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President's Pen

Happy New Year to everyone.



Margie Klesse and Beverly Pace

Our Fall and holiday activities were kicked off on October 15, with our Membership Coffee at the beautiful home of Margie and Bill Klesse. Over 100 guests enjoyed the wonderful event chaired by Betty Ferrell and BJ Wachel. Lovely fashions from Andie & Barbara, modeled by members, were a hit with everyone attending.

Jo Marie Camero and her committee provided refreshments for the CHRISTUS VNA Hospice Memorial Service November 2 at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church.

Over 100 family members enjoyed the punch and cookies provided by the hospitality committee and board members.

The holiday activities began with poinsettia deliveries to homes and businesses by over 60 volunteers from the membership and KCI volunteer program. Thanks to day chairs Marilyn Birmingham, Katie Farrimond, Tanya Hammon, Sue Miller, Pauleen Netting, Mary Overstreet, Marie Soules, Daravene Thomas and Kip Zbinden. The project surpassed the set goal.

The Angel Tree for memorials and in honor of gifts was so well received that a second tree was purchased for hanging the extra angels sold. The trees were located in the Sister Mary Hospice Inpatient Center. Thanks to Johanna Comuzzi, Pat Darnall and Betty Parish for helping make this project special.

The 25th Anniversary Poinsettia Ball, chaired by Sherry McNeil and LouAnn Noll, presented over 425 guests an elegant and magical evening of music, delicious food and



Don and Beverly Pace and Olive Anne and Tres Kleberg

conviviality. Decoration chairs Renee Murray and Johanna Comuzzi transformed the Hyatt Regency Ballroom with sparkling snowflakes and hundreds of beautiful white poinsettia plants. The Rick Cavender Band kept the guests on their feet dancing. Best of all, the Ball surpassed the set goal.

My thanks to all the chairs and their wonderful committees for making each of these events so memorable and profitable. Because of all their success, Friends of Hospice presented a check for \$110,000 for uninsured patients to CHRISTUS VNA Hospice in December.

Our 2014 events are starting soon. Valentine Luncheon chairs Mary Beth Fisk and Nancy Torgerson promise you will have a wonderful time at the February 8th event. Your check or credit card is your reservation, so make your reservations now. Auction chairs Patricia Fooshee and Margie Bohl along with their committee have gathered many wonderful items.

Mark your calendars for the Spring Lecture on April 1, at Trinity University. Chairs Laura Labatt and Linda Shannon have put together an informative lecture featuring Dr. Jason Morrow.

Wishing all of you happiness, good health and many blessings for the New Year.

Beverly Pace President 2013-2014

The mission of Friends of Hospice San Antonio, Inc. is to increase community awareness and understanding of hospice and to raise funds in support of patients and their families in end-of-life care.