



## The Currents

LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club

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### December 2012 Issue

#### Commodore's Report

Having been on the Board of Directors for 3 years I have had the benefit to learn from those members that took their turn as Commodore. Each one came in with their strengths as well their weaker points. The one common feature was that they all came to serve the members of LMYC as best they could. Last year we went through some difficult times but the thing that I as well as everyone else should take from it is that with some patience and understanding and a whole lot of humor we not only survived but got back to who we really are.

I want to thank Past Commodore Bob Reaume for showing us the way and especially restoring my confidence so I could now take my turn to serve as Commodore of LMYC. I have heard several definitions of what being Commodore is and I have entertained some of those thoughts in the past. But the weeks leading up to November so many members approached me, with words of encouragement and support. To have so many place that trust I am honored to have this opportunity to serve and hope I can continue on this path we are on.

I also want to thank the past Board members that are not continuing on this year and of course those who are coming on board. As most know a lot of hours and personal sacrifice goes into these position. From our first meeting last Tuesday I can see the willingness in everyone. Looking forward to working together and producing some great results to be proud of. I will to continue sending out a brief report after each Board meeting as to what we are working on. I believe this helps eliminate some of the misunderstanding or hearsay. I would appreciate feedback, not ranting to guide us. Continuing to move forward in a positive manner and build on what we all achieved last year should be the goal of every member at LMYC. Dave



Commodore – David Nantais  
Secretary – Barb Albrecht  
House Director – Mike Tyler  
Race Director – Andy Kosieradski  
Harbour Master –  
Regalia –

Vice Commodore – Tony Berends  
Treasurer – Tom Smith  
Social Director – Barb Pare  
Cruising Director –  
Road and Grounds –  
Newsletter Editor – Roger Renaud



Hello everyone...

Thanks everyone for your vote of confidence in approving the Board as it was presented to you at the General Membership meeting in November. I am looking forward to being a part of the Board again this year, serving LMYC, and I am certain that with everyone's continued support and contribution, 2013 will be a great year. 2012 was a busy year, and our thanks to everyone for the hard work and good cheer.

I am happy to confirm that all members of the club contributed their minimum 12 hours service to the club, with many members putting in way more hours. Some last minute project are still being taken care of (potholes, picnic tables). We are busy putting the budget together for 2013, but more on that later. There are some great ideas to enhance the club in 2013, and we look forward to presenting these to you at the next General Membership meeting.

I wish you a relaxing and fun filled Christmas season, and a happy, healthy and prosperous 2013.

Be safe,  
Tony Berends, Vice-Commodore

## Celebrate New Year's Eve at LMYC

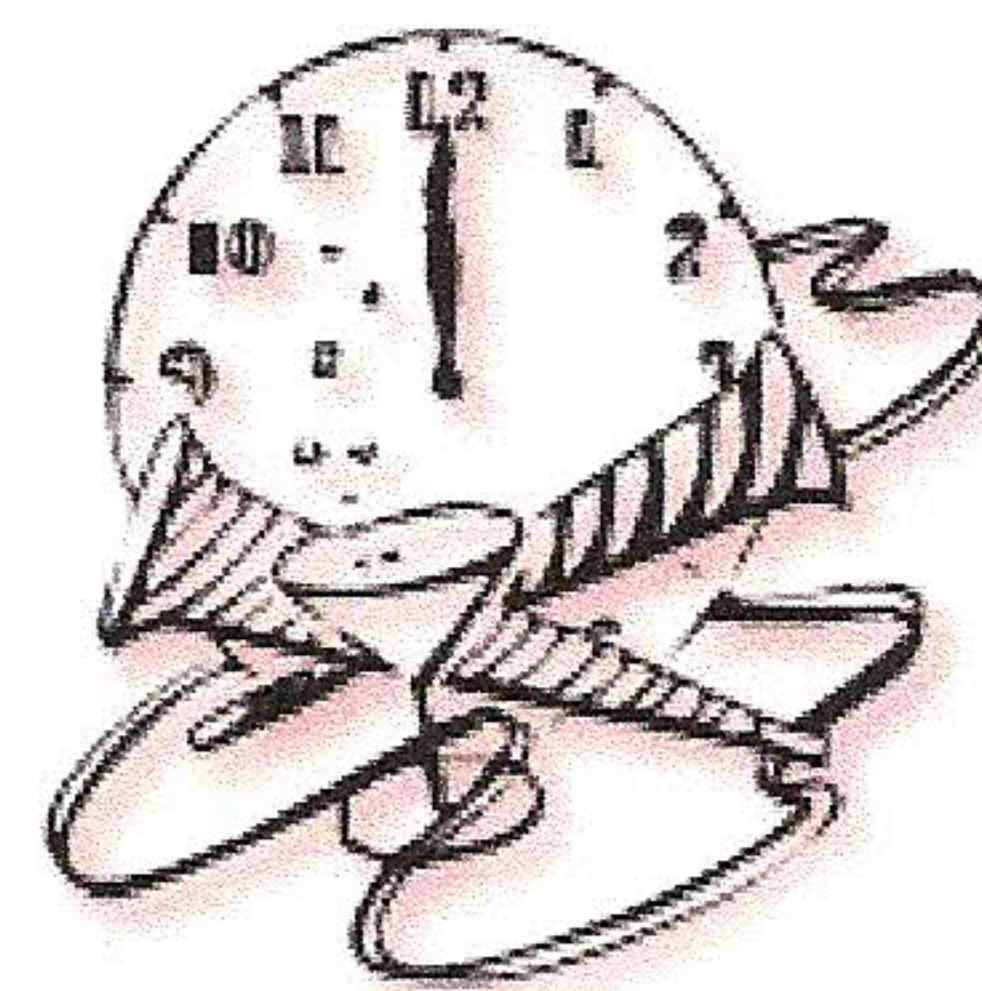
**Monday, Dec. 31 starting at 6:00 P.M.**

Enjoy a catered dinner, penne, salad, roast potatoes, chicken and ribs, wine and a special dessert !

