

Dolphin Tales

Officer's Corner

Merry Christmas, Members,

I am not the only one asking, "Where has this year gone?" I love the Christmas season, but it sure gets here faster every year! Here we are half way through the year of our Chapter meetings too. New officers and Chairs begin their choice of positions in July! I want to encourage each of you to begin thinking about where you want to work within your Chapter this coming year. This commitment is a learning, growing experience you will appreciate.

I have two reminders for the January meeting. Please review the Member of Excellence program to see what you have accomplished and what you still need to do to earn this award. I will review the Chapter of Excellence and give you a report at our January meeting. Also, please remember to purchase some extra groceries during your holiday shopping. Bring them to the first meeting so we can help refill a pantry in need.

"The charity that is a trifle to us can be precious to others." Homer.

We want to do another continuing service program where we will collect hotel size soaps, shampoos and lotions. So if you travel this season please save them for this project. We will take all those collected to make baskets and donate them to the Ronald McDonald House in Galveston.

We have some great programs Lisa has scheduled next year. January's speaker is the same person we heard at the Certification Banquet and he is really great. In February, I will encourage you all to bring a guest with you, because Renee and Rhonda are preparing a dynamite program. You can go to our website and sign up for our awesome March Seminar. Pam and her committee have put together an awesome group of speakers!

My wish for each of you is for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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Holiday Housewarming Punch

by: Tina M Pennington



Ice Ring Preparation:

Pour a can of Pineapple Juice into a jello ring mold.
Add sliced oranges for added flavor.
Freeze thoroughly.

In a LARGE punchbowl, mix the following ingredients:

1 (64 ounce) bottle of Cranapple Juice
1 (64 ounce) bottle of Cranberry Juice
1 (750ml) bottle of low cost burgundy wine

Remove from freezer shortly before preparing the punch to begin the thawing process.

Pour in the liquid from the saucepan (strain out the cloves and cinnamon sticks).

In a medium saucepan, bring to boil:
2 cups of water
5 whole cinnamon sticks
5 or 6 whole cloves

Add pineapple ice ring and serve.



Since there is a measure of alcohol in this punch, remember to

drink responsibly and in moderation. Don't drink and drive.

Happy Holidays!

Festive Pasta



by: Rikki Killebrew

1 pkg (12 oz) whole wheat penne rigate
1 green bell pepper, chopped
1 red bell pepper, chopped
2 garlic cloves, minced
2 Tbsp olive oil
1 can (15 oz) red kidney beans, drained and rinsed
1 tsp dried basil
1 tsp dried chives
1 tsp salt
1/4 tsp pepper
1/4 cup Parmesan cheese, grated
1 1/2 cups (3 oz) fresh spinach, torn



Prepare pasta according to package directions.
In a large skillet, sauté the bell peppers and garlic in olive oil.
Drain pasta. Add beans and pasta to skillet and stir.
Add basil, chives, salt and pepper; mix well.
Remove from heat and stir in the cheese.
Add spinach and toss to coat.
Serve warm. Refrigerate leftovers.
Makes 6 to 8 servings



Cheese Ring

by: Janine Cmaidalka

1 pound Cheddar cheese, grated
1 cup chopped Pecans/Walnuts
3/4 cup mayonnaise
1/2 small onion, grated
1 clove garlic, pressed
1/2 teaspoon Tabasco (optional)
1 cup red Raspberry preserves



Combine the cheese, pecans/walnuts, mayonnaise, garlic and Tabasco in a medium bowl; mix well. Spoon into a ring mold that has been lined with plastic wrap. Chill in the refrigerator.

When ready to serve, unmold onto a platter and top with raspberry preserves. Serve with crackers.



Orange Mousse

by: Rikki Killebrew

1 can (8 oz) crushed pineapple
 1 can (11 oz) mandarin oranges, drained
 1 pkg (3 oz) orange gelatin
 1 pkg (8 oz) cream cheese, softened
 2 Tbsp half and half
 1 cup heavy whipping cream, whipped



**Refrigerate any leftovers.
 Makes 8 servings.

Drain the pineapple, reserving the juice.
 Add enough water to the reserved juice to measure 1 cup.
 Pour juice mixture into a saucepan and bring to a boil.
 Add the gelatin. Heat until dissolved, stirring constantly.
 Chill until partially set.
 Beat the cream cheese and the half-and-half in a small bowl until blended.
 Beat in the gelatin mixture gradually.
 Stir in the pineapple and mandarin oranges.
 Chill until partially set.
 Fold in the whipped cream.
 Spoon into 8 individual molds or dessert dishes.
 Chill for 8 to 10 hours or until set.
 The mousse will have a creamy consistency.

Up Coming Events & Save the Date

Up Coming Events

° Monthly Chapter Meetings

January 7, 2010

5:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Kelly's Restaurant, Texas City

February 4, 2010

5:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Kelly's Restaurant, Texas City

March 4, 2010

5:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Kelly's Restaurant, Texas City

Save the Date

• January 30, 2010

Annual/Business Meeting CPA/CAP Society of Texas

www.cpscapsot.org

• March 6, 2010

Chapter Seminar

Marriott Hotel near Hobby Airport

• April 20, 2010

APW Breakfast _ Woodlands Area Chapter

Woodlands Water Way

• May 2010

T/L Division Meeting

Amarillo, TX



Congratulations from December 2009 GCC Meeting

Good of the Order:

- Karla Villeneuve purchased a new vehicle, 2010 Chevy Equinox LT
- Yvonne Hudson's daughter, Ashley Grable was married to Angel Palomino on Saturday November 7th at Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas and held a reception on Friday November 13th at the Hilton in Clear Lake. See attached photo.



Announcements:

- Basket Raffle winner: Charlie Killebrew



JAAP Anniversaries

- **Rikki Killebrew**



JAAP Birthdays December 2009

- **Linda Linquist**
- **Pearcy Renee**
- **Pam Stout**



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