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Snowbirds 'Flock' Together

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The Destin Snowbird Club met for the first time this season on Tuesday at The Roost. President Dean Harper welcomed the membership of "early birds" to the 2016-17 Snowbird Season and began the meeting by introducing Paul Hewitt who led the singing of both the Canadian and United States national anthems.

Lori Joyner, Executive Director of the Harvest House of Destin, was welcomed to the stage to receive a donation check from the Destin Snowbird Club, presented by President Dean Harper on behalf of the club.



Ms. Joyner thanked the membership for their assistance in helping to meet the goals of Harvest House's mission which is to "provide food, clothing and shelter to those who are less fortunate, and at a point of need in their life". The Destin Snowbird Club has annually donated to this charitable cause for many years.

Kim Cannon, Assistant Pastor for Worship and Music at Destin United Methodist Church, entertained the membership by sharing his musical talents, playing the piano and singing a variety of songs.



Next week's entertainment will be Bobby D.. The annual Craft Show will also be held prior to the 10:00 meeting.

Membership in the club increased to a total of 217 at the conclusion of registration Tuesday, ahead slightly from last year. Of that number, 200 are paid members and 17 are Lifetime members. Registration will be held next week on Tuesday prior to the 10:00 meeting (from 8:30-9:45 a.m.) and again on Tuesday, Dec. 13th (8:30-9:45 a.m.). If you are a new winter visitor to the area, come and join the club for the nominal fee of \$8 per person and discover all of the possibilities that are available to help you occupy your time during your visit. It is a great way to meet new people and to develop expanded social ties.

Tickets for the Christmas Harbor Boat Parade on Sunday, Dec. 11th from 4:30 – 7:00 are still available to members and will be on sale at the next meeting on Dec. 6th. Tickets are \$17 per person and include a served buffet dinner at Crab Island Cantina. This also ensures a perfect spot to view the lighted boats as they travel through the

harbor. Come out for a great evening of Christmas fun and join the group festivities. Call Cindy and Ray Varnell if you have questions at 865-742-9348.

Numerous activities are already off to a good start with the continuation of warm weather: golf, fishing, tennis and indoor activities of all kinds hold the attention of snowbirds already on the Emerald Coast. Consider joining one or more of the various groups that are already in place. Check out our web site at www.destinsnowbirds.org for a complete listing of information and details. Also check out the Destin Log on Saturday and NWF Daily News on Sunday for Snowbird News.

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