



# DECEMBER 2009

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

What a party! Oktoberfest was a great success. More than fifty guests attended. Great food and wine, great time, great friends. Many thanks to **Anne Bolechowski**, her husband **Michael** and other helpers **Anna Cristoforo**, **Nancy Hagosian**, **Dottie McHugh**, **Yen Bachmeier** to name a few. Don't miss this year Bookfest on November 16<sup>th</sup> and remember to bring your non-perishables for our Food Bank drive.

The Forest Hill Garden Club Holiday Dinner Dance is a long-time tradition of the club, almost always on the first Monday night of December. The theme is a 1940s Christmas. To put yourself in the mood, think of the holiday movies of the era: *It's a Wonderful Life*, *You Can't Take It with You*, *Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street*, *the Bishop's Wife*, etc. For entertainment, we have the talented pianist, composer, and singer, **Candace Forest**, who will take us back to the 1940s with dance tunes, holiday music, and possibly some sing-along holiday tunes. So, please come home for a family Christmas in the 1940s! Send in your response to the flyer right now. We look forward to seeing you on Monday, December 7, 2009.

## Meetings and Events

### Monday, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>

12:30 PM  
01:00 PM  
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02:30 PM

Food Drive chaired by **Toni Buckley** and **Ellie Barry**  
Book Festival presented by Neil Sofman, co-owner with Anna Bullard of West Portal Bookshop.  
Refreshments  
General Meeting  
Presentation of new books for gift giving and personal reading. Bring a guest.  
Tea to Follow

### Thursday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>

10:00 AM  
10:30 AM

Wreath Making Day  
Set Up  
Design and assemble your wreaths.  
Please come join us for mulled apple cider, desert, tea and coffee while designing your wreath or help us design greens for our holiday party.  
Donations of greens should be left in front of the Clubhouse before 10:00 AM that morning.  
More information: **Ann Rieger-Mathews**, 759-8131

### Sunday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>

11:00 AM

Deck the Halls  
Set up for annual holiday party, tree-trimming, festive decoration and holiday cheer.

### Monday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>

06:30 PM

Holiday Dinner Dance - RSVP **Louise Bacigalupi** (753-2262) - See attached flyer.  
Champagne reception, followed by dinner, 1940s music and dancing.

## NOTES

### Welcome New Member:

Please welcome new member **Susan Hill**, on 500 block of Magellan Street. Some of you might have already met Susan and her husband Robert, at the Oktoberfest party. If you have a new neighbor or long-time neighbor who you think might like to join please let Darlene Hartman (731-4885) or Helen Scholten (566-0921) know and they will send a form and note to ask them to join.