

# THE SHIPMATE

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## CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

The Christmas Luncheon is our next event and its right upon us so mark your social calendar now for Saturday, December 22nd, 1:00 p.m.

Juanita and Woody have graciously agreed to host us again. As usual, they will have their home so beautifully decorated if you don't have the holiday spirit, you certainly will when you leave.

The address is 1420 Bridgeport Trail, Suffolk, VA 23432. Directions are as follows: Route 17 across the Godwin Bridge, at the stoplight turn left on Crittenden Road. Go to the end and turn left on King's Highway. At the second street turn left. Their home is on the left.

If you are coming from Route 58, take the bypass at Route 10, come off ramp like going to Smithfield to Route 125, turn right on King's Highway at the Old Country Store and the 7-11. Go to Bridge Point Trail, turn left.

In case you get lost, please call Juanita or Woody for directions. Their telephone number is 757-255-2456.

This is a covered dish luncheon. Please bring a vegetable dish or dessert. Fried chicken will be furnished.

The Calling Committee will be calling to find out if you plan to attend. Just remember this is Saturday, December 22nd.

Our thanks to Lanier and Roy Cahoon for their wonderful hospitality in hosting the Fish Fry. We had a great time and the food was outstanding. There were approximately 45 present.

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The Cradock Admiral Retired (that's us) donated \$500 to charity this year. We gave \$250 to EDMARC \$250 to CHKD.

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Patty Grubbs Williams, Nags Head, NC, Class of '49 writes: "It's truly remarkable that you continue to keep The Shipmate coming to us. Thanks so very much, I do enjoy hearing the news.

I am still on the OBX - at the moment listening to the wind and surf kicking up the 'Sandy Hurricane'. I am ready for it to settle down. Sounds as though you folks up in Virginia are going to get it also. Hope all goes well for everyone.

So sorry for all the ones we have lost - and wish the rest of us good health and happiness. Love to all.

Barbara Ferebee Johnson, Chesapeake, Class of '49 writes a note to tell you all how much your concerns, thoughts, prayers and well wishes are helping me during my chemo treatments for Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. You are the "Wind Beneath my Sails" and

give me the strength to deal with this latest issue that has hit me with a "double whammy".

As many of you know, earlier this year I underwent surgery for Meniere's Disease and it looks like the surgery was successful. I haven't been dizzy or sick since the surgery, but the doctor says until six months have passed we can't be certain.

Again, you need to know that I'm so grateful for your support.

Wishing all of us a happy holiday season and a better New Year. Fondest regards."

Irma DeLauri, Class of '50 writes "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to each of you and your families! This has been a year to remember, some for the good and some not so much. As Admirals, we have learned to take whatever comes our way. As for me and mine, we depend upon the Lord to help us through the rough times and lean upon Proverbs 3: 5-8. For those who need our prayers, please send them up with heartfelt sincerity.

I would like to thank all of you who expressed sympathy to me and my family at the passing of my son, Patrick. He loved this group and felt a part of it having brought me so many times to the gatherings. We miss him deeply and are thankful that he is without pain and is at peace now. God always knows best and we rely upon him.

I wish for each of you a blessed new year.

Shirley Lyon Hartung, Class of '50, Chesapeake, is in rehab at Harbor's Edge in Norfolk recovering from a broken hip.

Hopefully she will be home by Christmas. Shirley called to thank everyone for the prayers, cards and best wishes. Leroy is coping and is anxious for her to soon be able to come home.

Mary Annarino sent cards to the following:

Christmas cards to the two remaining teachers, Dr. Betty Jane Yarborough and Mrs. Pat Metzler.

Thinking of You cards were sent Barbara Johnson, Shirley Hartung and Whitney LeCompte.

Sarah Elizabeth West passed on peacefully at Sentara Hospital, Hampton on November 28, 2012. She received many honors including "Teacher of the Year" award. She and was with the school system for 43 years before retiring in 1982.

Please send news for the next Shipmate to [maerthompson@cox.net](mailto:maerthompson@cox.net) or mail to my address at 4200 Summerset Dr., Portsmouth, VA23703. We would really like to hear from you.

***Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and you family!***