



## **FLORIDA STATE USBC WBA NEWSLETTER** **DECEMBER 2011**

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**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL...**



**"Greetings from Your President"**

**Toni Maddux**

Well here we are at the end of 2011 and lots of events have been happening. In October, Katheryn and I were guests at the Florida State Jamboree in the Bradenton, Manatee area. As always, it was nice to see all of the delegates and guests at the Jamboree and attend the State Bowling Council all in one weekend.

The first two weekends in November, we traveled to Melbourne for the Florida State Women's Sr. Tournament. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all of the ladies that participated.

The South Brevard Women's Association were a delightful bunch of ladies to work during the tournament and were really helpful in making everything run really smoothly.

Next week Katheryn and I will be making our way over to Orlando for the site selection for our State Championship Tournament and convention for 2013. Has anyone else noticed that the older you get the faster time flies by? Seems like it was just yesterday we were all concerned about Y2K.

With the holidays fast approaching, I want to wish all of year a very, very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and a wonderful, healthy and Happy New Year.

## **HALL OF FAME/PILAR COHALLA AWARD DEADLINE**

The deadline for the Hall of Fame for Meritorious Service and Bowling Achievement as well as the Pilar Cohalla Award is fast approaching. All forms must be submitted or postmarked by December 31, 2011.

They are many deserving ladies out there who qualify but only need someone to submit their application for one of these awards.

If you know someone who deserves this award, please go to our website at [www.floridawba.com](http://www.floridawba.com) to get the application.

Please don't wait until time runs out and you miss the deadline.

I look forward to receiving many applications.

Dalia Keyes  
Chairperson  
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## **SOUTH BREVARD USBC WBA**

**Charlotte Mateo**

Well I hope that everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving with your loved ones and are looking forward to a joyous Christmas season.

Let me first report the results on our Yard Sale which I mentioned in our last article back in October. We had a good turnout and were able to raise a favorable amount of funds for Brevard County High School bowling.

As many of you may already know South Brevard was fortunate enough to host the Florida State Seniors Tournament here in Melbourne, and what a turnout!! We enjoyed the company of approximately 285 women here in our city and we heard nothing but good things on their visit here about our shopping mall and the many restaurants to choose from!! The bowling was good too (for some) and like myself, well better luck next year! Many thanks again to the State for awarding us this wonderful opportunity. Every association should try this at least once.

We had several very nice items for raffles that were donated by many of our board and members of our community. All the people who won were very pleased and the fact that our association did not have to mail anything out made it even more profitable. In fact our very own Toni Maddox and Katheryn Auton were among some of the lucky winners!! All our proceeds were to raise funds for the High School bowling here in Brevard County and we wish to thank all of you for participating because with your help we were able to raise over \$1600.00 for the cause. Thank you so much!!

As of this publishing we have 29 sanctioned leagues and a total of 973 bowlers and have had some pretty terrific scores so far!! Just to name a few, a 285 game and a 733 series for Nancy Quinn, a 263 game for Samantha Ingram and a 254 game (75 pins over average) for Toni Cambria. Great shooting ladies, keep it up.

We will be continuing to raise funds for High School bowling with a Kindle raffle in the month of November (drawing on December 5<sup>th</sup>). Congratulations to our October Kindle winner Laurie Whiting. We will be planning a Money Tree (a \$200.00 prize) in December from the 5<sup>th</sup> through the 9<sup>th</sup> with the drawing on December 13<sup>th</sup>. The tickets will be 1 for \$1.00 and 7 for \$5.00. We wish to thank Indian River Association for allowing us to use this wonderful idea for raising funds. Thanks again Dee!!

As for now, everyone please have a blessed Merry Christmas and a safe Happy New Year and keep those high scores coming!!

**GULF COAST USBC**

**Celeste O' Neill**

“Dot Leigh”

During her last weekend working at The 58<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Petersburg Women’s Classic tournament, I spoke with Dot. She has got to be the kindest person I have met. She is always talking about her past, helping whenever and wherever she can. She would stop by the office and pick up Classic entries to hand out at the women’s tournament or wherever she went with her shirts to sell. It’s amazing at her age that she can lug that trailer all around the state of Florida.

