

Our Annual Christmas Party will always be a special time to enjoy each other's company while sharing family Christmas plans and shopping tales. It can also include weeks of commercials of every possible item known to man and hamper our enjoyment of Hallmark Christmas shows. However, with it comes a moment to open our hearts to those we love and to those less fortunate. As I get older, I realize that I do not really need material things. I buy what I need and often what I want. Age has taught me many lessons and among those is that giving is truly better than receiving. *In this issue, Kay Hughes has written a Christmas message about our Danville Shag Club Christmas Party.* I encourage you to read the details of this special night and make note of the charities we will support. I hope that throughout this season you will find the perfect opportunity to give. **Note: Friday, December 8, 6:30 PM at Santana's - You MUST RSVP by Monday, December 4** or we will be sad to leave you out.

Now let's talk about Santana's and the Comfort Inn Lobby renovation. During the MTASP and including the Friday night dances since, I have been sending out messages reminding you to enter the restaurant doors from the front parking lot. While considering the lobby renovation and the initial mess it made, Jorge did everything he promised in making the banquet room comfortable and enjoyable for our MTA party. I know for a fact that he and many workers put in long hours to make the night happen for us and although we had a nice crowd it was nothing like the past two years. Our Friday nights have also dropped off in attendance since the renovation began. Jorge has made the small meeting room to the right of the bar area available for us on Fridays. It is a good dance floor and the DJ's enjoy the atmosphere. I hope you are not missing out on these evenings simply because of the lobby upgrade. Keeping attendance up is the best way to continue our good relationship with Santana's. We have discussed this at board meetings and frankly there are few rent free places to dance on a weekly basis. Hopefully, the renovation will be completed by the end of the year. I will continue to keep you informed.

A favor I ask on behalf of DSC. For the first time, our club has volunteered to work a night during the Holiday Community Light Show at Ballou Recreation Center on Main Street. The show runs December 9th -25th. We will handle the gate, the show route and various other jobs. There is a fee for each vehicle that enters to view the lighted displays. We will receive a portion of that fee but only on our particular night. This is a fundraiser for our club and local charities while also putting our name out in front of the community. **Our night will be Saturday, December 23th, 6-10 PM.** I am sure some of you have enjoyed this exhibit in the past. Patsy and I rode through last year and found it very enjoyable as it put us in the holiday mood. Bring your children and grandchildren - they will find it fascinating! Afterwards, kids can visit Santa and enjoy activities in the main building. Remember, to support our club, you will need to wait until the 23rd. In addition, we need twelve to fifteen people to help. If you wish to get involved just contact me. Those of us already signed up plan to make it a fun night with hot chocolate and plenty of treats. Our tent will provide a little protection for those whose toes get a bit chilly. We hope you will consider supporting the club with a drive through and/or a work time.

I hope this month brings you all the love and enjoyment you desire. Seeing each of you at the Christmas Party is a meaningful time for Patsy and I. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! See you on the dance floor.

Ernie