

Oakdale Emory United Methodist Men



UMM

PURPOSE

- Mission Support
- Fellowship
- Spiritual Growth
- Community Service

Note:

All men of Oakdale Emory are members of UMM.

All meals are free. We invite donations to support mission programs.

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UMM Country Breakfast with Santa - Dec. 3

Free all-you-can-eat made-to-order omelets, bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, pancakes, waffles, fruit, cereals, pastries, coffee, juice, etc.

Freewill donations welcomed to support UMM missions



Joe Hoover as Santa in 2010

Photos with Santa



Marti English - Guest Speaker on Dec. 6



We are pleased to welcome as quest speaker our very own Missionary Angel, Marti English. She will share how God is working in her life through her passion for missions. She has participated in 23 mission trips and will show photos from her six-week teaching experience in Salto, Uruguay (August - September 2011). She will also describe the OEUMC Volunteer In Mission team's upcoming trip to Lota, Chile (January 19-29, 2012). The United Methodist Men have been faithful supporters of missions at OEUMC, so come and hear how you have helped.

As usual, we expect a terrific dinner prepared by our Kitchen Angels. We will install new officers for 2012. Bob Nordstrom will present an inspirational devotion. Good food, good fellowship, and spiritual growth. Praise God!



Jim Estes, PGA golf pro, co-founder and instructor for SMGA veterans, gives thanks to OEUMC for great support



Thanks to Jim Holland and Mel Sessa for photos



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Dick Harris - President

Dick Stevenson - VP and Program Chair

Ron Hoggard - Treasurer

Ray Johnson - Secretary and Newsletter Editor

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Wounded Veterans Fundraiser - \$10,000

Thanks to the tireless efforts of UMM Past President Joe Hoover and his large crew of volunteers, we raised \$10,000 for the Salute Military Golf Association (SMGA). This equals last year's fundraiser. (thanks to several large donations).



Joe Hoover welcomed veterans with good humor



Jamie Winslow and Jim Estes co-founders of SMGA in 2006. Last year SMGA opened two new chapters for a total of 30. Twenty six clinics were held in Olney in 2011. 700 vets have now participated with 350 sets of clubs given to them.

Jamie read a note from the LPGA about Tim Lang, last years guest speaker. Tim was honorary Captain for the LPGA US team for the Solheim Cup. "He sent a great message to the world, lifted the hearts of players, lent a hand to all and was a most outstanding addition to the team. Tim has a big heart and he gives all the credit to SMGA".



World War II Veterans



Sgt. Robert Kimball, US Marines, 1939 - 1945. Fought in New Guinea and served as diplomatic courier around the world.



Sgt. Edward Mayne US Army 1943. Fought in France to keep supply lines open for the Battle of the Bulge.



Sgt. Clayton Marsh Invited by Skip Schoenig (left) as a special guest. US Army Field Artillery 1941-1945. Fought in Tunisia for 3 years.



Joe Hoover introduces girl scouts who raised money to give cookies to wounded veterans.

Marcy Engels, DVM, Brookeville Animal Hospital, introduced Scotty, a 4 month yellow lab. He is part of the Hero Dogs program founded in 2009 to provide service to disabled veterans. Hero Dogs allow vets to regain independence by taking laundry out of the drier, turning on lights, opening cabinets, and picking up fallen items. Dogs are donated and 3.5 years of training costs \$30K per dog. There are 10 dogs in the program. Volunteer and financial support needed. <http://www.hero-dogs.org/>



Autographed baseballs for Silent Auction of dozens of items



Master Chef for SMGA Dinner, James Harris and Jerry Mills

Serving line - Mel Sessa, Peter Martineau, Ron Hoggard, Jerry Mills



Dinner - Roast beef, carrots, beans, potatoes.