Anyways, I spoke to her the last Sunday of the tournament. She told me that she has 2 children, 4 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren. She is moving to Garfield, Arkansas. She is retiring. Moving in with her grandson.

She started bowling in 1941. Her high school teacher used to bring them for fun to Corn’s Alley, which was on 4<sup>th</sup> Street across from Sunken Gardens in St. Petersburg. In order to bowl, they had to bowl and then set the pins and the next person bowled. She said the balls were made of cork.

The kids used to go roller skating and across the street from that was another bowling center Pop Kelly Lanes on 9<sup>th</sup> Street South & 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue in St. Petersburg. This bowling alley (as they called it back then) was only 9 lanes. Bowling with her high school teacher, she began to really like bowling. So when she was at Pop Kelly Lanes a lady by the name of Cari Hirtle approached her and asked her if she would like to join their women’s league. Dot was only 16, but she proudly accepted. She averaged a 116. She bought a new ball & shoes, but shortly after that, the place burned down and she lost her new ball & shoes.

In the late 40's early 50's, Ten Pin Lanes was built; this center is in South Pasadena and is still there to this day. Walt Wachter built this center and it was the biggest center in Florida with 20 lanes. Here again, she bowled in a league.

In 1953, Dot & two of her friends Millie Osborne & Elma Andersen decided to start a Ladies Tournament. Millie was in charge of advertising and got Derby Lanes to sponsor the tournament. Eleanor helped out, and Dot was the secretary. They started with a Team Event and a Singles Event. Their first year, they had 30 – 40 teams. Dot said that they would go to Nationals and hand out entry forms, every where they could hand them out, they did so. Also they had a side doubles tournament going on and that was for the husbands who came to watch ladies bowl. This gave them something to do.

In the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the Derby Lanes Classic, they had to change the name of the tournament because Derby Lanes allowed gambling. So they changed the name to The St. Petersburg Classic. About 6 years into the tournament they had 300 teams from all over to bowl in the tournament. Bowlers came from all over the United States.

In the early 50's she was put on the State Board. In 1958 she started The Ladies State Tournament. She did everything by hand, they had no computers. She would travel to the centers and check the centers out before deciding which center she would choose for the Tournament. She would be paid \$1 per team. She did this until 1974.

In 1974 she went to work at Sunshine Bowl where she ran the Pro Shop. When Seminole Lanes opened they had 40 lanes, Dot built their pro shop and continued to run the pro shop at Sunshine Bowl as well. She also used to teach bowling.

In 1980, Dot and a friend started screen printing, knitting and sewing for the bowlers. Then in 1998 she started selling shirts from her car. When she got her Social Security the first year, they gave her a lump sum and she used that to buy her trailer.

Since 1998 she has traveled all over the State of Florida selling her t-shirts at different tournaments. She said the ladies have always liked her shirts.

Here it is 2011 and she is still going. As I said before, she amazes me. She spent 3 weekends on her feet most of the time, selling, working, and talking to people at The St. Petersburg Classic Tournament.

I hope she enjoys her retirement and we at Gulf Coast USBC and I am sure everyone that has had the opportunity to meet Dot, wishes her a happy retirement with her grandson and his family.

*More news from Gulf Coast USBC....*

Happy Holidays to all.... Hope everyone is able to spend time with family and friends. And thank you goes out to all of our service men & women, wishing them happy holidays, wish they were all home.

On October 8<sup>th</sup>, the Florida State BA awarded our centers Liberty Lanes & Seminole Lanes the 2013 Florida State BA Tournament. We are very excited for bowlers to come to our area.

On October 22 & 23<sup>rd</sup> was the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth/Adult Tournament. Winners were Bantam – Hannah Diem (LI) & Nihja Bradford 1506, Prep – Brandon Dollinger (TP) & James Horne 1582, Junior - Shawn Murphy (SE) & Don Gilkey 1545, Major/Senior – Kayla Campbell (SE) & Darrin Campbell 1540, & Specials – Andrew Radvil (TP) & Bill Zuben 1491. Cory Misura shot a perfect 300. Each youth received a \$300 scholarship.

