Bermuda Run club treats 146 Davie exceptional kids

Traveling with anticipation from 10 different Davie County Schools, 146 children and adults arrived by bus to the Bermuda Run Country Club. They were greeted by Garden Club members and escorted inside.

Holiday music filled the air by pianist Mike Hendrix. Adults and children sang remembered favorites including The 12 Days of Christmas, Winter Wonderland, Silent Night, Jingle Bells and We Wish You a Merry Christmas.

Gifts of Appreciation were presented to club members by students from each school. Presents included colorful handmade turkey cards, a paper leaf tree, poems, posters and banners with sentiments of thanks.

It's November and time to gather for the fourth annual Thanksgiving luncheon. Director of Exceptional Children, Elizabeth Phillips and Executive Director of Davie County Schools, Nowell Grady Smith joined the celebration along with Mayor Ken Rethmeier and president of the Bermuda Run Country Club Advisory Board, Bill Martin.

The Kitchen staff under direction of Chef Eric prepared 6 hams, 9 pans of vegetables, 7 pans of potatoes and cranberries to make the luncheon a big success!

Saying grace is something a Thanksgiving celebration should not be without. Garden Club president Carol Quinn and Chairwoman Shelby Nichols welcomed all with holiday messages. Everyone joined in with Shelby as she delivered the invocation.

The children lined up to fill their plates with ham, green beans, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, corn, deviled eggs, and rolls. Chairwoman Shelby Nichols and her team JoAnn Mintz, Kathy Watson and Jane Hilton were available to serve. Even the Mayor rolled up his sleeves to help.

Fall festive Icing on several sheet cakes and beverages of ice tea, milk, and water served by the Bermuda Run Country Club's wait staff under the direction of James Crawford and Lucy Gidley.

Visiting students from other schools the children posed for pictures with the Mayor, club members and teachers.

Indecision to go for seconds was short lived. Garden Club members Nancy Cregan, Lynn Marcellino and Donna DutToit served the childen as they went for more.



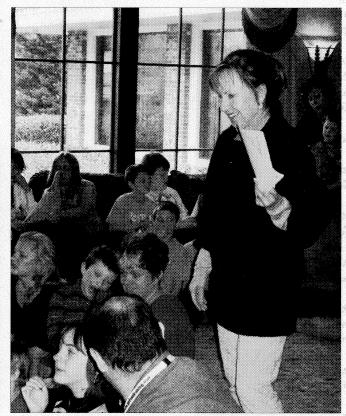
Standing, Nowell Smith, Mayor Ken Rothmeier and Chairwoman Shelby Nichols with student and teachers.

Holiday Napkins and centerpieces decorated the tables. The Bermuda Run Garden Club worked hard to create a festive theme throughout the dining room.

Goodbyes, hugs, handshakes and smiles given with God's blessing hoping to meet again next year. Same time same place. After all, there is more than just turkey to a great Thanksgiving celebration.



Donna DuToit and Carol Quinn serve lunch.



BR Garden Club's Lynn Marcellino visits with students.