



# NEWSLETTER

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MEETINGS ARE HELD THE 2nd SUNDAY OF THE MONTH @ 2:00 PM.  
(THIS MONTH 1:00 PM)

NEXT MEETING: DECEMBER 11 @ 1:00 PM (SEE BELOW)

PROGRAM: THIS MONTH WE WILL BE CELEBRATING AT OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY & COVERED DISH SOCIAL, THANKS TO DR & MRS BURNS CREIGHTON, AT THEIR FARM ON MIZELLE CREEK IN LYTHIA. This is a covered dish, pot luck social and everyone is invited to bring something good to eat. We will meet at the Creighton farm @ 1:00 pm (SEE MAP ON PAGE 05-76). Also, we'll have our usual plant raffle so bring plants to donate. There will be no formal speaker and very little Club business will be conducted. We will have a door prize and wine tasting, so all you little ol' winemakers, please bring your best. In addition to the above activities, we'll have a silent auction. We are exciting about it and expect to have many nice things to auction: fruiting trees, books, cooked goodies, good preservation & preparation equipment, etc. Members who have anything of this nature that they are willing to donate, are asked to bring it to the meeting for auction. The Club will be providing ham and roasted & barbecued turkeys for our main course. This is our 11th annual Christmas party so all try to come and help us celebrate. We all will have a blast.

