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EON Newsletter

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The November meeting of this group was characterized by one thing only--a snowstorm. The first real snowstorm of the season swept through the Syracuse area late Friday evening and it seems that a number of our members were intimidated by it. A quick call to Michelle assured me that the roads were very clear north of Fulton and so I ventured north. As it turns out, Joanna (from Rochester) and myself were the only souls hardy enough to make the trip and greet Gail and Michelle. The evening was interesting as we all ate more than we had any right to, and talked frankly about all manner of things that came to mind.

While the small meeting was nice in that we were able to talk more intimately than one might in a larger group, the true "specialness" of this EON group comes in the large group dynamics that have developed over the years. Let's try to keep this group going strong by supporting the monthly meetings.

-Joanne Thomas

On Tuesday, November 17, I had the distinct honor and privilege to attend a special dinner meeting of the TVA group in Rochester. I got into town early in the evening and decided to stay overnight at a motel so I could stay a little later at the party and not worry about the drive home to Syracuse.

I had set it up with Joanna to get my ticket and send me information on how to get to the place where the dinner was to be held. Everything was so well planned out--I received an excellent map and easy-to-follow directions. This made it a lot easier on me (I had enough to worry about just walking from the door of the motel to my car wearing heels and carrying a purse!)

The party was fantastic! I was met at the door by Darlene who led me into the crowd and introduced me to so many others that I can't begin to remember them all. There was a total of 28 or so people there and as nice a group as I've met anyplace. I especially appreciate Darlene, Diane, Joanna, and Betty taking me under their wing so-to-speak and being sure I always had somebody to talk to.

There was a lot of entertainment that evening also, as an impersonator with a name I won't even try to spell did some wonderful dancing and singing. She appears sometimes in the Syracuse area and I know I'd like to see her again. There was also a gentleman with an extraordinary voice who sang some show tunes a capella (without accompaniment). As a special treat, Betty allowed her arm to be twisted and brought forth a wonderful rendition of "Here's to the Ladies". That was a fun group of people.

I was able to talk with Terry and spouse who edit their newsletter and they tell me that they had six pages worth of material in their last newsletter. Luckily the room was dark so they couldn't tell how red I became with jealousy but we did agree to send each other our newsletters.

Darlene and I talked about how they set up to have the party and arranged it so that the people were understanding. It might be something for our group to look into. The party house they found was larger than necessary but we were the only people there and the owner, bartender, and serving people (all female) could not have been more respectful. I was glad for that as I was paranoid enough as it was without having to worry about snotty waiters.

The evening was wonderful--the only way I might have enjoyed it more was if I had taken my camera out of my purse and taken some pictures of the smiling, beautiful faces of the new friends I met that night. A special Thank You to Darlene who had to put up with my incessant questions on how they got so many people out on a Tuesday night!

-Joanne Thomas

P L E A S E N O T E ! ! I M P O R T A N T C H A N G E

Due to family conflict problems, Ellen and Carol have had to request that the Christmas Party be changed to Saturday night, December 12th. They contacted me, and a small sampling of some of the others they knew and we determined that it would be too hard to find another location at this late date and so the date was changed. The same things apply as listed in last month's letter. They appreciate the fact that all concerned will make their evening transformation after arriving. They ask also that you call and let them know you'll be coming so as to better plan for the proper size of group. Their number is 315-635-1718.

Remember that this is the Christmas Party, so in addition to looking your holiday best, be sure each person attending brings a little something for the gift exchange with a value not to exceed \$10, please. Also, try to spend a little creative time in the kitchen and bring something special for the hors'd'oeuvre.

I hope to see you all there as this party is the most special for our group. Have a Happy Holiday!

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