Midnight - bubbly, noise makers, a sweets table and fireworks!



Tickets \$25 each. Deadline to buy your tickets is December 22  
R.S.V.P. call Barb Paré at (519) 734-1597 or email pares@mnsi.net



### - Junior Sailing -

The Ontario Sailing Association has received our initial deposit to hold the week of August 19 thru the 23rd for 2013. Sail Canada is implementing new standards called Can Sail. The Ontario Sailing Boom Director is to get back to LMYC as to how these new standard will apply to our Business Model.

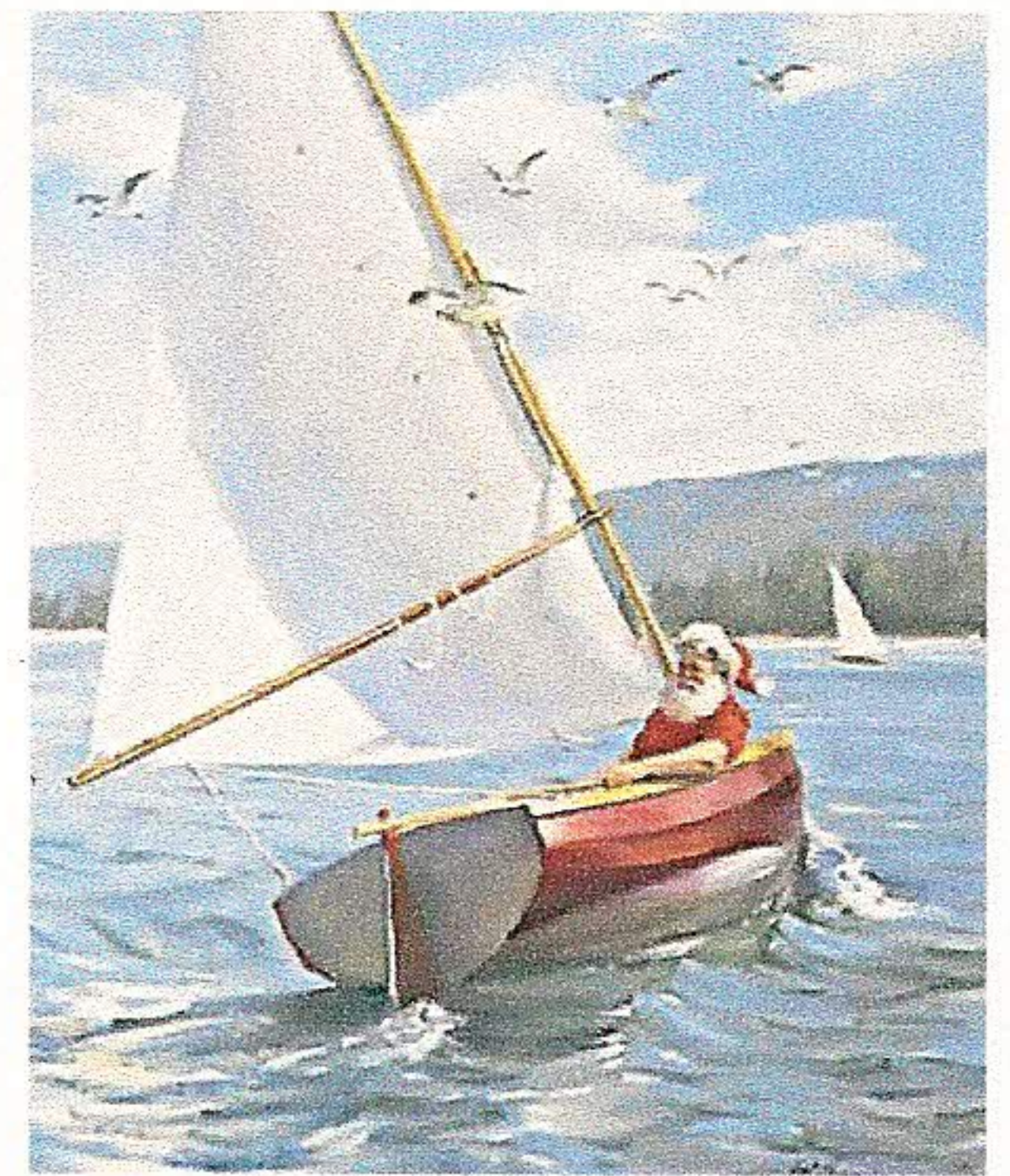






## Thank You

Many thanks goes out to  
our Social Directors  
Barb and Dennis Pare  
for organizing the Christmas  
events. The tree trimming party,  
the Children's party and the  
Christmas dinner which were  
all excellent.