This year, our youth directors have put together a Gulf Coast Youth Hall of Fame and we have the guidelines on our website. In November they went to Seminole Lanes to raffle a ball and gift certificate that was donated by Kevin Krauss & Ultimate Pro Shop. They visited the leagues throughout the week and were able to collect \$531 to go towards the purchase of rings for the inductees to the Hall of Fame. The winner was Cynthia Goyette who bowls in the Thursday Night Mixed league. They will be visiting the remainder 4 centers in weeks to come. We are very excited for our youth bowlers to have the chance to be inducted into the Gulf Coast Youth Hall of Fame.

We just finished our 58<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Petersburg Women's Classic. The tournament was a success with 10 more teams than last year. We hope to build the tournament for next year, so be on the lookout for entry forms. If interested, we can email you an entry form, email us at [gcusbc@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:gcusbc@tampabay.rr.com). First place winners for the Classic were: Team – Pinsetter's # 3 – Betty Sparrow, Frances Lee, Tamara Drayton and Annie Williams with a score of 2968 from Ocoee, FL. Doubles - Margaret Bryan/Julie Harter 1492 from Lakeland, FL, Singles – Peggy Parker 863 from Bradenton, FL, and Peggy Parker also took All Events with a finishing score of 2381. There was a 300 thrown by Margaret McLean from Seffner, Fl. Thank you to all the ladies who came out and bowled and we hope to see you next year.

Without a break, we rolled into December and on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, we had our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Parking Lot Sale for BVL at Seminole Lanes. We started early at 6:30 am and we were able to raise \$400 for our Veterans at Bay Pines Hospital.

On January 14<sup>th</sup> at Liberty Lanes we will be having our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual BVL Bowl-a-Thon. We will also be having a silent auction. Liberty Lanes will be running a doubles certified tournament all day and \$12 of the entry fee will be donated for BVL.

The next weekend we will have our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Gulf Coast Senior Doubles/Singles tournament at Sunrise Lanes. It is open to all Gulf Coast Seniors 55 +. Entry forms are available on our website at [www.gcusbc.org](http://www.gcusbc.org) It is a walk-in tournament. February 18 & 19, 2012 – Youth City Championship Tournament at Sunrise Lanes  
March 10 & 11<sup>th</sup>, & 17 & 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012 – Open Championship Tournament at Ten Pin Lanes

Till next time....

Here's wishing all Florida State Bowlers and their family and friends the very happiest and the most blessed holidays ever. I hope that your Thanksgiving holiday was fantastic and that you had a lot of things to be thankful for, sometimes it is hard to remember that we need to be thankful for even the smallest thing since there are so many people out of work, especially around here on the Space Coast, and so many people who have lost their homes, and children who are hunger right next door to you, we have to believe that it will get better, or go CRAZY. I do believe that it will. I also have faith in my fellow bowling family and know that we are giving in support of these children and families, as much as possible. God bless you all for that.

Speaking of giving, did your league or leagues give yet? I mean to the BVL. If not it is not too late. JUST DO IT.

How is your Christmas shopping going, are you finished yet? I always think that I am through. NOT TRUE, always seems to be a couple or six things more for some reason, are you the same? Be truthful now! I want to say please have a great holiday and a Happy New Year.

Here is a poem I found and hoped you would enjoy.

“CHRISTMAS IN MY HOMETOWN”

The time of year when all things seem to don a friendly glow,  
When children's eyes are filled with dreams of stockings in a row.

A time of year for strings of lights and manger scenes nearby,  
For candlelight and Christmas trees and songs in rich supply.

The time of year when smiles are bright on each and every face,  
Skaters and skiers fill the dark, bringing laughter in its place.

A time of year when loved ones join to hail the Savior's birth,  
And the world seems a little closer to achieving peace on earth.

When families begin to gather and carolers make the rounds,  
When kitchens are filled with home-baked scents, and heavy snow Carpets the ground.

When hearts start to open with kindness and no plea for help is turned down,  
I pause and thank God for my blessings, for its Christmas in my Hometown.

Colleen L. Reece/Julie Reece DeMarco

HAVE A MERRY, MERRY and a HAPPY, HAPPY!!

What a beautiful day this is. Just a few days before Thanksgiving and the weather is cool but not cold. Have you started your Christmas shopping yet? Sometimes I think it takes a few trips to a shopping mall or even to church where the sounds of Christmas carols are in the background that seems to bring out the energy to shop in me. On our Monday night bowling league I heard a team member discussing the upcoming Black Friday shopping tour she would be making over the internet. So many things are available through the USBC shopping guide that if it's bowling equipment you need or want for a gift you should have no problems for an easy legwork shopping trip. Even now that I am retired from my original occupation I still find shopping for a gift that the recipient receives difficult. It's always in my mind "is this a gift that will please that person?"

