The 2018 Women's Club of Inverness Holiday Fundraiser Committee

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WCI HOSTS "MEMORIES OF CHRISTMAS PAST" FUNDRAISER

ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2018, the Women's Club of Inverness hosted its annual holiday luncheon and boutique shopping at the Meridian in Rolling Meadows.

An attendance of 300 at the WCI fundraiser, Memories of Christmas Past, exceeded expectations and produced an overall profit of $28,000. This money, plus proceeds to be raised during the April 11, 2019 Spring Fashion Show, will go directly to fund college scholarships for area students and grants to local organizations that support programs benefiting women, children, and seniors.

Do you know who Uncle Mistletoe and Aunt Holly are? If you grew up in Chicago during the days of Marshall Field's dominance as the store in Chicago, you probably do! Marshall Field's delighted children at Christmastime in Chicago for many years with decorated display windows that spanned the length of State Street. As you walked from one end to the other, the windows told a story. Guest speaker, Amy Meadows, took guests back to those idyllic times.

For those of you who may not know the details, Mistletoe is the brother of Santa. He was created in 1946 by Marshall Field's to compete with Montgomery Ward's creation, Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer. He sat on top of "The Great Tree" in the Walnut Room of Marshall Field's. Locals often have vivid memories of visiting Uncle Mistletoe and Aunt Holly along with the Sugar Plum Fairy who looked like a magical princess. Whether you sat on Santa's lap or visited Uncle Mistletoe and Aunt Holly, your visit was a magical time.

WCI welcomes guests and potential new members at each meeting. For further information on attending a meeting or becoming a new member,this year, contact Karen Springer, club president, at 847-828-5434, or email: speringil@comcast.net, or contact Nina Stephenson at 847-417-0126, or email: nstephe153@aol.com.

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WCI guest speaker Amy Meadows shared behind-the-scenes information about Marshall Field's holiday traditions.