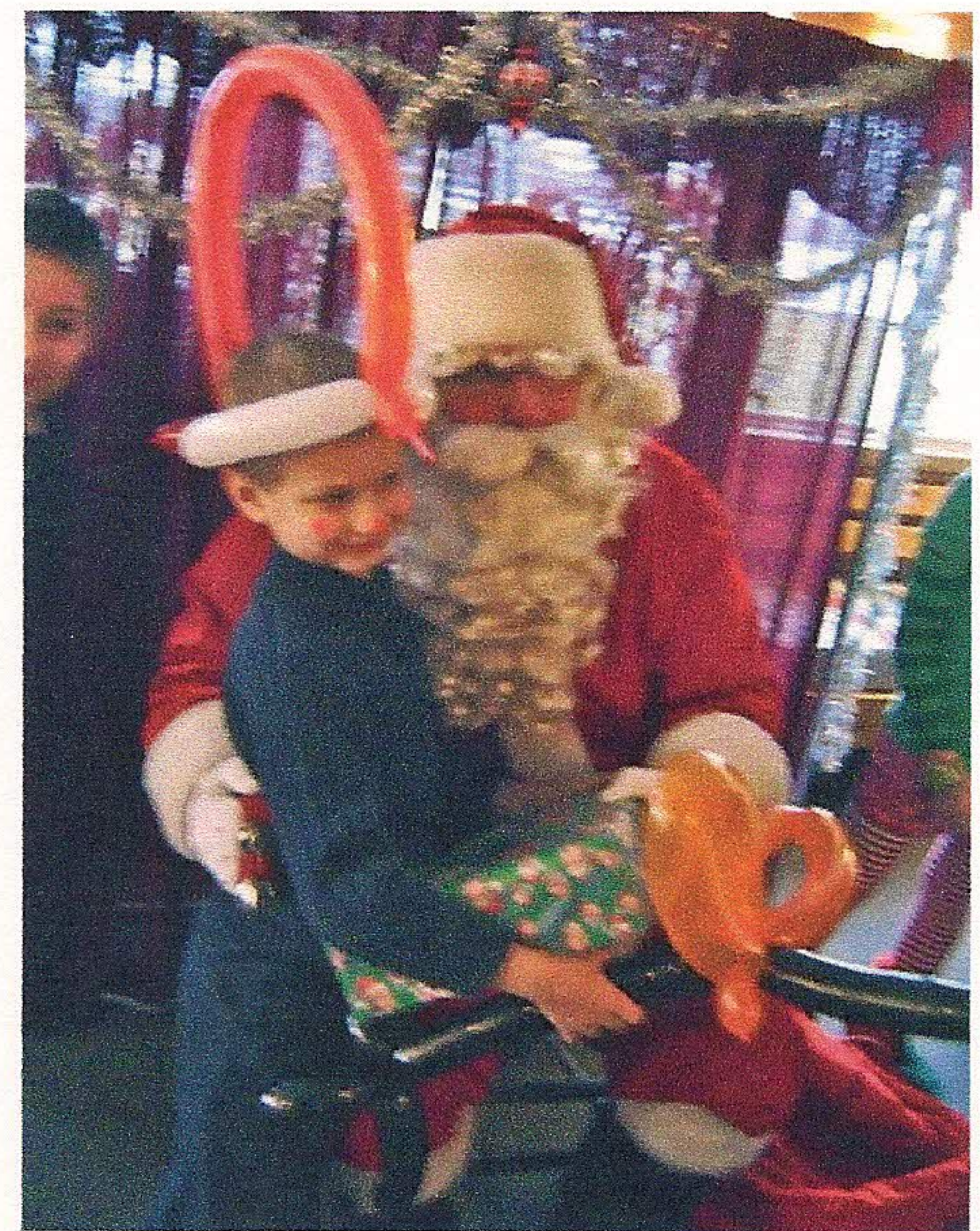
## A visit from Santa at the Children's Christmas Party Sunday Dec 9th



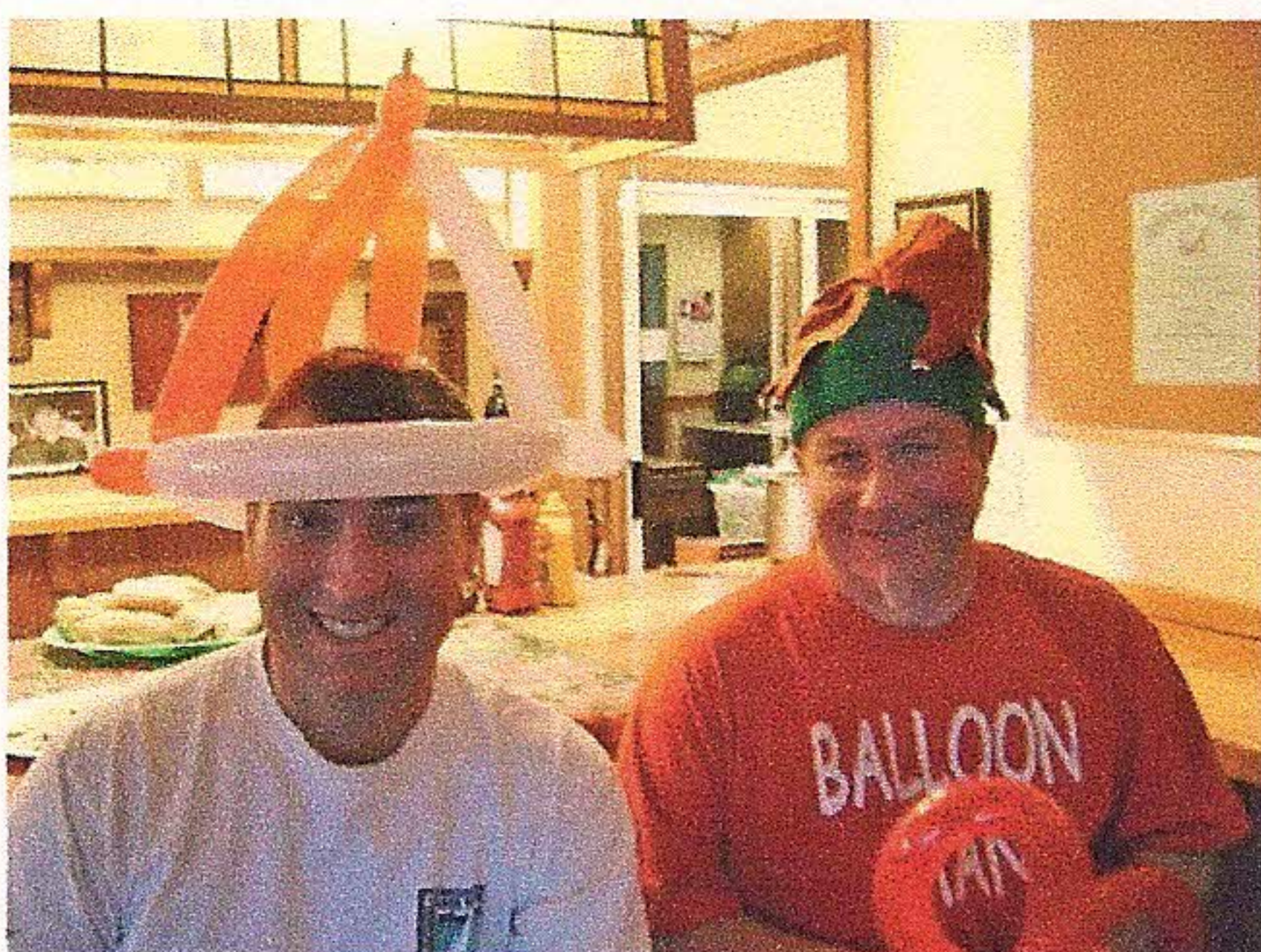
Rebecca and son Brent at the crafts table



