

# **12:30 Table**

## **December 2007**

Gentlemen:

Our Christmas Party is next week, Thursday December 13<sup>th</sup>. The cost is only \$30.00 for Table members that RSVP (much more for those who do not) so RSVP to 215-587-5565 or [activities@unionleague.org](mailto:activities@unionleague.org).

The Schedule:

Drop off your two, unwrapped toys for Toys for Tots or a check made out to Toys for Tots or you can sign chit for cash gift to the organization.

6:00: Hordervors, champagne, oyster bar and open bar.

6:50: The traditional toasts

6:55: Group photo in front of the "artwork".

7:00: Dinner, there will be two carving stations.

After 7:00

--Award to the youngest Table Member.

--Award to the eldest Table Member.

--Raffle and other awards

8:00: Open the coffee and dessert bar.

8:00: The Smoking Lamp is lit, enjoy a cigar & selected after dinner drinks.

8:15: Poker or those who would like to play.

Party Highlights: We will be in the Mead Room this year so there will be plenty of space. The 12:30 Table is nothing if it is not cultured. Last year our Christmas Party photo was taken under the fine work of art in the Library that I affectionately call, "Aunt Jane". This year I have arranged to have the work of art called, "Psyche", moved into the Mead Room so we can once again have our picture taken along with a fine work of art. I am sure you will all appreciate the fine workmanship on this 19th century masterpiece and I hope none of our clergy will be offended by the fact Psyche is a bit under clothed... it is, after all, art.

I am pleased to announce our officers for 2007/2009:

President: Peter L. Klenk

Treasurer: Howard Magen

Secretary: Peter Gutekunst

Out membership, after the arrival of our October new members, is 165:

The Membership Committee met in October and accepted the applications of five new members. A warm welcome to new members:

- Colonel Philip DeHennis
- Colonel (Kentucky) and First Lieutenant (U.S. Army) Judge John Braxton
- Robert Dwyer
- Larry Besnoff
- Satish Moorthy

For clarification, the "Colonel" title I gave Judge Braxton is in recognition of his status as a "Kentucky Colonel". The U.S. Army gave him First Lieutenant status and a bronze star, but it took Kentucky to give him full credit for his leadership abilities.

The 12:30 Table Membership Committee meets to vote again in April, if you have someone that you would like to nominate as a 12:30 Table member please start the process. The application is now automated and can be found at [www.twelvethirtytable.org](http://www.twelvethirtytable.org).

**New Member Applications Process Simplified:** The Website has been changed to allow new members to apply on-line, much simplifying the membership process. If you have a person you would like propose, send them right to [www.twelvethirtytable.org](http://www.twelvethirtytable.org). The next round of memberships will be reviewed in April.

Please visit our new website, [www.twelvethritytable.org](http://www.twelvethritytable.org). A very nice site set up by our own, JASON LISI. This is a great way to keep up on 12:30 Table events. To get into the Member's section, type in "1230" (not 12:30) and then password, "table". Our 12:30 Table Joke list is in the Member Area... you should never again be at a loss for a joke.

**4th Monday Lunch: Noon social time, lunch/speaker to 1:30:**

**December 24<sup>th</sup>:** No meeting, Christmas Holiday.

**Monday, January 28th, The 12:30 Table First Annual Cheese Steak Challenge:** Cheese Steaks from several different classic establishments will be provided for a blind taste test. Which Cheese Steak maker will be found to be the best? For reservation call at 215-587-5565 or [activities@unionleague.org](mailto:activities@unionleague.org) \$25.00 for those who RSVP and \$35.00 for those who do not RSVP. If we run out of food, the non-RSVP people get only potatoes... so RSVP Please!

**12:30 Table Events:**

**Christmas Party: Thursday December 13, 6:00 p.m. until ???:**

- The 12:30 Christmas Party will be moving into larger space, the Mead Room on the first floor.
- 6:00 to 7:00 for Raw Bar (chucked oysters, claims biggest shrimp on earth), open bar, Butlered Hors D'Oeuv (crab balls, mini franks and coconut chicken) and champagne.
- 7:00ish, Herb-Crusted Tenderloin of Beef, Rack of Lamb, Smashed Potato Bar, wine.
- After dinner the smoking lamp is lit! Enjoy the dessert and coffee bar and after dinner drinks.
- A U.S. active duty Marine will be present to thank us all for supporting Toys for Tots. Everyone either bring two unwrapped gifts of about \$10 to \$15 each for Toys for Tots or in the alternative they take checks (you can give a gift via a League Chit at the door).
- Each person receives a special gift and there will be drawings for other gifts throughout the evening.
- For reservation contact 215-587-5565 or [activities@unionleague.org](mailto:activities@unionleague.org)
- A mere \$30.00 if you RSVP, \$45.00 if you show up (and you eat last if you don't RSVP!)

**Poker Night**, Friday December 21<sup>st</sup>, 6:30 P.M.: Enough of those stuffy Office Christmas parties, come to the League for a night of cards and fellowship. For Reservations contact Sara at 215-790-1095 or [SaraPerrault@klenklaw.com](mailto:SaraPerrault@klenklaw.com)

**Malta Smokers**, Thursday January 10, 2008, 6:00 P.M.: For those Table members who like a cigar, George Awad has organized a cigar dinner limited to 10 people for our own, Malta Smokers. Food and drink will be by signature, one cigar will be provided for your smoking pleasure. This will be a single table so the jokes will be easy to hear. For Reservations contact Sara at 215-790-1095 or [SaraPerrault@klenklaw.com](mailto:SaraPerrault@klenklaw.com)

**Wine and Cheese**, Tuesday January 8<sup>th</sup> 5:30 P.M.: We love the cheese at the Table (you guys sure can eat a lot of cheese). The Wine and Cheese event has a faithful following but I would like a better turn out. The League does a great job and the conversation is interesting, put this event on your schedule! For reservation call 215-587-5565 or [activities@unionleague.org](mailto:activities@unionleague.org)

**Some 2008 Ideas in the Works:**

- A weekend trip for families to Washington, D.C. to see the Spy Museum on Saturday and the U.S. Marine Corp. Museum at Quantico on Sunday.
- Take the Amtrak on a weeklong baseball stadium tour of the Washington Nationals' Stadium, then off to Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Chicago, Milwaukee and Minneapolis (schedules will be out later this year).
- Spring Paint Ball! We will likely go to Skirmish near Jim Thorpe or to PocoLoco ([www.pocolocopaintball.com](http://www.pocolocopaintball.com)). I really liked the kids vs. dads match up. Skirmish is located north on 476 to exit #74 onto 209N, turn left onto 534 and then right into Skirmish, North Meckesville Road. Notes for those attending; you can rent a jump suit, but I found the rain gear I bought at I. Goldbergs hid me well but also prevented me from getting welts. We will bring a padlock so we can lock up lunch, perhaps hoggies? Minors need a

parent's permission slip and the parent in charge will also need to sign a slip at the event. Bring cloth rags along to whip off the paint and to defog the helmet. If you can, get a helmet ahead of time that does not fog up.