## TASTING TABLE

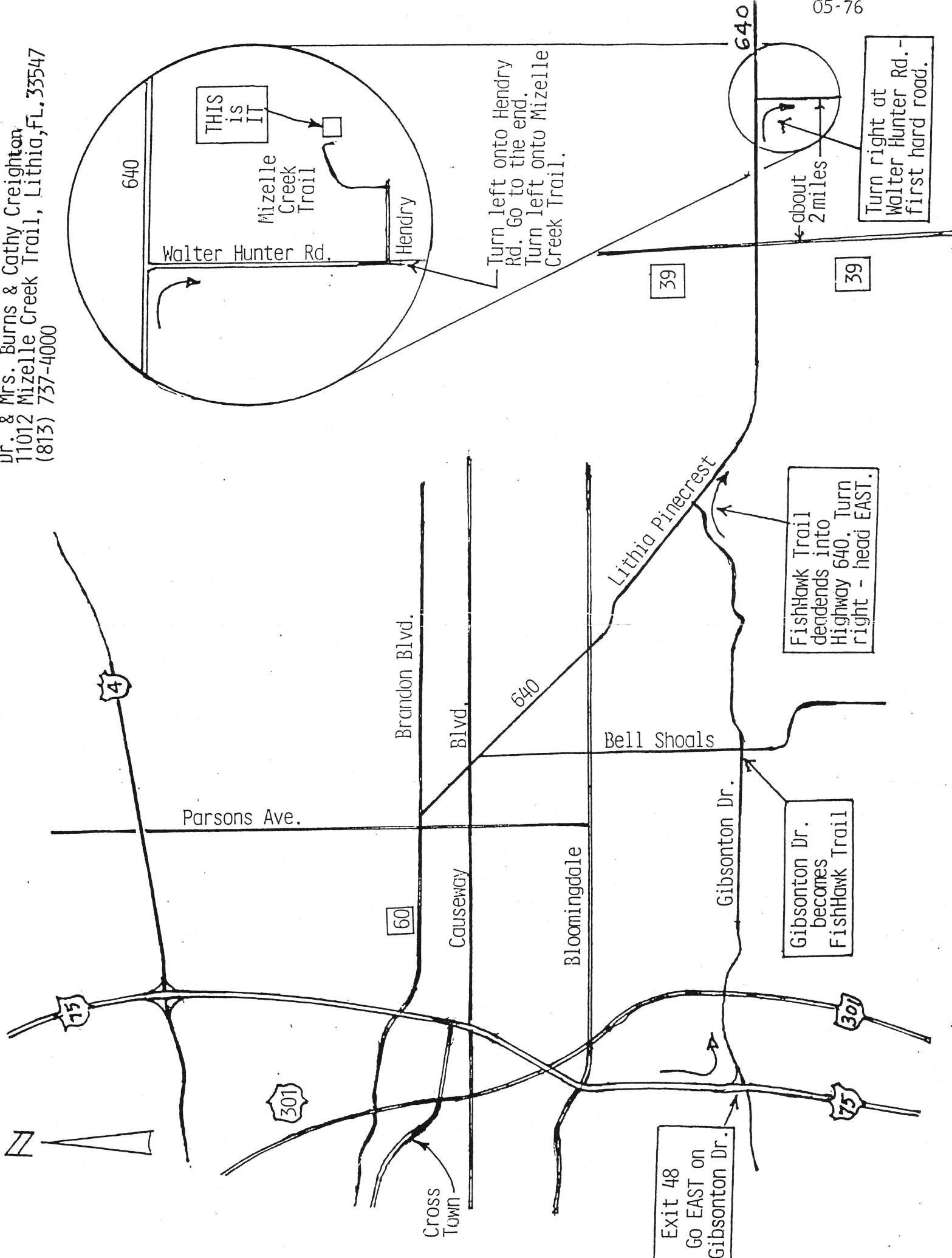
## NOVEMBER 2005

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| Lohn           | Banana bread, papaya slices  | Yoblonski | Spicy potatoes      |
| Coronel        | Bibingka, banana bread   | McGauley  | Tamarinds           |
| Roloff & Miner | Pineapple upside down cake   | Ferreira  | Papaya              |
| Topping        | Lemon cake-strawberry topping  | Russo     | Cake (fruit)        |
| Maranto        | Turkey/mango wraps   | Watkins   | Chocolates          |
| Wallace        | Bananas, & chocolate chip cookies  | M. Smith  | Grapes              |
| Terenzi        | Strawberry creme cake  | Dorsett   | Cookies             |
| Palis          | Apple carrot cake  | T. Scott  | Papaya              |
| Chavez         | Peas & carrots   | Mann      | Cake & starfruit    |
| Kirby          | Tostones (green plantains)   | Campani   | Pumpkin bread       |
| Musgraves      | Coconut macaroons  | McCormack | Sliced rare bananas |
| Shapiro        | Spinach-strawberry salad   |           |                     |
| Branesky       | Papaya salad, fried bananas, strawberry fruit, Barbados cherries   |           |                     |
| Ron & Shige    | Pina colada cake, fruit tarts, salad with tofu dressing  |           |                     |
| S. Lee         | Cranberry muffins, crackers & fig preserves, graham crackers   |           |                     |
| Novak          | Coconut-pineapple pound cake, mango coffee cake, orange-chocolate cookies, tropical chicken salad with crackers, fresh pummelo, juices |           |                     |

**Thanks** to everyone who donated to the Tasting Table. Remember to ask Sally Lee for your free ticket for the plant exchange.

# MERRY CHRISTMAS

Dr. & Mrs. Burns & Cathy Creighton  
11012 Mizelle Creek Trail, Lithia, FL 33547  
(813) 737-4000



Exit 48  
Go EAST on  
Gibsonton Dr.

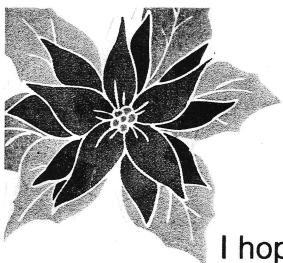
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FishHawk Trail

FishHawk Trail  
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Highway 640. Turn  
right - head EAST.

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Walter Hunter Rd. -  
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Turn left onto Hendry  
Rd. Go to the end.  
Turn left onto Mizelle  
Creek Trail.

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## From the President

### Charles Novak

I hope everyone found the November meeting location without any problems. I'm sure everyone will agree the Tampa Garden Club is a very nice place to meet. I want to thank all the members who helped with the cleaning before and after the meeting. I also want to thank the members who helped with the workshops. I hope everyone will try grafting and air layering. If your first attempts do not meet with success I hope you will keep on trying. We all have had our share of grafting and air layering failures, but the more attempts you make the better you get and the successes will come.

Again, I want to **Thank** Burns & Cathy Creighton for inviting the Club to have our Holiday Social (December 11) at their farm in Lithia. You will not want to miss this event. Everyone seemed to enjoy the silent auction at last year's Holiday Social so we will have the silent auction again this year. Donations for the silent auction and free plant exchange will be greatly appreciated!! Also, this year we will have some of the club's library books on the silent auction. This is your chance to obtain some of the club library books. **Please bring a covered dish** (salads, vegetables, casseroles, desserts, etc.) to accompany the turkeys and hams provided by the club. The club will also provide the tableware and drinks. **The festivities will begin at 1 P.M.** Please see the map for the location. We hope to see you there!

