

EUCLID ART ASSOCIATION

Annual Christmas Party & Chinese Auction Fundraiser



A MERRY LITTLE CHRISTMAS

December 4, 2023
Held at The Lithuanian Club
877 E 185 St, Cleveland, 44119

A Merry Time, indeed! The Lithuanian Club was ready for us! Tables were nicely decorated and spaced throughout the room. A glowing fire on the BIG screen TV added to the festive atmosphere. This year the auction items, all 43 of them, were set up throughout the bar area. This gave more space in the dining room for the 47 members and guests to move around, mingle and enjoy the company of their table mates. Each table was given the challenge, "Name the Christmas Carol"...a bit of Christmas party nostalgia created by Stan Klak. *Can you name these Carols?* The delicious dinner buffet was served in the center of the room, a square space with food all around, each table starting at the corner nearest them....a very clever way to serve the buffet. The food was very tasty and the ladies of the Club even catered to certain members dietary needs and we thank them. Just look how we filled our plates.



Prior to the dinner service, Cynthia read the traditional "Night Before Christmas" and gave a prayer of blessing for the food. Thank you, Cynthia. The auction started soon after dinner. All the items were moved into the dining room and our auctioneers went to work describing the items and picking the winning tickets. Many thanks to Rozenia, Jaden and the Andersons for moving the auction along. This year the \$75 in Heinen's gift cards was won by Nancy & Ed Daly and Michelle Brown won Eddie Mitchell's original oil painting. Lots of other original artworks were auctioned and members were thrilled to receive them.

A great time was had by all. Appreciation and thanks to all our volunteers who helped plan, who setup the auction, sold tickets, greeted guests and brought donations. Dennis McDonnell, photographer extraordinaire, took pictures throughout the evening to document the event. All his images can be viewed by [clicking here](#). Many thanks, Den! The photographer never appears in any pictures, but we actually got a picture of Dennis taking pictures....he describes it as "the quintessential Dennis...with the boots, Levi's, pocket knife, camera with flash, favorite hat backwards and NEW Christmas sweater purchased with nothing more than the EAA Christmas party in mind!"



We raised \$389 in the Chinese auction. All proceeds from the auction go to our Education Fund that allows us to offer an annual scholarship to a deserving graduating art student from Euclid High School. Thanks to everyone who contributed to its success!

Special **Thank You** to **Heinen's** for donating \$75 in Heinen's gift cards. Heinen's has donated gift cards for every EAA Christmas auction since 2013! We are so grateful! Let Heinen's know how much you appreciate their continued support of our club over the years by frequenting their establishments. Also, a special **Thanks** to **Stu Pearl**, owner of Stuart Pearl Photography and President of AAWR, for donating three original matted photographs, two of which were in the auction.

One final **GREAT BIG THANK YOU** to Ruta and her staff at the **Lithuanian Club** for their warm hospitality, excellent food and service. We highly recommend you visit the Lithuanian Club for a most excellent dining experience. Find them on FaceBook. We will be back.

LET'S SUPPORT THEM!

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