From the President

Happy Holiday season to everyone. Wishing everyone a very joyous time of the year. Your officers and board members are doing their part to celebrate the season. We have a very special December lunch program and we have invited other women’s groups to join us. Please welcome any of these guests to join you at your tables and be sure they feel part of our celebration.

I am happy to report that once again you have opened not only your hearts but also your pocket books to our visiting charity, St. Vincent’s Stocking Stuffers. Well over $800 was collected. Thank you all for your generosity. Marianne Deluca will have information if you are interested in helping with the process of getting the stockings ready for the children.

Alisha Barber, PhD, was the speaker for our November program and gave a wonderful talk on preserving and celebrating our history. She spoke on the importance of cultural identity of a city in a time of transition. She gave us a lot to think about as we repurpose and reuse buildings that reflect so much of our history.

The Board is continuing to search for any available copies of the Centennial History and Cook Book 1894-1994. If any of you have extra copies, please let one of the board members know. Special thank you to members who have donated their extra copies.

I hope to see you all at the December lunch.

Peggy Slattery, President

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IT’S A SECRET  !!!!!!

Along with our jam packed December luncheon we’ll be celebrating Thelma Vacchina’s 100th birthday. Thelma is a life member and you can probably count on one hand the number of luncheons she’s missed over the years, along with being on the Executive Board several times. She and her husband Aldo were even married at the Twentieth Century Building in 1943. Edie Ferguson has arranged with the Atlantis to have a special birthday cake for her and we’ll have a glass of bubbly to toast her. Come wish her a happy birthday, but no gifts please. A card would be nice, if you’d like.

Bev Waldron

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DECEMBER PROGRAM

We will be treated to selections from Christmas favorites by Geoffrey Di Giorgio and Blake Talbott.

Both are students of Dolora Zajick, world renowned mezzo-soprano who created the Institute for Young Dramatic Voices, because there were few coaches & training for young people with large, unusual voices ages 15-36, for the great roles of Verdi & Wagner.

Lynn Bremer
MEETING
THURS., DEC. 14, 2017, ATLANTIS HOTEL
Room: Treasures ABC: Social 11-11:45 am; followed by meeting and luncheon
Members & Guests: $25; Walk-in $35
Reservations due by Friday, Dec. 8th
PREPAID RESERVATIONS MANDATORY (reservation form enclosed)
Please send reservations Edie Ferguson

M E N U
Fresh Garden Green Salad
Stuffed Pork Chops w/ Mashed Potatoes, Carrots & Apple Sage Dressing
Vegetarian - Stuffed Cabbage Rolls
Tiramisu Cake

The Philanthropic Committee wishes each of our members a truly happy and blessed Christmas.

In appreciation for all you do. Thank you.

Marianne DeLuca

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Joan Brick

Philanthropic Committee

Christmas greetings from the Philanthropic Committee

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WINNER OF THE FREE LUNCH: Congratulations to Bonnie Kimmel!