

## January 2012

### Florida State Masonic High Twelve Clubs

*So what's happening in Florida Masonic High Twelve Clubs – are you having fun yet - if not you may be missing out on some great fellowship / fun / food / activities and events*

*A December visit to Arcadia HI 12 Club was enjoyed – do notice on the left back row the High Twelvian of the year 2011 Charles Krueger and his Lady Suzanne – these folks are always working for HI 12 – Arcadia HI 12 the largest donator to Wolcott in Florida and in 2011 was awarded the highest contributor in our zone 8 area – unfortunately time, age and illness, has taken its toll and Arcadia HI 12 closed as of December –you have served well and faithfully for many years Arcadia HI 12 – thank you for your service and dedication – the good news is that though this club has closed – The Krueger's in attendance as always has invited all to attend the Lake Placid Hi 12 Club nearby*



*Hey Hey Hey – so What's up with this Hawthorne Hi 12 Club in Leesburg – well they have again reached out and done it again- what you ask – they wanted to do more for Youth and community- which is our purpose – and so had a Halloween breakfast fundraiser – more than \$300 was raised and then donated to Community Coaches that serves and helps youth and community in the area – great job - OOOAAAH*



*Additional late breaking – **Hawthorne HI 12 2012 -** officers recently installed by the Florida State Officers and again to serve youth and community the Rainbow Girls of Mount Dora under the leadership of mother Debbie attended and served allowing for another donation for what we as HI 12 folks contribute and support for our future – over \$200.00 was again donated to support these young ladies – recently another donation was contributed that allowed members of this Mount Dora Rainbow youth to attend their convention – oooooaahhh – great job folks - that's what we are about*



**Mid Florida Lakes HI 12 Club** – another that continues to support Community and youth and Wolcott - installed by the Florida State Officers for 2012 – would you believe – they have donated ten bicycles for Christmas to youth and books and other gifts to the Treadway school in their area -- they walk the walk they talk – great job folks



Whose next – well how about **Tri County HI 12** – what a team – Installation of 2012 Officers by Florida State Officers – hey these folks are good – you wanna have some fun ??? – join these folks they have an upcoming sweetheart dance held yearly – what a blast – all are welcome – do look at our Florida State HI 12 WEB site – [www.flhi12.org](http://www.flhi12.org) - for details - watch here under leadership of President Merryman for some fun



**Orlando Hi 12 Club** – thanks for asking – the Florida State Officers enjoyed installing 2012 officers – why is it special you ask – well because this is the home club of PSP Ray Turner – the man that created the membership trophy for Florida State membership – and also initiated the first ever Convention Cruise that was so enjoyed and still requested



**Lake Worth HI 12** – well this was a big deal – Thank You President Bernard Kainer – The Florida State officers had been asked to attend – wow – what an experience – asked to preside for their meeting – what a pleasure and honor – installed two new members – one the sitting Master of the area blue lodge and the other a young man that has interests and connections thru Miami and wishes to spread the HI 12 news and purpose – wow – WAY KEWL – PLUS – attending was also a treat - Sydney King and his lady Edna – who are attempting to start a club in the Margate area of Florida close to Miami – his comments – very encouraging as to what he witnessed and enjoyed and we look forward to assisting in his attempt – we have plans to continue in this opportunity

**Sun Coast HI 12 418 (was West Pasco 418)** – WOW what can we say about this HI 12 Club – what a story – Last May a leader Gerry Scarano president passed - a graduate himself of George Washington University that we all as HI 12 support in Wolcott and he attended before Wolcott was the choice for Wolcott – a missile designer in Washington DC and retired as a rank of Admiral – stepping forward Now President Ray Bearn and Charles Briggs shared the presidency - a new person relocated to this are – PIP and PSP Bob Smith – he was asked to assist – he did – joined – became secretary and with a membership of 14 brought it to 20 on this day – a presidents award was presented to Bob Smith by the Florida State Officers of HI 12 for his efforts and help along with Treasurer Russell Allen for his many year's of service as treasurer – at their annual Christmas party and installation a full house – and if you ever wished to attend and enjoy a great Christmas party this is the one – another new member installed followed by the installation of 2012 officers by the Florida State Officers - great food – good German music - the Area Blue Lodge from Tarpon Springs was invited and several of the officers and their ladies attended – what a great way to spread our HI 12 and its purpose and fun - Not finished yet – NOPE – had the pleasure to be seated with - The Honorable Michael "Mike" Bilirakis (Lady Evelyn) US Congressman, House of Representatives served 1983-2007 - 24 years - from Clearwater. Mike is a Past President of Holiday High Twelve Club No. 418. – and here is the bonus – what do we support – youth – community and Wolcott – well the last most of our clubs do is a 50/50 – can you see where this is heading – Brother Mike won this draw and donated all \$100 to Wolcott – at which time a basket was passed that raised another \$107 for a total of \$207.00 for Zone 8 Florida and Wolcott - well done Sun Coast



