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Gala Holiday Banquet 2017

Monday, December 11, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

We will close this year of great senior socials with the biggest event of them all. The GBF Holiday Banquet will be on Monday, December 11 in the Fellowship Hall at the Kettering Church. We are starting a little later this year to accommodate those who still work; the festivities will begin at 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$15.00/per person.

The tables will be decorated once again by the Frey, Hartloff and Stevens team. The menu will be another success of Don Sleeth's team with vegetarian chicken croquettes and gravy, mashed potatoes, copper penny carrot salad, green beans with roasted red peppers, and for dessert, Amish chocolate peanut butter pie. Yum! The meal will be served by the staff families of the Kettering Church.

Rounding out the evening will be the music of the Christmas season by the Spring Valley Academy Stage Band under the direction of Donald Huff.

This looks like an event to invite your family and friends! Please use the form below to reserve your place at the table.

Holiday Banquet 2017, December 11, 2017, 6:00 pm

Cost: \$15.00 per person.

Please reserve my/our place for the Holiday Banquet.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ #Attending _____

Amount of enclosed check \$ _____

Send your check (payable to the Golden Buckeye Fellowship) and this form to Karen Caviness, 7840 Bigger Rd., Dayton OH 45450 no later than Wednesday, December 6, 2017.

Questions? Karen Caviness 937.433.8355

Remembering 2017 Socials

As we approach 2018, we pause to recall the special events we enjoyed this year. Everything seemed to come in twos! For the first time we took two bus trips in the same year; the first to the ARK Encounter in June and the second to the Troy-Piqua area in September. We enjoyed two picnics: our Winter Potluck in January and a Fall Picnic at the Herdman home in September. We heard two guest speakers: Ed Breen, author and Dayton history professor, at our Spring Brunch in April, and Charles Dickerson, speaking on the history of the Veteran's Hospital at our tour of the Grotto Gardens in July. In August we toured the newly renovated public library downtown Dayton and ate at the 2nd Street Market, a collection of mini-

shops and ethnic foods. Most recently, our annual Soup-In we just enjoyed in November was delicious and beautiful. We welcomed new seniors at almost every event as our reputation for great socials is growing. All in all, a great year of senior activities for anyone over 55 years old. Our next years' calendar of events promises to be even better! ▪
By Dan Stevens, Activities Director

Fellowship & Soup

Winter temperatures arrived early this year in southwest Ohio, just in time for the Golden Buckeye Fellowship annual soup-in. Hot soup is the perfect "cure" for early winter chill, and nearly 60 members and friends enthusiastically lined up to try seven different homemade soups at the Centerville SDA Church on November 10, 2017.

Every GBF event includes great fellowship opportunities, but there is something about slurping soup among friends while seated at round tables that warms up the supper interactions. One member told Buckeye Times that a year is too long to wait for the next soup-in, and we really should consider doing this twice a year!

Part of what makes Soup-In special are the interesting and elegant tureens. Stan & Edith Applegate were moving forces in the long tradition of Soup-Ins locally, and some of their tureens are still in use by GBF! Tureens have become works of art, and one once sold at Sotheby's Auction for over \$10 million! (That was not one of ours!)



The stars of the event were the seven soups. Chefs were Karen Caviness, Gene & Mabel Cowling, Carol Hartloff, Jan Shull, Sandy Simi, Don Sleeth, and Dan Stevens. Gene Cowling set a new GBF record by being the oldest GBF soup maker ever at age 91. Despite Gene being married to a younger woman, together the couple also set a record for average age of a soup-making team! In addition to that, Mabel is believed to be the oldest female soup maker in the organization's long tradition. So

between them, the couple actually holds three GBF culinary records!

Attendees were tempted to try all seven soups, but it is believed that nobody actually succeeded in that. The taste buds were willing but the stomach was full. Here are some adjectives and phrases used to describe each soup:



Jim Dodd, Myra Hoffman, and Sue Shoemaker are deciding which soup to try next.

Broccoli/Cheese: wonderful, creamy, yummy, good blend of ingredients

Lentil Potato: indescribably delicious, favorite flavor, Better than a candy bar!"

Vegetable: sensational, absolutely delicious, seasoned well with good combination of soup veggies

Tomato Basil: nicely flavored, so-o-o-o good, right amount of basil, "How can I get this recipe?"

Potato: scrumptious, cheesy good, delectable, nice flavor, thick & good



Carol & Don Sleeth

Chicken Noodle: perfect comfort food, fantastic, so good the chicken seemed real!

Mushroom: great, spicy good, delishimous, completely different from any other mushroom soup I ever had!"

Don Sleeth not only made

the Broccoli/Cheeddar soup, he was the executive chef who planned the menu and made sure all seven chefs made different soups. Complementing the soups were semolina, ciabatta, and sourdough breads, and some great soft cookies. Juice from Honeycrisp apples also hit the spot.

Doing more than their share of work in the kitchen were Carol Sleeth, Sandy Simi, Charlotte Beebe, Richa Stevens, and other GBF "Marthas." But the kitchen was close enough to the storytelling and singing that they could also be "Marys" at the same time!



White pumpkins highlighted the table decorations this year. Carol Hartloff and Sharon Frey master-minded the seasonal look, and they even found napkins with white pumpkins on them to match the centerpieces!

Seven people enjoyed their first ever GBF Soup In this year. They were Boyd and Emma Ornopia, Faith Barney,

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First Time Attendees: L-R Boyd, Emma, Nora, Janice, and Faith. Missing from this photo: Doug and Connie

Janice Parks, Nora Bussell, Doug Brown, and Connie Tieche. Expect them to get hooked on this favorite tradition.

Dan Stevens told the story of "The Mouse in the House" prior to an old-fashioned hymn sing. Then from the piano, Dan led the group in singing favorite hymns, almost all chosen by the participants: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness;" "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder;" "Under His

Wings;" " It Is Well with My Soul;" "We Have This Hope;" "It took a Miracle;" and "Look Upon Jesus." Natalie Dodd told of hearing "We Have This Hope" by Wayne Hooper at the 1962 General Conference session when the song

was first introduced. Carol Harning reported that "Look Upon Jesus" was written by Ellen White's nephew, F. E. Belden, while he was sitting in church one Sabbath! Hymn number 593 does not credit anyone else besides Belden, so it is not known if the sermon added inspiration to his writing that day.

GBF soup lovers left with familiar and beloved hymns ringing in their ears! •

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Dec. 11, 2017. Holiday Banquet
Jan. 14, 2018 Winter Potluck
Apr. 8, 2018 Spring Brunch

Next Board Meeting
Thursday, December 14, 2017 at 4:30 pm in room S4.