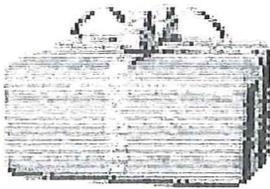

Tudor Rozette

From Glensheen's Volunteer Office

December 1998

A Family in Need of Christmas

This year, the staff and volunteers at Glensheen have the chance to follow the Congdon tradition and help those less fortunate. Through the Salvation Army, Glensheen has agreed to provide Christmas gifts and a Christmas meal to one family in need. The family has two parents and four children who may not otherwise receive the spirit of giving.



Please bring a new, unwrapped gift, food item, or gift certificate to Jen and Amy in the volunteer office. If you would like, give a gift of money and let us do the shopping! Please turn in all donations by Wednesday, December 16th. Below is a list of the family members and their Christmas wishes. Thank you for making Christmas merry for a family who needs us!

Zachary, age 2, wears 14 month pants and shirts. He loves cars, trucks, and "anything with wheels," says his mom.

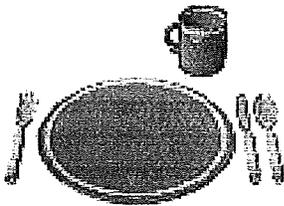
Josh, age 5, wears 7 slim pants, 6-7 shirt. He prefers wearing t-shirts and sweat shirts. He likes dinosaurs and Godzilla and hopes for an art kit for drawing.

Michael, age 7, wears 7-8 slim pants and a 6-7 shirt. Like his brother, he prefers to wear t-shirts and sweat shirts. He loves "anything Star Wars" and hopes for a Sony Playstation Game.

Jamie, (girl) age 16, wears Ladies' size 13-14. A typical teen, she likes baggy jeans, size M shirts, hair accessories, and nail polish. She hopes for a music store gift certificate.

Bret, the dad, wears a 36 waist, 34 length and L or XL shirt. He likes t-shirts and sweatshirts. Like most dads, he hopes for tools.

Laurie, the mom, wears a size 12 and a L in shirts. Her wish is for a food processor to make preparing dinner for six a little easier.



For the whole family, we'll need Christmas dinner trimmings, supplies to wrap the presents, and two volunteers to deliver them sometime between December 17th and the 20th.

There isn't much time, so please call the Volunteer Office today to ask how you can help share the spirit of giving!

Here we go a caroling!

Join us in spreading holiday cheer to our Glensheen neighbors. On Friday, December 18 we will be caroling from 4-7. Meet Jen and Amy in the carriage house at 4 p.m. For a brief rehearsal. We will go from Glensheen to Lakeshore Lutheran Home and then to our neighbor's homes on our way back to Glensheen. If you have a dripless candle or flashlight, please carry it along. We will provide the sheet music, and hot cider and cocoa upon our return. Remember to dress according to the weather. If you intend to join us

please let Jen or
Amy know by
calling 724-3041.

Tax Time . . .

It is not too early to think about April 15th, when taxes are due. Did you know that according to the IRS (1998 Publication 526), volunteers “can deduct unreimbursed out-of-pocket expenses, such as the cost of gas and oil, that are directly related to the use of your car in giving services to charitable organization. You cannot deduct general repair and maintenance expenses, depreciation, registration fees, or the cost of tires or insurance.”

This means that for every mile you drove to and from Glensheen to volunteer in 1998, you may deduct the cost of that travel on your tax returns. Even parents of student volunteers are eligible. (Participants in the Retired Senior Volunteer Program are not eligible, however, because your travel expenses are already reimbursed.)

Because most of us do not keep record of the exact cost for each mile, the IRS allows you to deduct a standard 12 cents per mile for each time you traveled to and from Glensheen to volunteer. If you traveled to Glensheen by bus, you may deduct the cost of that visit's bus fare. For many of you, this adds up quickly. In January, we will send you the amount of times you came in along with the total amount of hours spent here. This is one more reason why we are so vigilant about keeping accurate time cards. We hope you can take advantage of this IRS rule. It is the government's way of thanking you for helping your community.

Docent Volunteer Council

This past month the Docent Council adopted new bylaws which changed name from Docent Council to Docent Volunteer Council. The council seeks to represent the concerns of not only docents, but all Glensheen volunteers, and its new name reflects that.

The changes were put through by President Tom Donahue, who is leaving the council to pursue some research here at Glensheen. He has served the council well, and we thank him and all the Council members have shared their time and wisdom over the years. The council's next president will be Susanne Schuler.

If you have input for Glensheen's Volunteer Program and have contributed at least 40 hours in the past year, ask about how you can join the Council. It is a very special opportunity to make a difference.

Holiday Premiere.

Over 200 guests joined us for the Holiday Premiere on November 30th. The premiere showcased Glensheen at its holiday best and music by Mary Weintraub and the American Legion Chorus. Prizes were given to the 20 volunteers who contributed the most hours in 1998. A special thank you to Pearl E. Johnson who helped set up for the festivities (and decorated the Red Room). Signs denote which rooms were decorated by local businesses. Glensheen's own Phyllis Young, Joy Fon,

and Michelle Rutt masterminded the project, which has been hailed as the most beautiful yet.

Golden Wedding Anniversary

Jane Sommerfeld and her husband will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on December 28th. John's gift to Jane was a surprise anniversary party last month at Glensheen. Congratulations on 50 years of marriage. You are an inspiration to us all.

Volunteer Survey

Thank you to all who have turned in your volunteer survey. We have extra copies in the volunteer office if yours got misplaced, so please complete one when you come in to volunteer or send it in as soon as you can. Remember this survey is the only way we can evaluate why you volunteer here and how we can make it more meaningful. Please turn them in soon! Thanks.

Wassail!

The Anglo-Saxon word wassail means "to your health." We would like to wish you a joyous and safe holiday season. It is a joy to have your talents, commitment, and friendship at Glensheen and we look forward to them in the coming year. Wassail!

The Tudor Rozette is an informal newsletter from the Glensheen Volunteer