**Florida High Twelve - are you aware we had been chartered May 2, 1963 – that makes this year 2012 our 50<sup>th</sup> Year – this new emblem is available to have on the shirt of your choice – be proud – share [this](#)**



**50 year Anniversary**  
**What is our Motto this Year: Back to Basics**

*Theme: Fun – Harmony - KISS (keep it simple and short)*

*We have sat in the chair of Youth – help us help those who now sit there to be more comfortable – (Ray)*

Do watch your **Florida State HI 12 Web Site - [www.flhi12.org](http://www.flhi12.org)** we have a new Web site master Brother Tim Wilhelm – there you will find pictures of the latest events – schedules for your Florida State Officers – up and coming events, invitations - Newsletters – visitations – announcements and I also encourage you to submit to me your newsletters – events – announcements that I will also include that we all in Florida may see the goings on and appreciate your works and efforts and even glean for others those efforts for growth and purpose– you are now able to see the Presidents Post convention booklet received by all in attendance – the schedule – purpose - appointees – message – etc – do take a look and feedback is welcomed and appreciated - I have already received some interesting articles, newsletters and creative creations and ideas that I have and will be posting on this WEB site that we all may find of interest

**International High Twelve Mid Year Convention in Las Vegas – looks to be well planned and exciting – join in – the rates look good the location better and fun to be had by all – lets support our International President Sid – HE DA MAN for sure**



Watch for a regular newsletter (such as this) the next is expected to be in *March* - it will be published by the State President – and do please submit to me your goings on, newsletters etc - that I may include and also pass on to our International for their interest and publication and also post on our new and expanded WEB site – [www.fglhi12.org](http://www.fglhi12.org)

A full E-mail directory of all officers of HI 12 clubs in Florida has now been created that allow communication to all of you in the Florida HI 12 Clubs – do feel free to use this – at the end of this newsletter you will find my contact listing and in addition on our State WEB site you will find all The Florida State Officers E-mail and contact listings – we wish to be available and of service to you – please feel free to do so

**In service to youth and community** – this summer you will see a partnership of Blue lodges and WM Larry Duff with HI 12 to attend and support community youth with attendance for Collegiate summer baseball and then again in the fall for High school football in presence and sponsorship that provides visibility for our purpose and also a Joint deep Sea fishing outing

Look for Patriotic programs at HI 12 day and Convention

A summer cruise chaired by PP Jack and Lady Olgamarie from the Greater Ocala HI 12 Club through the Homosassa river and dinner to follow at the Riverside restaurant by Monkey Island

Visits to Rainbow / DeMolay / Lodges dinners' breakfast etc

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> VP Dave Neal already is working on plans for some great and enjoyable fundraisers – perhaps picnics and other events – all for you

**SO WHAT ELSE IS COMIN UP- A BIG DEAL FOR SURE**

**Hey Hey Hey - 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Gordon Yahr has plans in progress for our 2012 Florida State High Twelve Day – Thursday February 9<sup>th</sup> at Morrison Methodist Church at 1005 West Main Street, Leesburg, Florida - and 3<sup>rd</sup> VP David Neal has stepped up to assist now that's teamwork – this promises to be a fun and great day – do mark your calendar – details have been US mailed to each and every member in Florida with the Decembers State Newsletter – do plan on attending for those that are working hard to serve you our members – I encourage you to visit the State WEB site for additional forms to register and details - [www.flhi12.org](http://www.flhi12.org)**

Thanks to all for supporting our Florida State 50/50 fundraiser – the winner drawn at the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Florida State Convention was Hi Twelve PP of Bayonet Point/Gulf and now Sun Coast #418 Bill Niehr – the next drawing will be at the 2012 Florida State HI 12 Day February 9<sup>th</sup> – do join in a true 50/50 Donations \$5.00 each and only 100 tickets sold – good odds and \$250.00 to the winner

**For your thoughts and consideration**

Have you recognized a member and or his lady or a member of your community this month for something they have done for High Twelve ?

**Please remember not only Wolcott but Youth and community is our purpose** – In addition when you make a donation to anything that your club has an interest in do let your State officers especially our State Secretary Dan Hodson know that you might be recognized and given credit for it - as you deserve

DO CALL ON US YOUR STATE OFFICERS – WE ARE HERE FOR YOU – INSTALLATIONS – ACTIVITIES – EVENTS – WHATEVER -

Thank You for your calls - E-mails and feedback – it is encouraging – yes we have heard your concerns, issues and suggestions - and we are trying to make a difference and it is about and for you

**Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail**  
**Ralph Waldo Emerson.**

**MAY I ASK PLEASE THAT YOU SHARE THIS NEWSLETTER WITH ALL YOUR MEMBERS AT YOUR NEXT MEETING**

**Call on us we are here to serve that is our purpose and wish for the High Twelve Clubs of Florida**

**Fraternally and with Best Wishes – may this New Year bless you with health, happiness and prosperity**

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*I do the very best I know how - the very best I can: and I mean to keep on doing so until the end - Abraham Lincoln*