Bowling has favorite people who have served the public for many, many years devoting so much of themselves to the young bowlers who pass through the centers in which they were employed. Such a person is Jenny Taylor who retired from AMF Casselberry Lanes in Casselberry, Florida this past October. Jenny had been employed there for over 23 years. She had served as youth director at several centers for most of her working years which totaled over 53 years. I always felt that Jenny was a mentor in my life when I volunteered as a youth director for 3 years at a local center that had opened near the area in which lived. I was promoting bowling to my own grandchildren after I retired. She advised me on so many things. I know she misses all the activities that were so much a part of her life and not just a job.

Seminole County WBA held its annual tournament on Nov.4th and 5<sup>th</sup> with a 9 pin No Tap Doubles and Singles tournament. Many of our bowlers are employed in variable shifts that this type of tournament fits their lifestyle. We really had a good time. Listed below are the winners in the manner of their winning position.

	Doubles	Singles	Doubles Winners	Singles Winners
Terry Pattishall	777	624		
Rhonda Gorman	743	698	1st - 1520	
Carol Wright	682	693		
Taeko Salcido	834	649	2nd - 1516	
Mary DeGroat	639	711		
Kimberly DeGroat	676	693		
Linda Harris	650	623		
Peggy Sanchez	798	891		1st - 891
Jessica Browning	696	684		
Jennifer Halpern	776	744		2nd-744
Andrea Mead	673	644		
Doris Velez	647	627		
Pat Harbin	643	571		

Lori DuMond	761	633	
Mary Bartels	657	668	
Evelyn Kingsley	774	700	
Janet Garner	631	727	3rd-727
Joetta West	783	664	
Dottie Roberson	572	721	4th- 721
Cindy Decker	723	699	
Barbara Alder	579	626	
Kelly Dubay	700	595	

Even if you were not a winner in this tournament this year we look forward to seeing you again in either the state next May or June in 2012, and again in the local county tournament next fall. There are so many opportunities for those to enjoy all over this state.

Christmas is already being discussed each hour of the day on local television stations and also the plea to donate whatever you can to provide for the vast number of people who have been stricken by the current recession. Many of our central Florida bowling centers participate in the U.S. Marines annual TOYS for TOTS bowling events every year. It's always so heartwarming to see the large numbers of toys and gifts donated by the bowlers who participate. If you are not a bowler there are collection sites for these toys everywhere in most cities. This year extend your gifts to include older children who might be caught up in a family's plight of job loss or the loss of their home. They still have to attend school but do not have funds for the barest necessities. Think about what they would like to get for Christmas. Maybe a warm scarf or nice pens, pencils, a new notebook and ledger paper would please some needy child. Not everyone has a computer or a laptop. Schools furnish some needy children with of the basic school supplies but I have never heard of any school furnishing teenagers with combs, brushes and items that help a teen girl or boy support their self image and keep up their morale. Christmas is the time of year when if you have any extra love you can share, do so to those who are in the most need, the handicapped, the unemployed, and above all those who's basic form of shelter may be a tent in the woods or a car.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL AND TO ALL A GOOD STRIKE .....

**GREATER MIAMI USBC**

**Sharon Colon**

Don't you just love this time of the year? The lights, religious festivities, shopping, cooler weather, etc. help make me re-experience my youth. The only dark spot this year has been "Black Friday". I found it ridiculous that Friday now begins on Thursday, hours before the turkey has a chance to be digested. On the news I saw people pushing and shoving, getting stepped on, and camping out in front of stores days in advance. All of this to be one of the few to get a great bargain. Thanksgiving is becoming one of the lost

holidays. Things need to change back. I did my part by not participating. Maybe I'll pay a little more for my purchases, but I'll still have my sanity.

While you are out shopping, please don't forget those that are less fortunate than you.....donate to charitable causes and see how good it makes you feel.