Kids and  
adults all  
enjoyed a fine  
time with  
crafts,  
abundant  
food and a  
special visit  
from Santa  
Claus.



Brent on Santa's lap



Brad Blackton outfitting  
Dave Amyot with a new headpiece



Dennis Pare's grandson Brent with  
John Amyot's granddaughter



'who's been naughty and who's been nice'



Barbara with helper elf, Molly Blackton



Amy Dorion with  
daughter

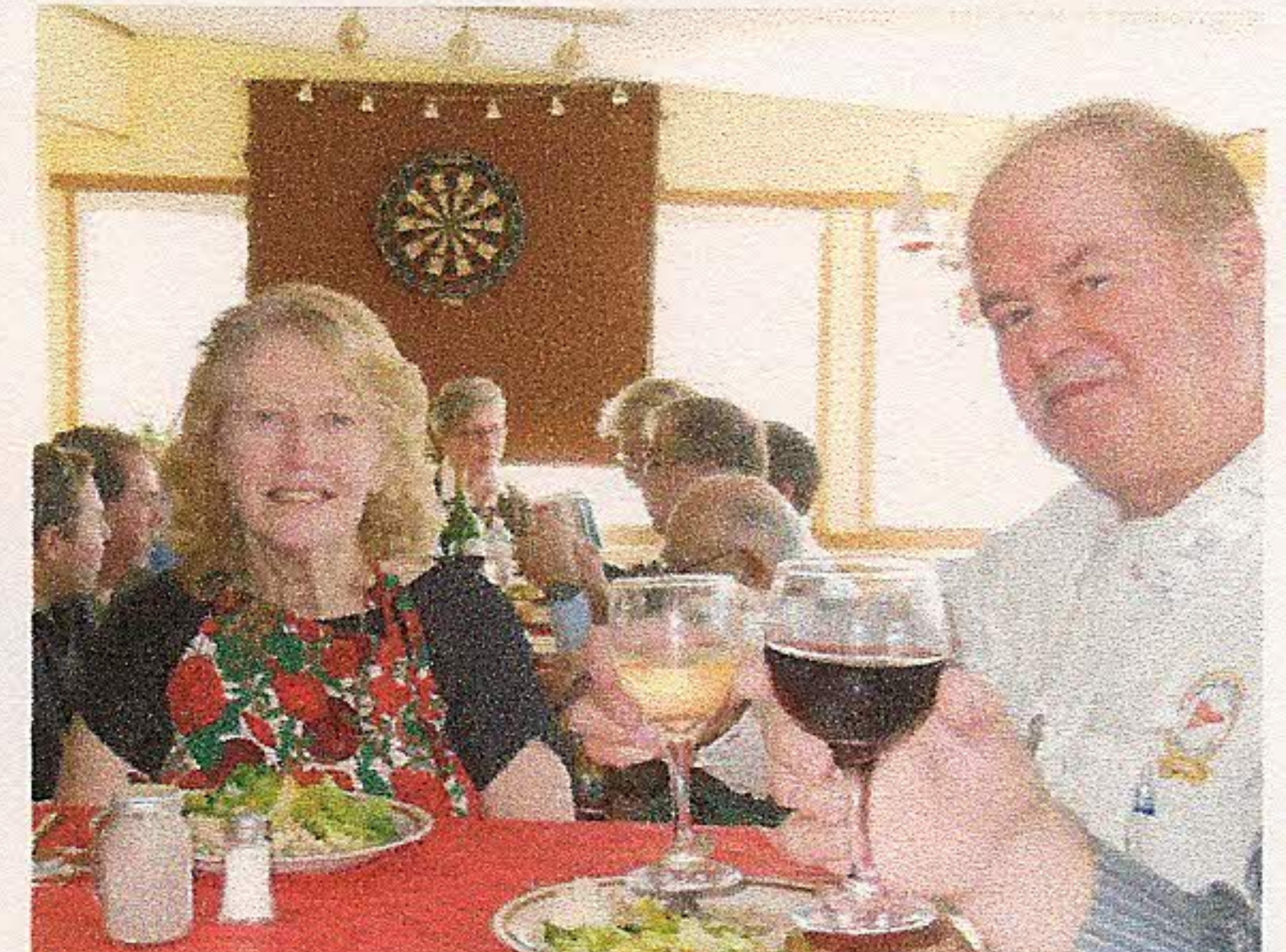
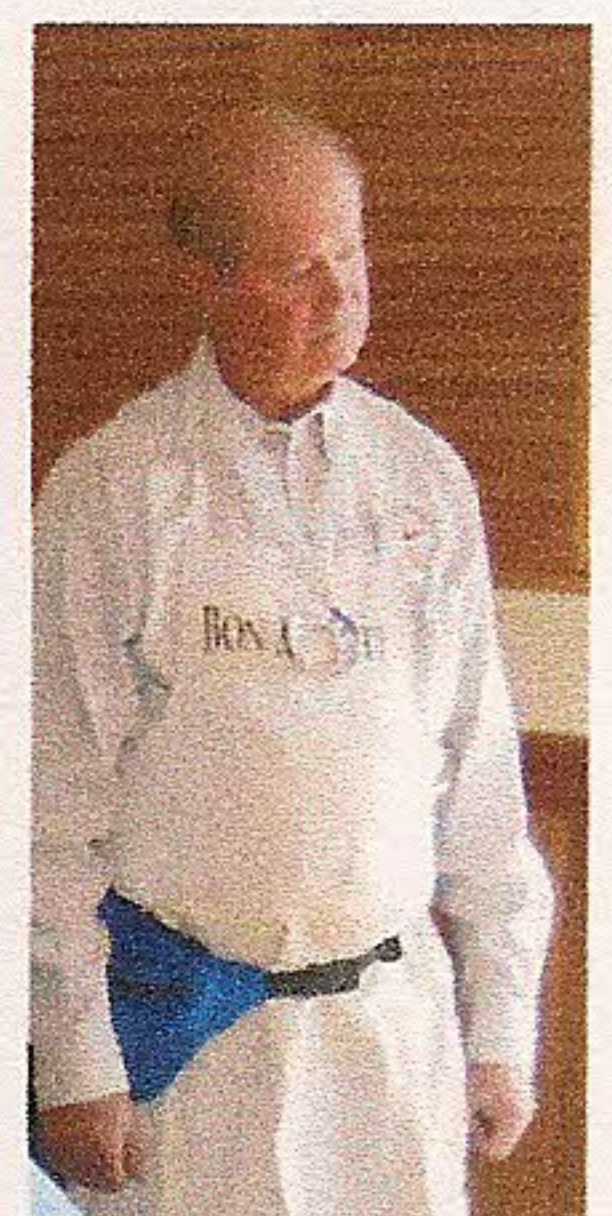
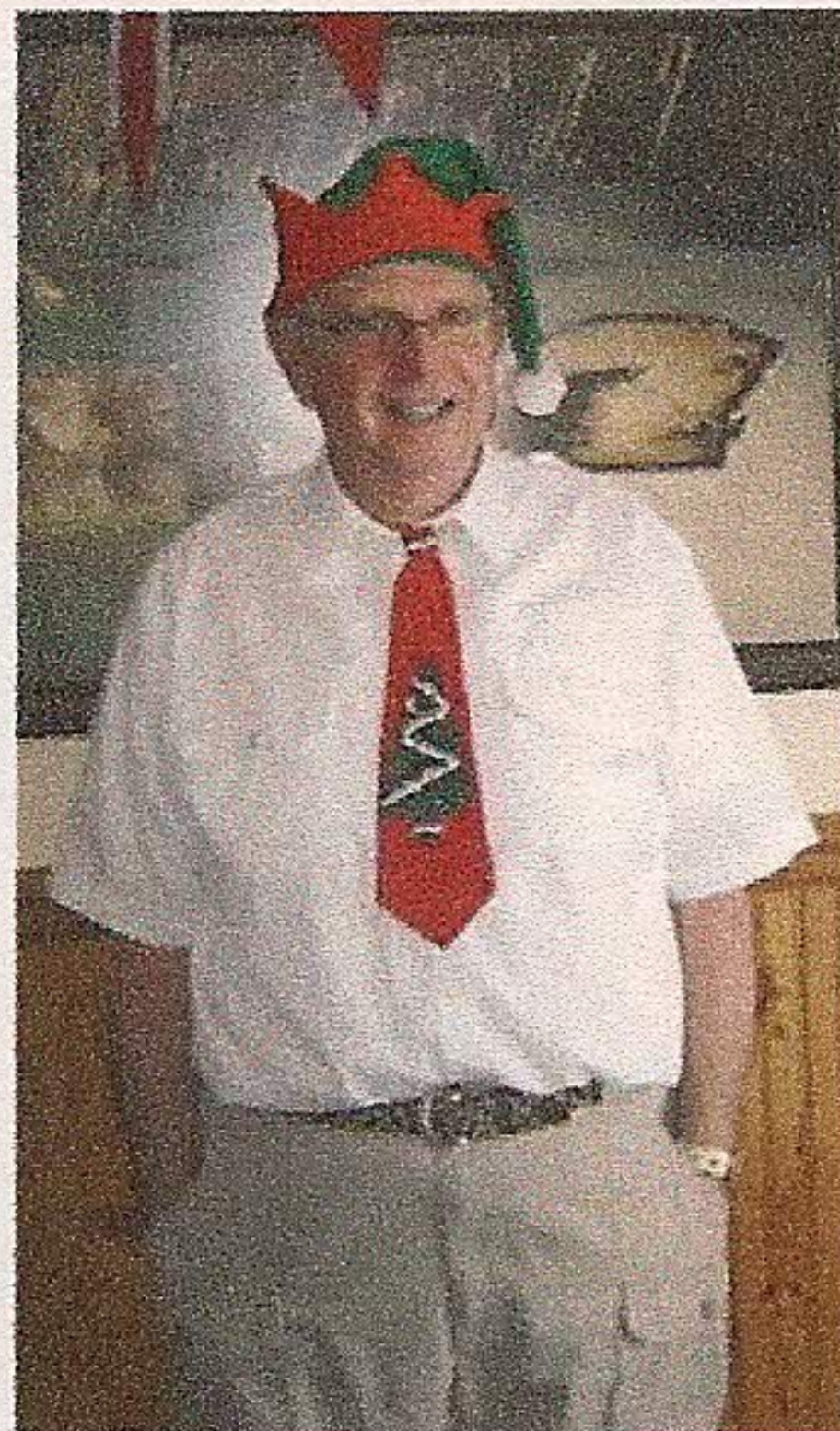


