

## **December 14, 2010 Gulf Breeze**

Invocation: Sallie Parks

Joke: Jeff Rhoads

Program: Holiday singing with Wendy Barmore!

## **2 weeks ago: November 30, 2010**

**Guests:** Nan and Duncan Chisholm- Scotland; Dorothy Liddle; John Robinson, new member; Brett Freistadt- prospective member; Sally Trotter- Inner Wheel; Cheryl Small- speaker, Pack and Sack; Mary Slavines- Clearwater; Norman Rippon- Gravenjurst, Ontario; Andy Nall- Clearwater.

**Happy Bucks:** Bev Fisher for opportunity to play at Innisbrook; Sally Trotter for pecan sales for Inner Wheel; Mark for FSU's defeat of UF; Sara Kessinger for Jack Bakeman grant in the District; Beck Robbins-Penniman for knee surgery.

50/50: \$273 in pot, no winner

**Perfect Attendance:** Peter Krulder- 1 year, Jeff Rhodes- 12 years, Sara Kessinger- 14 years.

### **Announcements:**

- Blood Drive- Dec. 14
- Motorcycle raffle- last week-end's total sales \$1900
- Christmas parade – Dec. 11
- Service Project for Dec. 14 will be for Bay Pines Veterans Affairs Office
- Money from quilt raffle will be for Raising Hope
- Membership Matters\_ Welcome to new member John Robinson

**Program:** Cheryl Small spoke on the Pack n Sack program. This charitable program is affiliated with United Methodist Cooperative Ministries but is not religious based. The mission is to meet the week-end nutrition needs of food insecure children. There are about 15 million food insecure children in the U.S., and in Pinellas 45,000 individuals live below the federal poverty level and many of these are children. Hungry children have chronic illnesses, high anxiety levels and learning difficulties. Children at Title I schools in Pinellas County are eligible to receive help through the Pack n Sack program. These are schools where children are eligible for free or reduced lunch (Sixty-seven elementary schools are Title I schools). For many children their school lunch is the only healthy meal they have. The Pack n Sack program provides healthy snacks for children to take home with them for the week-end. School counselors identify the children and get permission from families to participate in program. Businesses or families can adopt a child and food can also be donated. Volunteer committees can organize a Pack n Sack program, perhaps starting with 15-20 children. Bags are packed and delivered to the schools on Thursdays for Friday take home. Cost if about \$4 per week per child- about \$120-\$140 per year to sponsor a child. Suggested snacks include: crackers, cereal, granola bars, apple sauce, pudding, Vienna sausage, fresh fruit. Some students have short term needs, some long term. When food stamps run out at they students depend on the sacks. The program is well respected and the schools report back monthly to the donating organizations. Contact Cheryl Small for more information on how you can participate in the Pack n Sack charity through your organization – her number is 733-6010.

**Our next meeting is Tuesday, January 4**

*Happy Holidays!!*

