

From The Lewisboro Seniors

The Lewisboro Seniors had their Christmas luncheon on December 16, 2009 at La Fontane Ristorante in Somers, N. Y. The restaurant was easy to drive to, had plenty of parking spaces and welcomed us into a lovely, holiday-decorated establishment.

Although it was most chilly outside, inside it was warm, cozy, and we caught the scent of the delicious food to be served. Hanging from the ceiling were basketball sized holiday ornaments, the walls were hung with Christmas wreaths, and the tables had centerpieces of poinsettia plants.

Joyce Nicoletti, our Senior in Charge, ably assisted by Connie Bobletz, Betty Kemp, Marie Williams and our Director, Pam Veith magnificently planned everything.

Mr. Pat Clancy was our most entertaining piano player, and he played delightful Christmas melodies - Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer, I'll Be Home For Christmas, and other "bring back memory" tunes like Bewitched, Bothered and Bewildered.

At 12:00 P.M. sharp we had appetizers of stuffed eggplant, fried calamari, and mozzarella and tomato slices. Then our entree was served, a choice of: grilled NY sirloin steak, fresh riatoni tomato and basil, grilled salmon with lemon sauce, and chicken with prosciutto & mozzarella. I had the salmon, and it was delicious to say the least. It was moist, tasty and absolutely mouthwatering. And there was enough of the entree that I was able to enjoy half and take the other half home and enjoy it all over again.

After we had eaten our main course, and before dessert, we had some home-grown entertainment. David Hirsch, accompanied by Mr. Clancy on the piano sang I'm Dreaming Of A White Christmas and Betty Kemp sang Silent Night.

Bob Williams then told the story of how one Christmas Eve went, on the battlefield. In 1944 at the Battle of the Bulge, that evening all gun fire suddenly stopped, and he could hear the German troops singing in German, Silent Night. Then he and his men began singing Silent Night in English. For a half hour, that night, war was forgotten and peace reigned. But then reality came back and the sounds of gun fire began again. Bob said this was etched in his memory, and I can see why.

To commemorate this event, Bob had the German version of Silent Night printed, and Betty Kemp, Irene Doyle and Charlotte Vaughn sung that for us too.

Our busy photographer, Charlotte Vaughn went from table to table taking our pictures, and we all smiled reflecting the joyous holiday spirit.

We had a raffle, of course, and the lucky winners took home a fruit basket from the Vista Market, a basket of stationary donated by Connie Bobletz, a Christmas wreath, and beautiful home-made jewelry by Anastasia Smith, among other gifts.

From The Lewisboro Seniors

Then for dessert we had a choice of homemade Italian cheesecake or chocolate mousse cake.
Finally it was time to go. Needless to say we all had a lovely, wonderful, enjoyable luncheon.