## Our Festive Christmas Dinner



A big thanks  
to those who  
prepared and served  
a great meal (from left to right)

Dennis Pare, Ann Bauer,  
Diane Freeman,  
Barbara Albrecht,  
Penny Marmara,  
Barbara Pare.







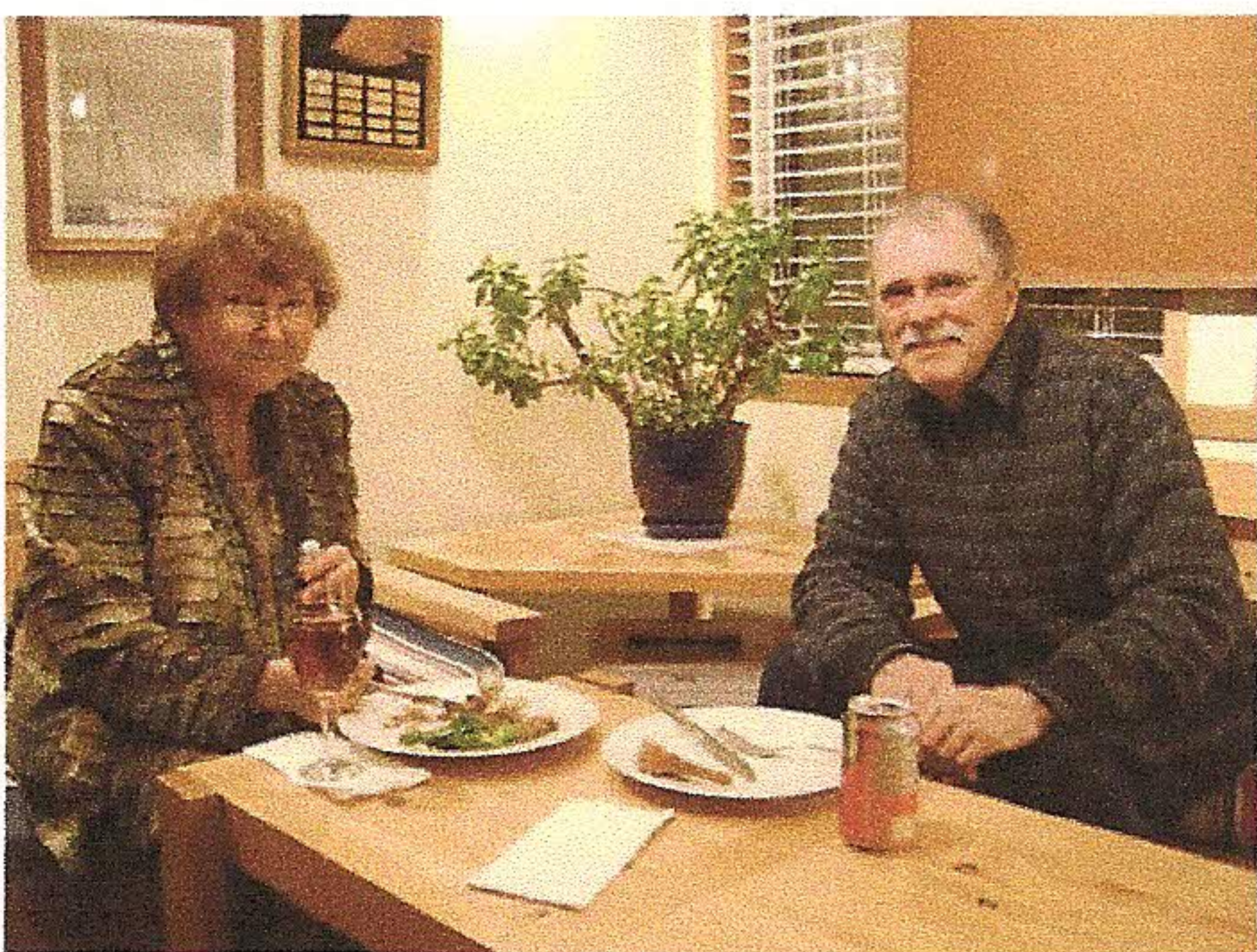
*May Peace be your gift  
at Christmas and your  
blessing all year through  
And may the wind be  
always on your back*



"Competition is the life-blood of a Club, be it a rowing club, a baseball club or a sailing club".  
Thank-you Tim McWilliams for your contribution as Race Director over the past three years.

