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The RAT Pack

December Newsletter

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The Meetings

When, Where, What, Why, Who



December 14, 2007 Meeting



WHITE ELEPHANT PARTY



'Twas the Rat Pack Meeting before Christmas, when all through Watersedge, Not a creature was stirring, not even a Tori Hunter Bobble Head; The 1 to 2 minutes speeches were prepared with the greatest of care, In hopes that the White Elephant soon would be there; The Rat Packers were nestled all snug in their conference room chairs, While visions of Papa John's Pizza danced in their heads; And Will with his briefcase, and Jim in his tie, Had just settled down for a story and some pie, When out in the hall there arose such a clatter, I swung my head to see what was the matter. Away to the podium I flew like a flash, Tore open the my notes and threw up my sash. The florescent lights on the newly wrapped presents, Brought me back to that beautiful Christmas pheasant; When, what to my wondering eyes should appear, But Will Bursack, and Labyrinth a former book of the year, Then suddenly a glass ornament appeared, so shiny and flat, I knew in a moment it must be from Pat. Then more rapid than eagles the rat pack did see Tod Sherman and an Antique Lamp possibly from Turkey. Tod whistled, and shouted, "Who wants this Lamp?" anyone, anyone, I will call you by name; "Now, Ali! now, Jim! now, Paul and Erin! On, Chris! on Betty! on, Carren and Holly! For your Living Room! or the top of the wall! Now light it! Light it! Light it all!" As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly, Up jumped Holly as she let out a cry, So up to the podium Judi flew, With a smile, and a Nutcracker too;

And then, in a twinkling, I could not bare to look, There before me was a possibly functioning light for a book As I drew in my hand, and was turning around, Down to the podium Ali came with a bound. Then up jumped Jim with his presents and his rhymes and I knew it had to be about time; A roll of toilet paper he had flung in his pack, And he looked like a peddler just opening his sack. Paul's eyes -- how they twinkled! his dimples how merry! His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry! He waved in his hand a Christmas Duck and I know now he really had a buck. Carren's droll little package was drawn up like a bow, but the light switches will produce light as white as the snow; Holly's cheese platter sparkled like her teeth, And yum, the cheese encircled the platter like a wreath; Chris had a bag of chocolates and a little round belly, That shook, when he laughed like a bowlful of jelly. He was chubby and plump, a right jolly engineer, And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself; Tiffany with her wonderful bag and a twist of her head, Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread And away the Rat Pack all flew like the down of a thistle. But I heard the Rat Pack exclaim, ere they drove out of Watersedge, "Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good-night."

December 27, 2007 Meeting



Speaker: Chris Winter
"Luna and Selene's Story"
The story of how the moon got there and other moon facts.



Toastmaster: Jim Pierce -
Vacations

Word: Tortuous, Tortious, Torturous – full of twists, of the nature of or pertaining to a tort, causing torture or suffering.
Table Topics Master: Erin Withuski; Holly told of her desire to escape the weather, Judi convinced her husband to take her on a vacation, and Ali told of her various modes of transportation used for vacations.

Upcoming Meetings:

- Thursday January 10, 2007 at Water's Edge Conference Room 403.
- Thursday, January 24, 2007 at Water's Edge Conference Room 403.

FAMOUS TOASTMASTER MEMBER PROFILE:

James Lovell

James A. Lovell (Captain, USN, Ret.) NASA Astronaut NASA Astronaut (former) Born in Cleveland, Ohio, on March 25, 1928. Married to the former Marilyn Gerlach, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. They have four children. EXPERIENCE: On December 4, 1965, he and Frank Borman were launched into space on the history-making Gemini 7 mission. The flight lasted 330 hours and 35 minutes and included the first rendezvous of two manned maneuverable spacecraft. The Gemini 12 mission, commanded by Lovell with Pilot Edwin Aldrin, began on November 11, 1966. This 4-day, 59-revolution flight brought the Gemini program to a successful close. Lovell served as Command Module Pilot and Navigator on the epic six-day journey of Apollo 8 - man's maiden voyage to the moon - December 21-27, 1968. Apollo 8 was the first manned spacecraft to be lifted into near-earth orbit by a 7-1/2 million pound thrust Saturn V launch vehicle; and Lovell and fellow crewmen, Frank Borman and William A. Anders, became the first humans to leave the Earth's gravitational influence. He completed his fourth mission as Spacecraft Commander of the Apollo 13 flight, April 11-17, 1970, and became the first man to journey twice to the moon. Apollo 13 was programmed for ten days. However, the original flight plan was modified en route to the moon due to a failure of the Service Module cryogenic oxygen system. Lovell and fellow crewmen, John L. Swigert and Fred W. Haise, working closely with Houston ground controllers, converted their lunar module "Aquarius" into an effective lifeboat. Their emergency activation and operation of lunar module systems conserved both electrical power and water in sufficient supply to assure their safety and survival while in space and for the return to earth. On March 1, 1973, Captain Lovell retired from the Navy and from the Space Program to join Bay-Houston Towing Company in Houston, Texas.

Upcoming Profiles:
January – Paul Keck
February – Ali Baker
March – Tiffany Kautz