,  
Duranta contrasts gold/green,  
peanut blankets ground.*

*Look around, enjoy,  
as they attract and feed bees,  
butterflies, and birds.*

## **Welcome Aboard, New Members!**

**Ed Barton**

**Michael & Paige Caldwell**

**Billy & Gigi Cellar**

**Josiah & Joanna Drummond**

**Gabriel & Muriel Freedman**

**Bob & Elmarie Hansen**

**Peter Huebner**

**Skip Laukemper**

**Alex Mayus & Yumi Imai**

**Donna Schmidt**

**Vinnie & Pat Wojcik**



Look for the RPYC  
table burgee and say  
hello to our new friends.