Now, back to bowling..... So far, this has been a very good season for a couple of local bowlers. In fact, it seems Christmas came early to Keith Nation. His sister, Stephanie Nation (pro, Team USA, etc.), sent him a couple of balls to try out and right out of the box he shot an 836. It must be nice. In addition to his good bowling is our newest female phenomenon, Caitlin Graham. Thus far this season she has shot a 300 and two 800 series. I can't wait to see what her average will end up being. We have an assortment of high scores coming in weekly now and hope this trend continues.

I want to take this time to thank all of the concourse people who work for the different bowling houses. They can make or break your night depending upon how attentive they are. My league is fortunate to have some excellent young men working our lanes. Since the P.A. system never seems to work we have to rely on the guys being on their toes. It makes it so pleasant when you need a pin reset or deadwood to be cleared to just turn around and there they are to assist you. There is no time lost and you can continue to concentrate on your game. The interesting part is that most of these are minimum wage workers. It is so good to see that good work ethics are alive and well in the bowling center.

All of us try to encourage new people to join our leagues and when they do it is no wonder that they seem a little confused. Every sport has its own terminology and we are no different. In fact, bowling probably has more terms in it than any other sport. I Googled the topic and found a source put out by Bowler's Paradise. It included over 400 bowling terms. Some of them are archaic and some are new. (i.e. hambone is now considered the term for 4 consecutive strikes) Here are a few that were new to me: Apple- a bowling ball, or one who doesn't come through in a clutch situation. Balsa- a slight, powerless hit on the headpin. Benchwork- Any type of conversation or actions intended to upset an opponent. Buzzard- 3 open frames in a row. Cincinnati- an 8-10 split, and Pindicator- a lighted display board showing which pins are left standing. So, the next time you use "bowling" words in the front of new bowlers, you may want to let them know what each means so that they can feel that they are a part of the bowling fraternity too.

From our association to yours, we wish that everyone has a wonderful Christmas, Hanukah, or Kwanza and that they begin the New Year with good health and a positive outlook.

Bye for now and May all of the good scores be yours!

Hello, Florida State USBC ladies!

The Florida 500 Club held its 21<sup>st</sup> annual Tournament and Meeting Oct. 21-23 in New Port Richey, hosted by the Suncoast 500 Club. Arlene Oates of Hudson won the Singles Championship with a handicap 722, taking home a nice check for \$250. Other top winners were (2) Margaret M. Denk of New Port Richey, 686; (3 & 4 tie) Vilma Jimenez –Silva of Cape Coral, 684, and Janie Burdick of Deland, 684; and (5) Betty Betz of New Port Richey, 677. Low to cash was a 617.

The Doubles Champions are Kim Martin and Mary Smith-Milano of Auburndale, 1319. Finishing out the top five were (2) Cathleen R. Cavanagh and Jennifer Cavanagh of Spring Hill, 1313; (3) Theresa Walsh and Barbara Horton of Sebring, 1309 tied with (3) Nancy Miller and Ann Waters of Auburndale, 1309; and (5) Maxine Andrews and June Miller of Edgewater, 1304.

Mary Service of Boca Raton was the All Events winner with a 1,362, followed by (2) Carol Hibbens of North Port with a 1317; (3) Laura Moss of Edgewater, 1313, tied with (3) Martha Schuldiner of The Villages, 1313; and (5) Grace Chadbourne of Melbourne, 1305. It just shows how every pin is important in tournament competition!

For the first time this year, the opening ceremonies were scheduled so that everyone who wanted to could attend and still get to the Singles house for their squad. Opening ceremonies are always scheduled for the Doubles house, but if you missed it this year, you missed an awesome display of patriotism. An honor guard from McDill AFB presented the flag followed by the National Anthem. Then “I’m Proud to Be an American” by Lee Greenwood was played over the intercom. Without ANY prompting, EVERYONE stood up, joined hands in three long lines throughout the bowling center, and sang along. Just about everyone was in tears when it was over. It was a beautiful display of the American spirit.

On Friday evening, Florida 500 Club President Liz Waldren from Deland welcomed over 100 state members to the annual membership meeting at the Quality Inn, New Port Richey, the host hotel. The Friday meeting is the club’s one opportunity to discuss club business, elect officers and share committee reports. Secretary Donna Oberg reported the club had welcomed 82 new members last year, bringing the total membership to 4,534.

