

## Christmas Street Parade



The weather couldn't have been more perfect for Destin's 38<sup>th</sup> annual Christmas Street Parade last Saturday, and nearly two dozen snowbirds showed up to partake in the festivities, a participation record. Instead of taking off from the Old Time Pottery parking lot, the route started at United Methodist Church on Beach Street and ended at Stahlman Ave. The parade participation fee this year was the donation of a toy to be given to a needy child. The Destin Snowbird Club

donated a bicycle which was presented by our parade chairman Charles Cassell. As in years past, Dean Harper offered his pickup truck which served, not only as a decorated parade entrant, but also as a refilling source for all the candy being passed out by our snowbird elves. This is the 15<sup>th</sup> year that the Destin Snowbirds have participated in the Christmas Parade, and it has become a highpoint in our planned activities.



No one expresses the Christmas spirit more than Joy Mayer. As a long-time employee of Good Time Tours, Joy already knows quite a few club members, but last season she decided to become a snowbird member herself. She will chair the casino trips, that are offered on our activity sheets, by attending the Tuesday morning meetings and taking names of interested gamers. Casino bus trips will originate from "The Track" on Hwy 98 in Destin, on Thursdays and Saturdays. More information will be available at the snowbird meetings next year and on the website.

Joy will also be available to answer questions at The Big Registration on Tuesday, January 3, from 1 to 3 p.m. Other activity chairs will also be there. So, even if you have already registered, you may want to come to "the Roost" to learn more about all that the club has to offer this season. Volunteers will also be manning the storage units from 2 to 3 p.m. on that day. Otherwise, they will only be available from 8 to 9 a.m. on Saturday mornings. If you need a special time to pick up your belongings, call Tom Franklin at 218-230-3212 or Linda Zukonik at 810-441-7042. Don't forget to bring your receipt with your box number on it.

The next snowbird meeting will be on Tuesday, January 10, at 10:00 a.m. The Lloyd Carter Band will be the entertainment. They are new to the snowbird club venue, but if you look them up on the internet, they certainly aren't new. They are known throughout Southern Georgia and all of Florida. They have about 12,000 followers on their Facebook page, and several of their songs can be seen as music videos on You Tube.

Can't make it to the meeting? They will also be featured at the inaugural T.G.I.T. (Thank Goodness It's Tuesday) party that same day, Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at Lulu's on Legendary Marina Dr. from 3 – 6 p.m. (Membership badges will be needed along with \$5 at the door for admission.)

The Singles Friendship Club has met twice already, at McGuire's and at Mimmo's. The location for lunch varies and will be announced at each meeting. If you have questions, call or text chairperson Jan Langham at 517-528-6810.

Be sure to check the website, [www.thedestinsnowbirds.com](http://www.thedestinsnowbirds.com), and the group Facebook page, "The Destin Snowbirds," for any updates and special Holiday messages.