

Christmas Event Stresses Giving

T'was the season of giving for Klickitat PUD employees, who held their annual Christmas get-together December 9.

Employees brought a guest and a gift and enjoyed an evening of fun by celebrating the holiday with dinner and an auction run and supplied by the employees themselves. The auction raised money for the Goldendale Holiday Food Basket Program, which donates food baskets to local families in need during the holiday.

Each employee brought a wrapped gift to be auctioned off, and purchased a paddle for \$1 each to participate in the bidding. In the spirit of giving, some even purchased more than one paddle, perhaps hoping for a better chance to win in the intense bidding wars.

KPUD employee Doug Miller was the auctioneer, accompanied by Betty Zesiger, who displayed the mysterious wrapped gifts. Debi Svendsen played elf and delivered presents to the winners.

The gifts included Christmas decorations, holiday serving platters and many gift baskets full of goodies. At the end of the night with all the gifts sold and the pad-



Some of the hard-working members of the Klickitat PUD Christmas Committee are, from left, Judy Packwood, Wendy Manka, Betty Zesiger and Nancy Mains.

dles gone, KPUD employees raised a total of \$691, all of which they donated to the Holiday Food Basket Program.

Apart from the auction and the food, employees and their guests entered their names in a drawing to win door prizes and enjoyed Ron Shultz's reading of his poem called, "PUD Christmas Message 2005."

Employees enjoyed many laughs that night and all left knowing they had helped someone else enjoy the

spirit of the Christmas season, too.

The Christmas party was made possible thanks to a committee of KPUD employees and spouses who organized the dinner and are responsible for donating the money from the auction to the community organizations.

This year's committee included Nancy Mains, Judy Packwood, Barbara Barkley, Miquette Ihrig, Wendy Manka, Debi Svendsen, Betty Zesiger and Julius Robison. ■

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New Year!



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