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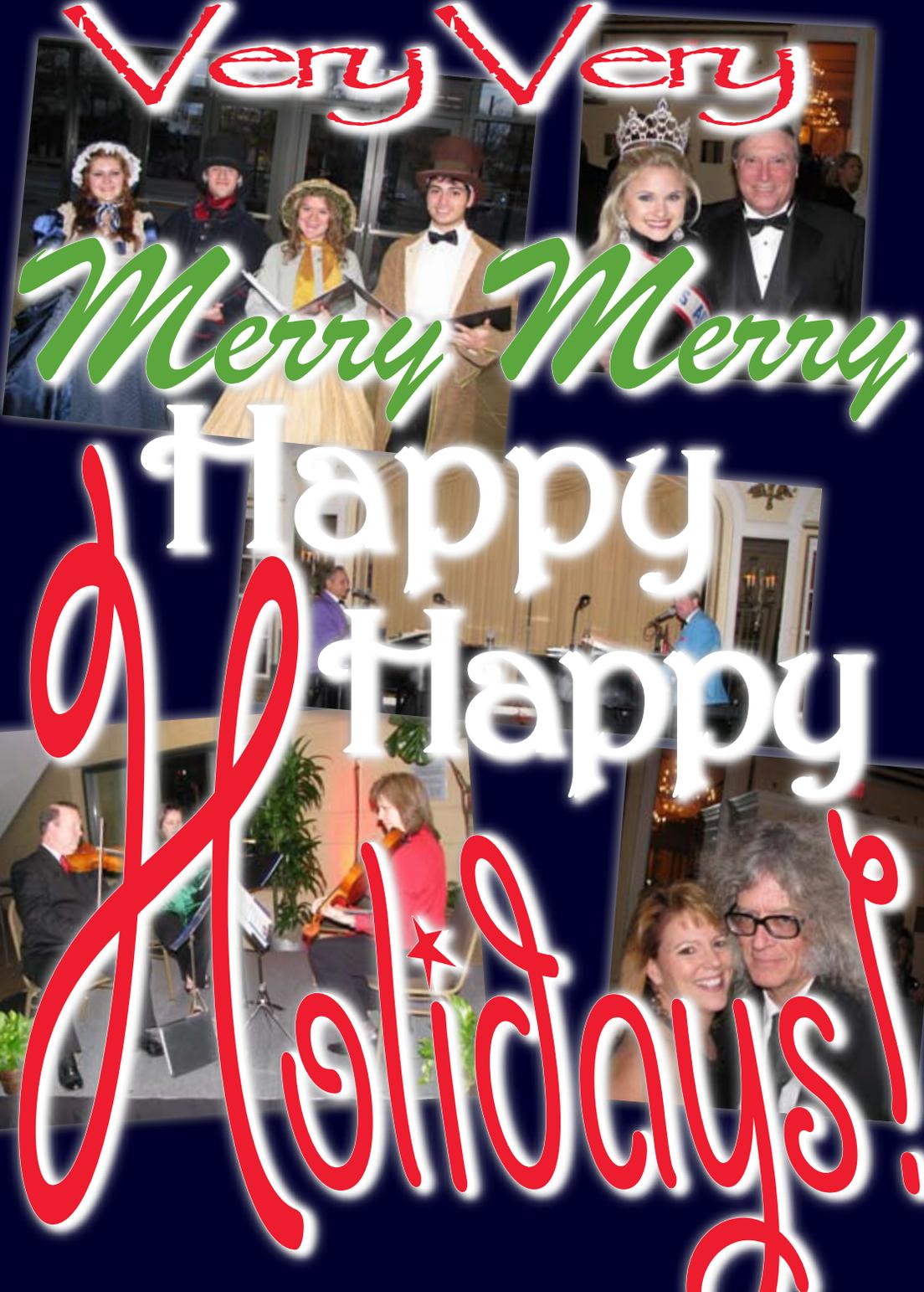
Wishing Everyone A

Very Very

Merry Merry

Happy Happy

Holidays!



MMHLA Luncheon!
January 21, 2015
Location To Be Determined

Registration 11:30 a.m.
Luncheon at Noon

To Make Reservations:
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DECEMBER 28 – LIBERTY BOWL GALA!

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Wednesday, November 19, at the Holiday Inn University of Memphis . . .

ALLIED CAFE

And who showed up to serve MMHLA members all that useful information? Well, there was . . .

Representing the Kemmons Wilson School of Hospitality & Resort Management, an old friend, **Peggy Callahan.**

What a spread! U.S. Foods shows off its stuff!

TnHTA's **Greg Adkins,** workin' hard & lovin' it!



TnHTA's **Lisa Bass & Greg Adkins.**



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S&D Coffee: **Mike Spangler.**



Procter & Gamble: **Lindsay Coffman & Chris Beedles** of P&G distributor DAYTEK.