Last year, the state club held its first ever Mail-O-Graphic Tournament, but there were only 24 entries. All members are urged to enter this year. Tournament dates are March 4-17, 2012, and it only costs \$10 for each league you wish to enter. You don’t have to rent a motel, cough up the dough for gas or collect coupons to eat out. It’s cheap and easy to enter. Entry forms are available on the club website, [www.florida500club.org](http://www.florida500club.org). Go print yours out today so you don’t forget!

The two line officers and five directors nominated for election by the Nominating Committee chaired by Director Robin Blose were unanimously elected by the membership. Elected for three years terms were Brenda Chiasson of Lecanto, second vice president; and Donna Oberg of Plantation, secretary-treasurer. Directors re-elected for three years terms were Sharon Cogburn of Deltona; Linda Myers and Mary Lynne Helfrich of Winter Haven; Marty Schuldiner of The Villages; and Helen Newton of Ormond Beach.

For the first time in the club's history, two members were inducted in the Florida 500 Club's Hall of Fame. In announcing the names, Hall of Fame Chairman Linda Angley told the members the nominees were so outstanding they couldn't decide on just one, so they named them both. Selected were Diana Eichlin of Eagle Lake, secretary of the Polk County 500 Club for the past 21 years and a former state director and newsletter editor, and Helen Newton of Daytona Beach, a Florida 500 Club director for the past 8 years. Helen also is president of the Daytona Beach Women's Association and was honored by her association as its Hall of Fame recipient just a week or so before the state tournament. Congratulations to these ladies who have devoted countless hours to their local and state organizations in promoting their love of bowling.

No formal bids were received for the 2013 tournament, but two locations are considering it. Next year Daytona Beach will host the tournament on Oct. 26-28, 2012, the week AFTER Biketober Fest! Keep these dates open for next year! Entry forms will be in the mail to state members in May.

Local 500 Club presidents and secretaries are encouraged to contact Secretary Donna O'berg when new club officers are elected so that the state can keep in contact with these local officials.

Many local clubs also host invitational tournaments throughout the year. Upcoming tournaments include: Phoenix 500 Club, Sebring, Dec. 18; Polk County 500 Club, Jan. 29; Highlands County 500 Club, Feb. 19; Ocala 500 Club, March 24; and Suncoast 500 Club, April 29. Contact your local 500 club secretary for information on these tournaments.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to everyone! We wish you all good health and continued high scoring!

**EMERALD COAST USBC**

**Jodi Jacobson**

Welcome to my family, the Emerald Coast Bowling association. We cover the Fort Walton Beach, Crestview, Eglin, Hulbert, and Destin bowling lanes. My name is Jodi and I hope to be your tour guide.

This year our fall meeting was held on the first of October. We honored the "All Stars" both in the adult and youth leagues. Here we have seen many families being represented

on both sides. It is like the saying goes "The family that bowls together stays together. And in our area that would be the family of the Dupree's, Clifford's and Mixon's.

Our president Carolyn Allerheiligen has our upcoming events listed on our web site at [www.ecbowling.com](http://www.ecbowling.com). We are having both a Grandmothers and a Youth tournament this month with a Ladies tournament in January and a Susan B Komen in February where we hope to wear our pink bras on the outside to show support for the cause.

Recent Hall of Fame members were recognized at the fall meeting they are Kyong Spisak, Charles Clifford Sr., and Donald Dupree Jr. and we are back to that family theme. Family members of both the Clifford's and the Dupree's have each rolled 300!

Speaking of family, I bowl on a women's league that has existed for over twenty five years and I am sure this is just one of many leagues that are able to say that. I feel that we are a family in many ways both on and off the lanes and the friendship that we find there is priceless. We have seen each other go through all the phase of our lives have supported everyone which is truly what a family does.

I hope to be your tour guide again, good traveling and good bowling.



**Editor's Note:**

It's hard to believe 2012 is almost here... Where on earth does the time go??? There doesn't seem to be enough hours in the day, enough days in the week or weeks in the month for that matter. I know that many of you know what I'm talking about. So with that being said, I sincerely apologize for the delay in the issue of the December 2011 newsletter. But since we have tremendous writers; it's certainly worth waiting for! I'd like to take this time to wish everyone a "Blessed Holiday Season and a Happy New Year" from your board of director's of the Florida State Women's Bowling Association.