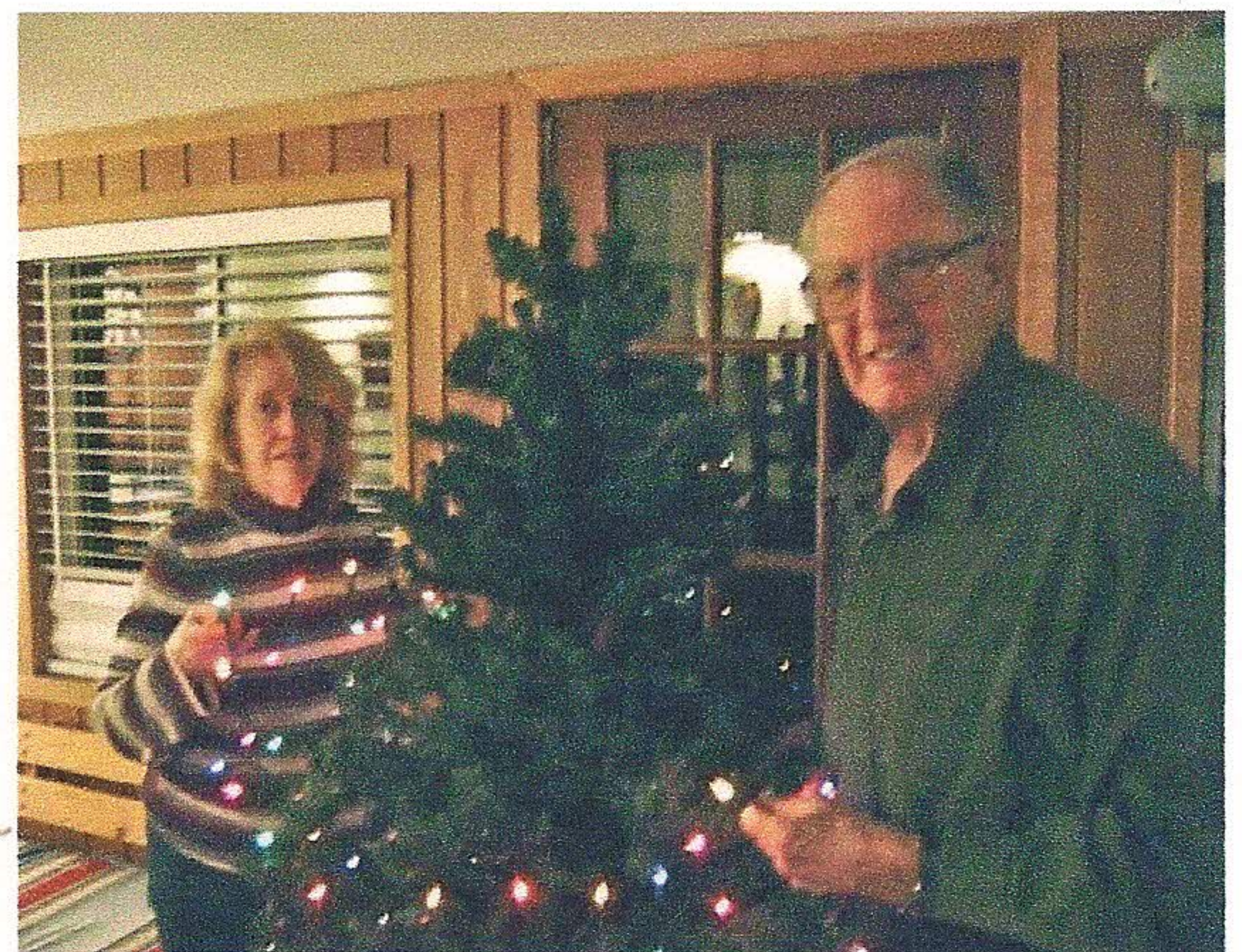
### Christmas Decorating evening of Dec. 8

A small but dedicated group enjoyed a meal  
featuring meat pie ala Barbara...



Roy and Gail Oliver enjoying dinner

"We sent the halls  
with boughs of ...  
well we didn't have  
any holy but lights  
and decorations  
went up  
everywhere!"



Barbara and Phil Smith hanging lights on  
the Christmas Tree.

### A reminder for the season.....

Just a reminder for friends and family.

At this time of the year, when the roadblocks come up with great regularity,  
I would like to share a personal experience with my friends about drinking and driving.