Programs by Karen Nordstrom



Desserts compliments of United Methodist Women



Ray Brubacher working his magic with music



Ira Branson and Nancy Holland enjoying the appetizer table



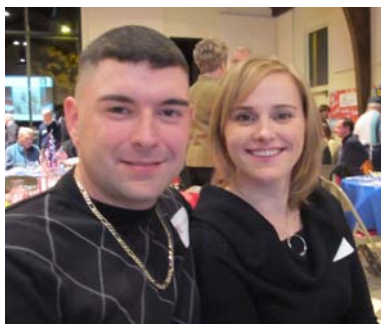
Ron Hoggard preparing veggies



Nancy and Bill Nullmeyer enjoying the program



Jim Holland took pictures for this Newsletter, with Nancy



Matthew Bilancia, Air Force, and Kanya Praetorius
Matt presented a special video prepared just for SMGA



David and Carolyn Calhoun



Earnest prayer and a quick peek

SSGT Charles J. Eggleston (Ret.)

Charles was the honored speaker for veterans at the SMGA fundraiser dinner on Nov. 11, 2011.

Jim Estes introduced Charles Eggleston and told us that he has a titanium rod in his back from which he experiences great pain. Despite his injuries, he is an ambassador of good will to veterans and a mentor. He brings the right attitude as he meets and greets vets with encouragement. His wife Pam is the great woman behind the great man. While he is too modest to admit it, he is a good golfer and athlete. He is also my friend and I can talk with him about anything.

Charles began by telling us that he usually uses cue cards because he has some injury to his brain as well as his back. He said, "Golf was my salvation." He expressed appreciation for this great day which the Lord has given all of us. Veteran's Day is a time to pay tribute to the fallen and the survivors, a chance to hear tales of veterans and old service friends. Although he said, "Some of the greatest warriors are people like us, true patriots



who support veterans." He indicated that he was especially happy to be in the family of wounded warriors tonight. When we are wounded we are all of same family. He said, "You are the guys that keep my heart beating another day."

He told of his first tour in Iraq in 2003, when he was hit and transported home which took 5 days. He was stitched up and two weeks later sent to Africa. For him this service was about dedication, perseverance, and love. Love for his band of brothers and sisters.

In 2004-5 he was hit several times. On the last time he lost his whole team. He was injured so badly that during his transfer from Iraq to Germany a notice of death



was sent to his family. At the hospital in Germany he still had a KIA tag on his toe. He called his Mom to explain the mistake.

In the hospital, doctors debated on taking off his badly broken leg. A guardian angel said no. Fortunately after lots of therapy the leg healed itself through prayer. He dealt with numerous surgeries and spent 3.5 years in the hospital. During this time he met vets from many services and he takes his hat off to them.

He noted that one guardian angel tops them all. Jim Estes came to Walter Reed Hospital and invited him to a golf clinic.

He told us that he found his treatment inhuman at Walter Reed. He said it was much like being in prison with lock downs every night. He tried to think of honorable ways to put himself to sleep so as not to dishonor three purple hearts, a bronze star, and other medals.

He said that Jim Estes and Jamie Winslow took his mind off from suicide. They gave him new goals which allowed him to recover the old Charles. He began to admire great golfers, especially Jim Estes who led by example. Jim showed Charles that everyone has a second chance, life never gives up. In life, if you love life, life will love you back. The way life is, you want to grab life, love life, love your fellow man and woman, and become greedy for life even more.

His inspiration for living was elevated by other wounded veterans. He wondered, "What will happen when I get out, what will be my legacy to my great

Grandkids?" "You guys are part of history because you have contributed to changed lives through SMGA. Together we can change lives of the greatest patriots of America."

This is a special day. Its fun to spend a day of thanks, not only for veterans but for supporters as well. Today is 11/11/11 a prayer doctrine number.

We did our job in Iraq. I have no regrets, I am glad we caught a few bad guys. This was the duty of America. We are caregivers covering for the American public, on the forefront hoping that this will never come to American. He said that he looks up to veterans of all previous conflicts, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, and current conflicts. Remember those who did not come back or MIA. He thanked us and expressed appreciation for our being here and giving him a chance to share his story and tribute to wounded warriors.



Bob Nordstrom, UMM Chaplain closed the SMGA program with an Irish prayer for golfers.

"May your fairways always rise to meet you, may the wind always be at you back while on the tee, may the sun shine warm in your face, even in the rough, may the rains fall soft upon your putting green, and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hand." Amen