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## President's Message

*by Jon Stevens*

Hi Everyone! Well, like it or not 2009 is just around the corner. I don't know about you, but I don't think I am going to get all my 2008 things done this year! In case you weren't there, we had an excellent turnout on December 13<sup>th</sup> for our annual club Christmas Dinner at Ralph & Kacoo's Restaurant in Lufkin. As you can see by some of the pictures that Martha Wankan took, the dinner was well attended.

As we did last year, everyone was able to order anything on their menu and the club picked up the tab for one of their excellent deserts! After dinner our club members needed to vote on several items of business for the club. Mike Stroup did an excellent job of explaining to us the items to be voted on. First up was the slate of officers for 2009 which was as follows: President: Jon Stevens, Vice President: Wendall Spreadbury, Secretary: Martha Wankan, Treasurer: Bill Ferguson, and Club Director: Mike Tollett. Then the membership voted on two club bylaws that were being updated and one addition to the standing policies of the club. All business items were approved by the club membership as presented.

After we got the business items out of the way, most everyone participated in a fun "Chinese Gift Exchange". For a little while, Sherry had a real neat bottle of wine but, as you know in this type of gift exchange, someone else may also like your gift and take it right out of your hands! It seemed like everyone really enjoyed the evening, I know Sherry and I did!

This is the time of the year that the officers and directors of the club are planning out our activities for next year. We are very interested in any ideas or suggestions that you may have for our future activities. If you have an idea or suggestion, please let me, or any other club officer or director know about it. We decided not to have a director's meeting at the end of December, but we will be working hard on the 2009 Calendar of events during the January Board Meeting.

Our Next club event will be a "Bring a Dish" dinner at 6:00pm on Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at the Woodmen of the World Lodge at 2839 Durst St. in Nacogdoches. After dinner, we plan to have a "Technical Session" on chrome plating by Bobby Baker, owner of Superior Chrome plating of Houston. Bobby plans to bring examples of the plating process in it's different stages on both steel and "pot metal". Superior Chrome Plating did all of the chrome work on my 1950 Oldsmobile and it turned out great! Also, after the session, Bobby can give us a price on any plating work that we may need and has agreed to take our parts back to Houston with him. When completed, he can ship them back or we can go pick them up at his location. So, bring any parts that you need chrome plated to the meeting, I have several that I plan to bring for our Studebaker.

I'll see you there!

— Jon



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*Dennis and Martha Wankan smile for the camera at the annual DETR Christmas party, as Pat David eyes the photographer rather suspiciously.*



*Rick and Joan Hillin enjoy fine Cajun dining at Ralph and Kackoo's restaurant. Everyone enjoyed a fun meal that included a free dessert item provided by the club.*



*Willie and Dottie Partin sat close to the Christmas Tree. They had a better view of the gifts to better prepare for the gift exchange, which made for a fun conclusion to a very merry DETR Christmas party!*





*Above: Mike and Billie Tollett enjoy the annual DETR Christmas Party that was held at Ralph and Kackoo's restaurant in Lufkin.*

*Right: Ken and Merry Thompson brought their grandkids and shared a table with Robert Grogan and Cecil Sparks.*



*Below: Wendall and Connie Spreadbury share a laugh with James Sanders and his guest while enjoying fine Cajun food.*

*Photos courtesy of Martha Wankan*



## 2008-2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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|-----------------------------|--|
| <b>Jan 17th<br/>6:00pm</b>  | Bring-a-Dish Dinner at Woodmen of the World Lodge, Nacogdoches ( <i>Superior Chrome Plating of Houston</i> ) |
| <b>Feb. 14th<br/>6:00pm</b> | Valentine's Day Dinner at Corrizo Creek Restaurant ( <i>formerly Wall's</i> )                                |





***Birthday  
Greetings!***  
**DETR Members  
with Birthdays  
in December:**

***Eileen Bartlett,  
Charles Bradberry,  
Joe Ellis,  
Joan Hillin,  
Robert Prichett,  
Paul Robbins,  
Giles Rusk,  
James Sanders,  
Sammie Smith,  
Dennis Wankan***



*DETR club member Robert Stanaland swaps some tall tales with fellow club members Bill and Frances Ferguson at the annual 2008 DETR Christmas dinner. During some preliminary club business at this December meeting, new officers were elected for next year and changes to the by-laws were approved. Then, DETR club members enjoyed ordering Cajun food from the menu and a complimentary dessert item furnished by the club. After the meal a fun Christmas gift exchange was enjoyed by all. What great way to kick off the Christmas season!*

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