

## Christmas Party Dec. 2nd 2017

Our Club met at Roger and Layne's Church for our annual Christmas Party: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 West Five Mile Road in Livonia, MI. We had a good turn out and everybody eventually found the new location.

As is our tradition, we ate, drank (non alcoholic beverages), talked, and traded & stole gifts from each other in our somewhat contrived gift exchanging scheme.

Let's start with the Food. It was delicious and plentiful:



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And the team, once again went all out on the decorations: two prep pictures, and



one cleanup picture. Many more participated in the party prep and clean up , but we don't have pictures of the whole group ... Thanks to all for the hard work and excellent results.





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Next, in focus are the gifts for the exchange and stealing activity: many great gifts!



While the prep was in its later stages, an intellectual discussion group formed:



This group is either solving World Conflict or discussing the latest data on Fiero Pricing as published by Hagerty Classic Car Evaluations. Have our Fieros really lost 5 to 14% of their value over the last 12 months ... depending on year, condition and model?!

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Moving on to other important subjects with an expanded table ... is overall classic car pricing shrinking due to baby boomers leaving the market? Boomers own 58% of the Classic cars in the U.S. and some of this group is divesting. This age/interest segmentation may partially explain our aging membership statistics.



This group seems to be less serious and having more fun. Note, younger members!!





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Kitchen help comes in many forms:



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Getting ready to eat is another skill we seem to have in abundance:





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These Fiero parties are ... ?

Finally we get to eat!

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The Club members demonstrating their eating and conversation skills:





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Some of our younger members enjoying dinner ... younger people like Fieros too!

Everyone has eaten and exchanged gifts ... we are thinking about cleaning up and going home:



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But wait, Roger needs to present the Spark Plug Award to this years deserving winner ... Gary!



Ok, now we can call it a day ... good bye to all and to all a good night (or maybe afternoon).



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Another great Christmas Party for the Michigan Fiero Club. Thanks to Louise for all the great pictures. Once again she was busy taking pictures and we did not get a shot of her. I included pictures of her from last year's party ... she looks just as radiant today as a year ago:



It's been an interesting year with a lot of great events, meetings, shows and several new and interesting members. New members keep the club growing and allow us to move into new areas comunate with new member skills. We are moving forward to a news letter after many years without one and we are evolving some of the technology used in our web site.

These are all things that will enhance the Clubs attractiveness to new and existing members. Somehow our beloved Fieros have stood the test of time and new people are entering the classic car market via our beloved 30 year old cars. Our Club represents a great gathering place for both the enjoyment of classic cars and excellant social events. We are as much a social club as we are a car club. Thank you one and all for making this Club so successful. If you missed this years Christmas Party, please try and join us next year ... it is a good time!

Merry Christmas,

*Roger and Layne Fagnani*