Solar Tech: **Pam Weakley.**



Phelps Security: **Alan Hopkins.**

Wait a minute! You can't sneak up on us like that! Too late: MMHLA President **Mary Calorio** & Elvis Presley Enterprise's **Anna Hamilton**.

Whatcha got here? Lotsa information, lotsa fun freebies, even bags to stash it all in & good stuff to munch!

There were classes too! Here's **Kooky Kanuck** with his Social Media Class.

And there's business: Chairman **Wayne Tabor** announces the slate of Officers & Board Members for 2015.



Servers at the very popular US Foods display: **David W. Lowe** & **Jennifer Steakley**.



PrizeTime! Do you have a ticket with a winning number? iPads & weekend getaways for 2 were among the prizes!

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MMHLA Elections!
December 4, Holiday Party, Hilton Memphis!
Here's the Slate!

MMHLA Officers & Board elections are December 4, before the Holiday Party, Hilton Memphis, 939 Ridge Lake Blvd.

The slate is:

- Mary Calorio – President.**
- Bill Spencer – Vice President.**
- Doug Owings – Treasurer.**
- Ghee Alexander – Secretary.**
- John Rucker – Sergeant at Arms.**
- Doug Brown, Tricia Weatherford – 3 year board member.**

Be there.

It's business and . . . it's a party! Contact Deanna for info! The numbers are on the cover.

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Christmas Memories And Christmas Wished From The Editor

The first Christmases

I remember involved waiting for someone who arrived just at the right time, and just missing someone who vanished at exactly the right moment.

The very first Christmas I remember found me on Christmas Eve with my mother and my sister at my grandparents' home, a wonderful 1930s-40s brick home with a massive and wonderful covered front porch. My dad was on his way but wouldn't arrive until Christmas morning.

I remember it was still dark when we stumbled into the living room to see what Santa had brought. My sister got a pink piano that I must have coveted because it's the only present I remember. But I know

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we opened everything and I remember sitting on the floor among the ruins of opened Christmas boxes and trashed holiday wrappings when my grandfather looked up and said he heard something on the porch. He may have said something about Santa Claus as he went to the door, my sister and me following.

But it wasn't Santa. Just outside the front door on the massive porch stood my dad wearing a huge grin and open arms and we all ran outside. The sun was coming up and it was Christmas Day.



Wayne Lewis, Editor,
MMHLA Newsletter

The next Christmas I remember was at 1539 Catalina, a Wallace E. Johnson-built home on the outskirts of town, just inside what would soon become the I-240 loop. Again, my memories are only of Christmas morning. As always, we were up before the sun rose. Wasn't everybody? Presents were open, my sister and me were playing with the toys, my mother was picking up paper and ribbons and all the lovely mess of Christmas morning. And my dad said he heard something outside. He ran into the kitchen and to the back door and said he thought it was bells and dashed out the door. My sister and I were just seconds behind him and when we got outside the cold Christmas air smacked us and beneath our feet the lawn was

wet with cold Christmas dew and the sky was bright and still full of stars and my dad was dashing around the corner of the house pointing to the sky screaming "There he goes! There he goes!"

Santa Claus. He was gone by the time my sister and I got there. My dad said we just missed him.

Now what has that got to do with the MMHLA? I'm not sure but it seemed an appropriate story to tell at this time. You may not have guessed it, but my dad is the great hero of my life. Not an adventure story hero, but an everyday hero, loved by his family, well-liked by everyone, never one to yell or point or blame but always the cool head and smiling face people looked to when they needed a friend. I used to think my heroes were Alexander the Great and Albert Einstein, Tarzan and Horatio Hornblower and Silver Chief, Dog of the North. Slowly I realized the person I really wanted to be like, was already trying to be like, was my dad.

You don't have to be the big leader. You don't have to be the man in front, giving orders and forming the world around you into the shape you think it should be. What's needed are good people who can get along with each other and work together. My dad was one of those. There are a lot more out there like him, a whole lot of them in this association. This Christmas, let us be thankful for each other: we're just the people we need.

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year.



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2014 CALENDAR

Dates & locations subject to change. (*Indicates change from normal 3rd Wed. of month)

All 2014 luncheon programs and locations are not yet set. If you would like to volunteer a venue or present a luncheon program please contact Deanna Ross. Her numbers are in the Upcoming Events box on the cover.

Dec. 4 – Holiday Party; Hilton Memphis, 939 Ridge Lake Blvd.

Dec 29 – 56th AutoZone Liberty Bowl; 1 p.m., 901-795-7700,
www.libertybowl.org.

**Feb. 13 – 17th Annual
Lodging Industry
Update;** Hilton
Memphis, 939
Ridge Lake Blvd.

**Mar. 4, 2015 –TnHTA
Day on the Hill;**
Nashville.



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