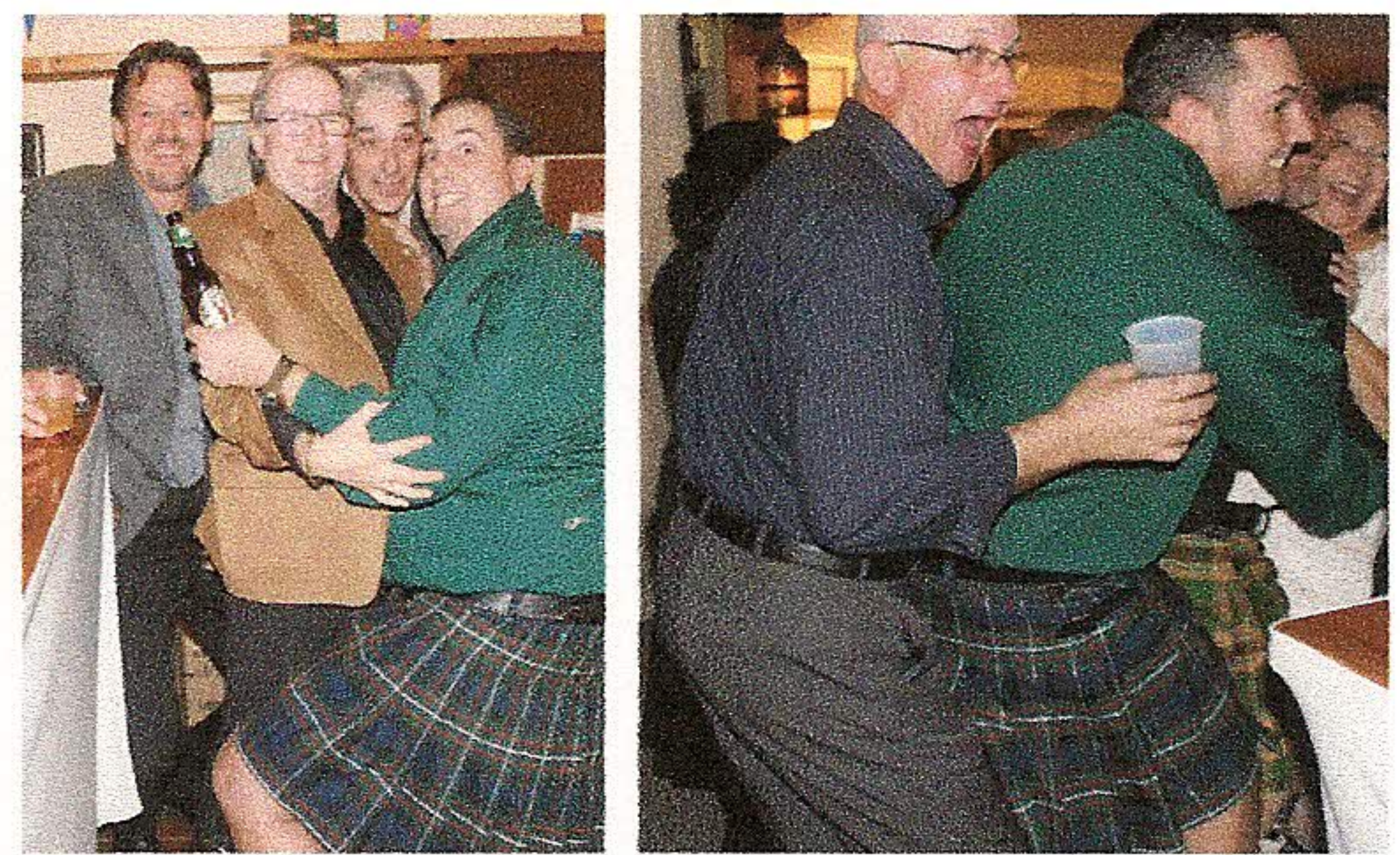
As you well know, some of us have been known to have had brushes with the authorities  
on our way home from an occasional social session over the years. A couple of nights ago,  
I was out for an evening with friends and had a couple of cocktails and some rather nice  
red wine. Knowing full well I may have been slightly over the limit, I did something I've  
never done before; I took a cab home. Sure enough, I passed a police road block but,  
since it was a cab, they waved it past.

I arrived home safely without incident, which was a real surprise as I have never driven a  
cab before and am not sure where I got it or what to do with it now that it's in my garage.





## John Murphy gets married...



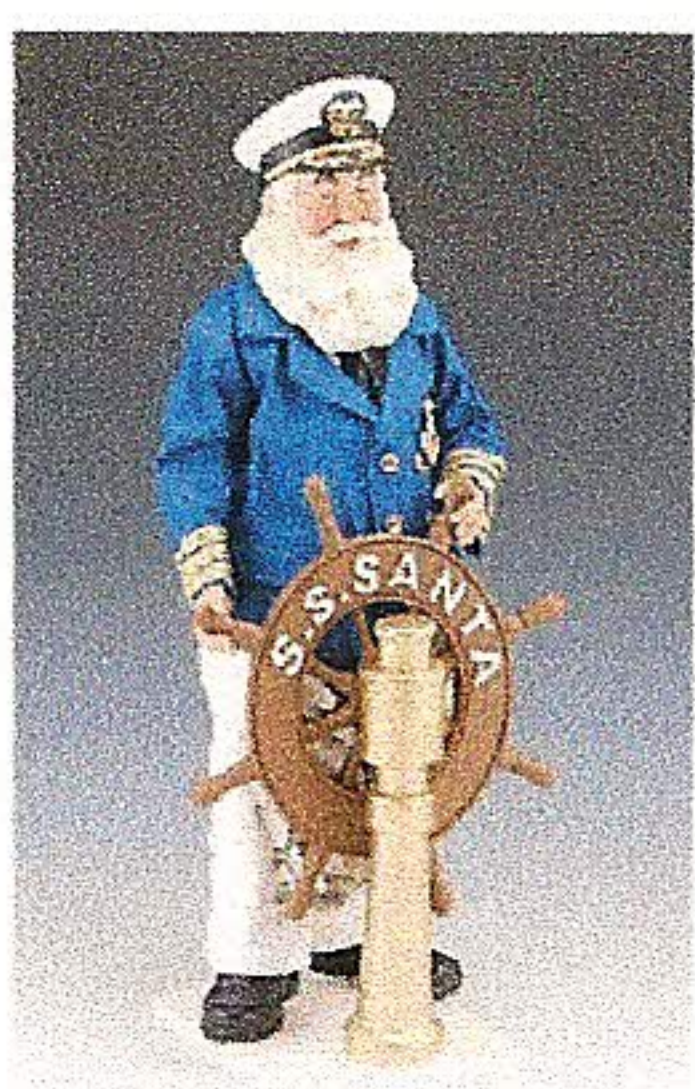
The wedding and reception was held for John and his bride at the LMYC Clubhouse. A good time was had by all, and it seems the guy in the green kilt was having an exceptional time!

Saturday Nov 24 at 5pm at the club...The ceremony was short, emotional, and John and Colette are now happy married. Both John and Colette have large families and with friends from the Club there was a full house of over 70 people.

Our wonderful LMYC ladies: Val, Lieka, Jan, and Penny prepared a variety of food you could have served at a royal wedding. Snacks were available all night and the cake was delicious.

Atmosphere at the party that followed was great, all were happy for the new married couple with lots of dancing and drinks. Till late night there were still many people enjoying the evening. Bag pipe were playing and the DJs Lee and Kevin (John's nephews) entertained the crowd all night.

It was an evening to remember. Congratulations to John and Colette Murphy .



**Wishing  
you a very  
Merry  
Christmas  
and a fun  
safe  
New Year**

