

Our December board meeting turned into two meetings as we were able to conduct the reorganizational meeting after our regular meeting. Peggy Ptak stepped up to take the vacant board seat so now she is an official board member and can vote! She has been a regular at meetings as she has been the Activities Awards Chairman and keeping track of members' points. She will also assume the Activities Co Chair along with Karen Schwartz. She has big shoes to fill and I think she is up for the challenge. Chuck Weimer & I swapped positions and he will now lead this club through 2026 (and perhaps beyond). The other board members whose terms were up have agreed to reup for another three years. I feel confident we will have another great year as a few events are already in the works.

Once again, we had a fantastic Christmas Party. With a little snow on the ground and the Bills game in the background we sat down for a delicious meal. Barb Noonan decorated the tables with another unique table favor for each person as well as a poinsettia plant and bottle of wine. After dinner, the tables competed in a trivia game. We had to write down our answers on a card and race to turn them into Barb's assistant, Barb Abel, who then tallied the scores. I happened to sit with a very knowledgeable group and we came out one point ahead of the rest. Way to go Backseaters! (We had to use a car part to name our group). Everyone was a winner as Barb had a box of chocolate bars for each table. Different colored dots on the back of each candy bar indicated who would win the plant and wine. Yet another great way to let member go home with a gift.

More thanks go out to Lynelle for her part in making this a great afternoon, as Julie from Comfort House was also there to receive the many gift that our members donated. I am sure that each and every item will be greatly appreciated.

Candace Reed again made a terrific basket, filled with a ton of goodies, which one of our new members won! Along with two talking snowmen figurines and the split club, Candace had the perfect ending to wonder day. If you missed this, you missed a great time. But you can still have another great time if you attend the banquet as it will also be an event to be remembered.

I can't believe we are through another year already. They just seem to fly by. We are gearing up to have a good 2026, starting with a banquet. I know Karen Schwartz & Sue Yearke have things up their sleeve relating to the "Sea Cruise" theme. They always do such a terrific job!