



Dr. Pete Stoffella recognizes IRREC Christmas Party planning committee members Georgia Martinez, Madeline Durant, Velma Spencer and Audrey Beany for planning an enjoyable meal that took place in the South Auditorium

This December marked the center's 68th year of service to the region's agricultural and natural resource industry.

Dr. Stoffella led the year-end IRREC employee Christmas Holiday Celebration with recognition for the event's planning committee members: Georgia Martinez, Velma Spencer, Madeline Durant, and Audrey Beany. Committee members baked the holiday ham and turkey, coordinated the meal and arranged the South Auditorium for the annual event. Hector Solis set up the room and Maddy decorated for the holiday cheer.

About 75 IRREC faculty and staff members were in attendance, in addition to graduate students and staff members who visited from the U.S.D.A., and from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

Audrey Beany noted the event marked Dr. Stoffella's last holiday event as our director, as he will be retiring in May, 2016.

Dr. Stoffella then recognized center employees who had reached milestones in IRREC employment and presented each in attendance with official UF pins: Dr. Brian Boman, 30 years of service; Jerry Britt, 25 years; Robin Koestoyo, 15; and Jackie White, 10 years.

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THE MEAL



The meal was full of flavor, featuring the IRREC-baked holiday meats and a full spread of entrée, salad and side items.

Home-baked and prepared stand-outs were: Maddy's husband, Tom Durant's stuffing; Albert Flemming's wife, Carla's macaroni and cheese; Amy Dubois' mashed potatoes, Audrey Beany's roasted potatoes, and Jane Bachelor's spinach quiche.

New to the holiday meal were a healthful fungus salad, cheesy corn, and delicious Asian warm rolls.



DESSERTS



Dark Chocolate Pomegranate + Ginger Bark

FACULTY AND STAFF CONTRIBUTIONS

Dessert table offerings were especially sweet. They included delights such as Georgia Martinez's peanut butter and pumpkin rolls; and dark chocolate pomegranate and ginger bark homemade by Bernadette Stange.

The table delivered many pies for a wide range of tastes: Wayne Brunk's and Liz Calise's traditional pumpkin pies; Marvin Newman's Key Lime pie, and a mincemeat pie.

Crowning the dessert table as its centerpiece was Oscar Paguada's made-from-scratch, pineapple-filled UF-logo cake.

Holiday cheer was shared among all who attended the center's Holiday Celebration Luncheon. The event honors the mission we all serve: the university's service to people who strive for environmental production and food production.

ATTENDEES



Dr. Peter J. Stoffella, IRREC Director,
and Velma Spencer, IRREC Administrative



Velma Spencer and her son,
Joshua Frasier



Dr. Li and Dr. Zheng

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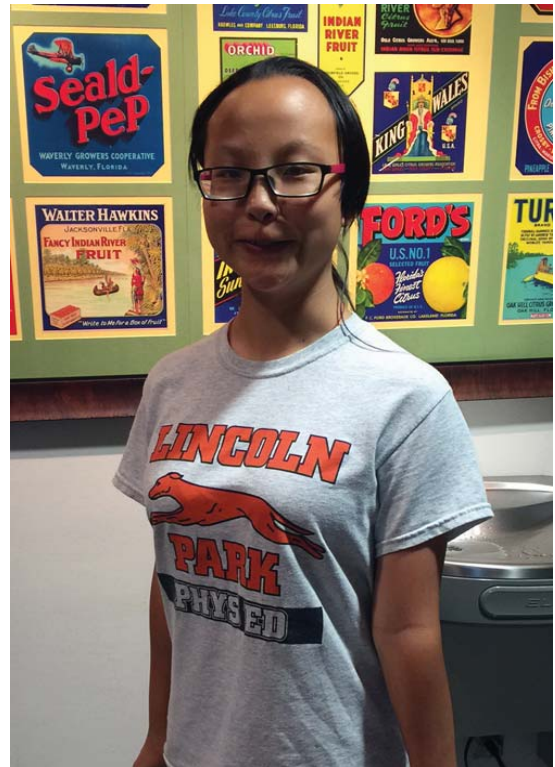
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Wayne Brunk, his wife Pauline, and Dr. Brian Boman, along with his wife Myrna



Holly and her husband, Dr. Cortney Ohs



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Dr. Ron Cave and his family



Carolina Arguijo, and
Dr. Ron Cave's wife,
Vilma Cave



Jackie White and
USDA Statistical Analyst, Matthew Robinson



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Oscar Paguada and Dr. Alan Wright



Senior Lecturer Jane Bachelor and her spouse, Leo Ladefian



JR Martinez



USDA Post Doctorate Malu Oliveira, Cristina Pisani, center, and “Ching,” who is also a post-doc at the USDA



Visiting Scientist, Dr. Xiaoyun Mao, and graduate assistant Liguang Li



Renata and Dr. Xiang, Dr. Zhenli He's son