Sign up sheets will be available at the Holiday Social for volunteering to help man our State Fair exhibit and to help with the Citrus Tasting event at the Florida State Fair. If you have extra citrus fruit, please donate some for this event. There doesn't seem to be as much citrus fruit and as many varieties of citrus fruit available this year. A lot of my citrus fruit has been ripening early and dropping off the trees. Also, if you know anyone who would donate citrus fruit for this event please let me know. The Citrus Tasting is very popular with the public and we want to offer them as many varieties as possible for sampling.

I recently had the opportunity to visit the home of one of our members who has been with the club about a year and a half. Adam Zaidan lives in Odessa and has turned his place into a tropical fruit paradise. Great Job, Adam!

I wish all our members a very Happy Holiday Season and that 2006 will be a great year for all of us. We have a great club and our members are the reason it is great!

### Scheduled Speakers/Events:

**December 11: Holiday Social at the Creighton Farm in Lithia. Members bring a covered dish (salads, vegetables, casseroles, desserts, etc.)**

**January 8, 2006 : Regular meeting**

**February 12: Sunday: Citrus tasting at the Florida State Fair**

### FREE FRUIT TREES

by Bob Heath

On Thursday, Nov. 17, a realtor named Catherine called, trying to locate someone to move some fruit trees. It seems a Vietnamese family in St Petersburg had sold their house and the buyers wanted to destroy some fruiting trees in the back yard, to make room for an addition. She gave me the location of the house, which was in Paul Branesky's neighborhood. I told her we would get back to her very soon and immediately called Paul at home. He said he would call her and make arrangements to look at the trees. When he called me back, he indicated that there were 4 trees which appeared to be movable: a mango, a lychee, a longan & a sugar apple. Paul and Catherine set up a date for moving them and Paul will let us know how things go. If he can get 4 nice fruiting trees for only the effort of moving them, why not!

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

Nov-Dec 2005

by PAUL ZMODA

Ripe citrus fruits are beginning to happen. Early fall brings on Key limes. These yellow-green orbs, packed with delicious lime flavor, are so juicy and useful, whether added to a salsa for dipping, or as an accent to a pumpkin soup or broiled fish. The first tangelo to ripen is "Early Sunshine", which is perhaps the most attractive citrus fruit; medium sized, usually unblemished and blessed with a beautiful yellow color. The Early Sunshine juice is somewhat grapefruit-like in flavor so it's quality is not quite as desirable as other tangelos which ripen later. Still, we cherish its flavor and welcome its arrival.

Our Sesban specimen plant - Sesbania grandiflora var. Coccinea - has been flowering. A gift from the Coronels, it is a very interesting plant, a legume, native to tropical India. It has currently grown to 9 feet tall. The flowers are called vegetable hummingbirds and for a very good reason: they look just like a winged, red full sized hummingbird. The attaching stem is its "bill". These unique flowers can be eaten raw in salads, fried or added to stews and soups. The flavor is reported to be similar to mushrooms. The seed pods may be eaten also, like string beans, and the young leaves and shoots are edible as well. It also makes such a pretty ornamental.

Fall temperatures are steadily dropping; we will be enclosing our carport with plastic sheeting soon and then moving our most valuable tropicals inside for the winter.

Our fall vegetable gardens are looking the best ever. The pigeon peas have finally decided to flower, and what a show! Hundreds of bright yellow blooms will soon give way to pod after pod of what I know will be delicious, nutritious peas. We can hardly wait!

New plantings: onions, thyme, carrots, peas, lettuces. Transplanting of broccolis, Chinese vegetables and broccoli raab is ongoing.

**Welcome New Members:**

NGA Nghiem White  
Jeremiah Van Horn  
Anita & Herm Greenberg

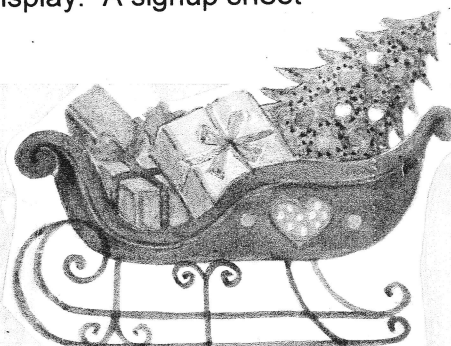
Valrico  
Tampa  
Lutz

Christina Storch  
Terry Lee  
Christa Fairbrother & Dan Hahn

Lutz  
Tampa  
Gulfport


**FLORIDA STATE FAIR - FEBRUARY 9 - 20, 2006.** We will again participate in the *Horticulture Displays by Plant Societies* at the Florida State Fair. Our display will be artistically designed to display the species in which we specialize and will be maintained at a high standard of quality for the duration of the fair. We will need members to man the exhibit. Free admission tickets will be given to those members who man the exhibit for a few hours. A lot of thought and effort goes into the display and the public is really interested in the fruits and fruiting trees, bushes and vines we display. A sign-up sheet will be available at the Holiday Social and at the January club meeting.

