

People



The Bermuda Run Country Club is filled with music as members of the Bermuda Run Garden Club host children from exceptional classes at Davie County Schools.

Club Hosts Exceptional Children From Davie Schools

BERMUDA RUN - There were wide smiles, embracing hugs, holiday songs and festive foods - a typical Thanksgiving in many ways - yet exceptional.

On Thursday, Nov. 15 approximately 150 exceptional children from 10 Davie County schools, their teachers and bus drivers were guests of the Bermuda Run Garden Club at the Bermuda Run Country Club for the third annual Thanksgiving Feast.

Garden Club President Alice Bostrom welcomed everyone as pianist Mike Hendrix filled the entry hall with holiday favorites for a sing-a-long. Special Guest Bermuda Run Mayor Ken Rethmeier expressed holiday wishes to all. He was joined by Bill Martin, president of the Bermuda Run Country Club Advisory Board.

Presentations by the children followed.

"It takes the students, parents and teachers several weeks to design and complete their projects," says Elizabeth Phillips, the director of exceptional children of Davie County. Numerous hand stamped thank-you cards and a "turkey" poster all filled with holiday sentiments were presented to the hosts.

One group spelled out their message of thanks with large flip cards. The presentations ended with garden club member Beth Grose delivering a Thanksgiving blessing.

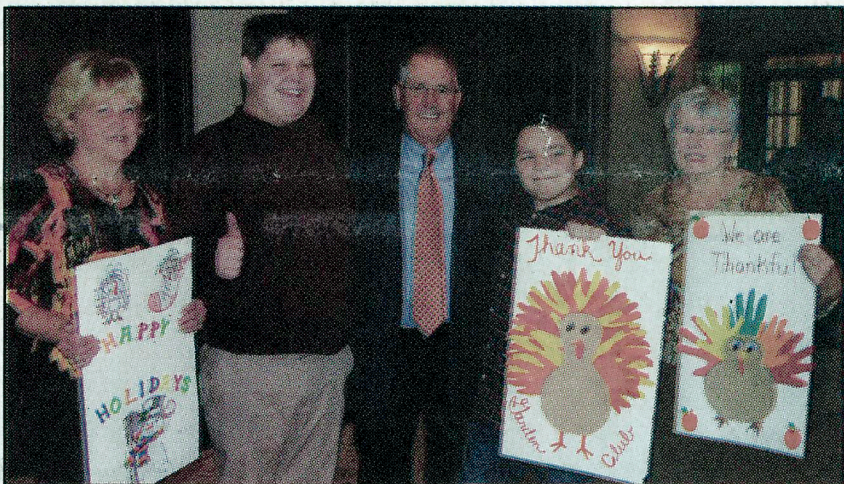
Chair Shelby Nichols and her committee made up of Kay Brady, Joann Mintz, Jane Hilton and Kathy Watson started planning for the event months in advance. They spent hours gathering food donations and decorations as well as coordinating the assistance of many other garden club members.

Bermuda Run Catering Director Lucy Gidley, banquet captain Joey Oliver and executive chef Eric Kirkeing along with the club wait staff donated their time and talents in preparing and serving a total of six hams, trays of green beans, corn, mashed potatoes, rolls and beverages. For dessert, numerous decorated cakes along with dozens of festive cupcakes provided by the garden club members topped off the meal.

"This event has become very popular with the children and the volunteers alike," said Dianne Burke, club publicity chair. "Blessed with the opportunity the Bermuda Run Garden Club and the Bermuda Run Country Club look forward every year to giving something back to the Davie County community. A good time was had by all with special thanks going to God for creating one special day with many thankful moments."



These members of the country club staff donated their time to make the day enjoyable for the students.



Club members Linda Earnst (left) and Shelby Nichols (right) and Bermuda Run Mayor Ken Rethmeier (center) accept thank you notes from the students.



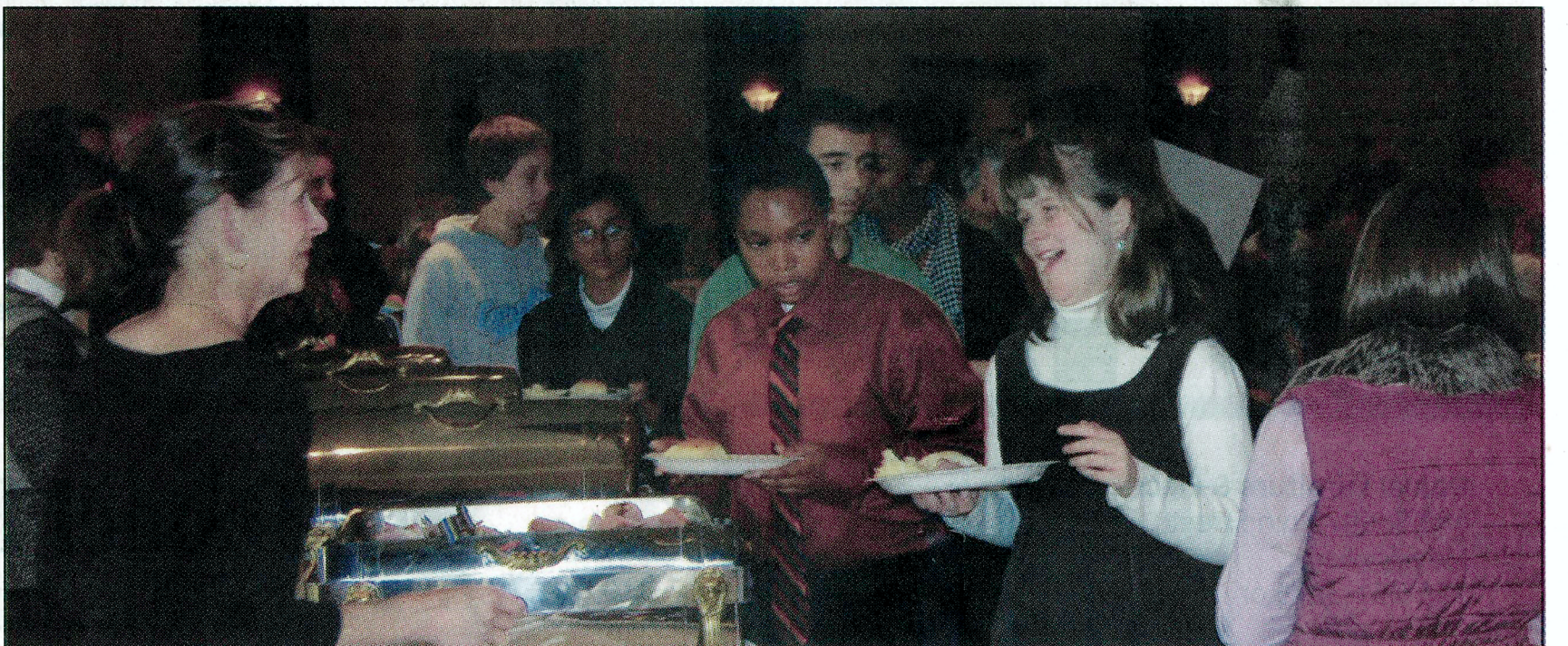
Club member Cathy Zeitvogel enjoys time with the students.



Mike Hendrix provides music on the piano.



Event Chair Shelby Nichols accepts a card from a student.



The students and guests go through the buffet line.