

December 11, 2007 Paul Sawtell & David Coyle

Today's Meeting
PHYLLIS VERHALEN
***"Rendition of First Lady,
Julia Dent Grant"***

Phyllis Verhalen a long time resident of McLean will give her interpretive, first person, rendition of Julia Dent Grant, wife of our 17th President, Ulysses S. Grant. **Phyllis** has researched the life of the former First Lady and extracted significant and colorful antidotes for her characterization of Julia.

Phyllis had performed these first person renditions for various organizations throughout the area. Her repertoire includes: Abigail Adams, wife of President John Adams, Mary Ann Randolph Custis, wife of General Robert E. Lee and Sarah Knox Taylor Davis, wife of President of the Confederacy Jefferson Davis.

Last Week

Lori Shepherd our caterer and **Maris Collis** of Karin's Florist, demonstrated tips for entertaining and decorating for the upcoming holidays.

Guests

Chris, a guest of **Rev. Robert Driver-Bishop**
Linda Peterson, a guest of **Frank Peterson**
Linda Schlegel, a guest of **Steve Schlegel**
Anna and Luke Megill, guests of **Doug Megill**

Announcements

Steve Schlegel gave the almost final accounting for Monte Carlo Night; we had a net return in excess of our goal. Thanks to those who helped with the India Book Project. Bell ringers are scheduled for December 15 at both ends of the Giant in McLean.

**The nominating committee presents the
slate of officers and board members for the
2008-2009 Rotary year.**

- **President..... Lois Wilson**
- **Vice President Paul Frank**
- **Secretary Glenn Yarborough, Jr.**
- **Treasurer..... Jamie Bleakley**
- **Past President Scott Mills**
- **Board Members Darren Ewing
 Kathy Martin
 Carmen Martinez
 Scott Monett
 Tim Morahan**

**Upcoming
Speakers**

- **Dec. 18, 2007 -
Club Annual Meeting & Election
★ Annual Rotary "White Elephant/
Yankee Swap/Festivus* Gift Exchange"★**
- **Dec. 25 - No Meeting**
- **Jan 1, 2008 - No Meeting**

**Festivus: The holiday includes novel practices such as the "Airing of Grievances", in which each person tells everyone else all the ways they've disappointed him/her over the past year. Also, after the Festivus meal, the "Feats of Strength" are performed, involving wrestling the head of the household to the floor, the holiday only ending if the head of the household is actually pinned.*
Seinfeld episode - Dec. 1997

Happy Talk

Matt Wallace was happy about the Eleventh Annual Reindog parade and **Bob Rosenbaum** played Santa. **Doug Megill** is happy about the delivery of his Solstice (?!?) **Bill Stell** announced that his relative **William Griffith Merton** helped investigate the Sean Taylor case in South Florida. **Chet Gray** is happy about the holiday party. **Paul Frank** is going to Raleigh to celebrate his daughter's 30th birthday. **Pamela Danner** is celebrating her birthday on Dec. 9. **Ed Shahin** wrote a letter to the Post regarding Nationals' ticket sales.