

THE *M* EDITION

Tradition Continues at Riverview Banquet Centre

For 2011, the club again chose the Riverview Banquet Centre in Pemberville for its annual holiday party. Jerry and Mary Jo Bish made the arrangements and there were many compliments on the hospitality and efficiency of the staff

Compared to some years, there was no snow and, although cold, the roads were dry, and there was a beautiful full moon. Several of the 34 attendees took advantage of the weather and drove their Miatas.

The evening began with the usual chit-chat and catching up among the folks whose busy schedules had kept them away for awhile. The Riverview team then welcomed us and announced the order of the dinner service. The salad buffet was well received and the diners then moved on to their choice of steak or chicken for the main course. Capping the excellent meal was a choice among several different homemade pies, all delicious, as judged by the smiles that followed. Some of the group even snuck back for a second piece!

After dinner, it was time for the 50/50 raffle (thanks go to Sue Greeley and Kathy Guiberson) and traditional gift exchange. Sherry and Chuck Schmidt were attending their first event and they got a warm welcome as winners of the year's largest money prize. Nearly everyone garnered some loot, however, since there were lots of additional prizes, including Zoom-Zoom items from Mazda and holiday decorations thoughtfully provided by the the Bishes. Thanks also to John and Diane Fouts who donated a car cover, won by Denise Koch.



It was then time for the big event of the evening, the always entertaining (and frustrating) gift exchange. Jerry Bish explained the rules and directed the action, since President Marv Himmelein was unable to attend. Recall that once selected, gifts can be stolen and, as usual, the most highly regarded items went round and round.

The hot items this year seemed to be Bailey's and assorted chocolates. Other desirables were wines (red, white, domestic, imported - it made no matter), restaurant gift cards and lottery tickets. Bill Potvin seemed to be able to pick out the good stuff so, of course, he was stolen from most often. Karl Schwemley ended up with the lottery tickets, which he scratched off as the crowd cheered on. His payday: \$12.00.

The evening ended with the details of our next two winter dinners being announced and the usual plea went out for people to volunteer early for next year's events. We parted with fond wishes to all for a Happy Holiday Season!

Happy New Year Luncheon Meeting

Date: Saturday, January 14, 2011 **Time:** 1:00 pm

Place: Granite City Food & Brewery
2300 Village Dr West, Maumee

Something new - our first 2011 get-together will be a luncheon. No long, boring business meeting - just plenty of good food and drink with some talk about our cars, past activities and event ideas for the coming year.

Granite City is located in the Shops at Fallen Timbers. Click [here](#) for directions. Click [here](#) for a menu.

Please contact Bill Potvin at bpotvin@bex.net or 419-891-9191 by January 7 to make a reservation.



Jerry Bish entertains the crowd.



Sue Greeley feeling 50/50.

Happy
Holidays!



Sherry and Chuck Schmidt attend their first event

Tentative 2012 Event Calendar

Saturday, January 14	Luncheon Meeting at Granite City, hosted by Potvin & Myers
Saturday, February 11	Dinner Meeting at Loma Linda, hosted by Sandy Tapola
March Date TBA	Dinner Meeting at Findlay Irish Pub, hosted by the Raymonds



Fran and Dan Ewing,
Claudette and John Bretzloff
enjoying the party.



Denise Koch and Mark enjoying each other.

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