# Merry Christmas






## NOVEMBER PLANT EXCHANGE



| PLANT                    | DONOR         | WINNER              |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| Yellow Passion Fruit     | Bob Heath     | ?                   |
| Red Passion Fruit        | "             | Dale Wallace        |
| Cabeluda                 | "             | ?                   |
| Papaya                   | "             | Tom Schaefer        |
| Carissa                  | "             | Jerry Amyot         |
| Rangpur Red Lime         | "             | Susan Reed          |
| Surinam Cherry           | "             | ?                   |
| Otaheite Gooseberry      | "             | ?                   |
| Rose Apple               | "             | ?                   |
| Eugenia Confusa          | Bob Heath     | Jerry Amyot         |
| Surinam Cherry           | Sal Russo     | ?                   |
| "                        | "             | Sarah Kane          |
| Pasquale Fig             | "             | Tom Schaefer        |
| "                        | "             | Andrew Hendrickson  |
| Barbados Cherry          | "             | Terry Lee           |
| Passion Fruit            | Sal Russo     | ?                   |
| Stopper (Red Berry)      | Zmoda         | Wil Rushing         |
| "                        | "             | Scott Hendrickson   |
| Cherry of the Rio Grande | T. Scott      | Ariel Rodriguez     |
| "                        | "             | ?                   |
| Surinam Cherry           | T. Scott      | ?                   |
| White Sapote             | Charles Novak | Ariel Rodriguez     |
| Guyana Chestnut          | "             | ?                   |
| "                        | "             | ?                   |
| Sapucaia Nut             | "             | Ed Musgrave         |
| Pummelo Fruit            | Charles Novak | ?                   |
| Cuban Oregana            | D. Butts      | Lily Iskandar       |
| Lemon Balm               | "             | ?                   |
| Aloe                     | "             | Lois Maranto        |
| Yarrow                   | "             | ?                   |
| Pineapple                | Vega          | Jeremiah Van Horn   |
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| "                        | "             | ?                   |
| Papaya                   | "             | ?                   |
| "                        | "             | ?                   |
| Mandarin                 | Vega          | ?                   |
| Jackfruit                | Hendrickson   | Maryse Lamour       |
| Oregano                  | Weekley       | ?                   |
| Rubber Plant             | "             | ?                   |
| White Sapote             | David Roe     | Jeremiah Van Horn   |
| Tangerine Fruit          | Sally Lee     | ?                   |
| Red Navel Fruit          | "             | ?                   |
| Carambola                | J. Newcombe   | Kendall             |
| "                        | "             | ?                   |
| Cassia                   | BJ Vosburgh   | Terry Lee           |
| "                        | "             | Louis Shapira       |
| Red Sugar Apple          | ?             | Andy Hendrickson    |
| Surinam Cherry           | ?             | Josephine Roloff    |
| Passion Fruits           | Yoshimi       | Terry Lee           |
| Native Violet            | D. Butts      | Chantal Kirby       |
| "                        | "             | Ariel Rodriguez     |
| "                        | "             | ?                   |
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| Cilantro                 | D. Butts      | Shane & Mayra Smith |
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## PLANT EXCHANGE continued

## PLANT

Ornamental Pepper

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Loquat

Surinam Cherry

Beauty Berry

Jackfruit

Loquat

Mango

Pepper

Papaya

Lychee

Garlic

Pummelo Fruit

Hawaiian Chestnut

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White Sapote

## DONOR

D. Butts

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Joanne Kitchen

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P. McGauley

Tony Ferreira

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P. McGauley

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Bobbie Parker

M. Weekley

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Mike Brandt

## WINNER

Teri Worsham

Ron Shigemura

Teri Worsham

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Adam Zaidan

Louise Shapiro

Iris Helveston

Mike Brandt

Lou Maranto

Louise Shapiro

Ron Stigemura

Mike Brandt

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Tom Schaefer



# Happy Holidays



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