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Cedar Key Lions dine and dance on Valentine's Day



Susan Rosenthal stands with some of her magnificent dessert creations.

Story and Photos

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CEDAR KEY -- The Cedar Key Lions Club has hosted a Valentine's Day Dinner-Dance on Thursday night (Feb. 14) at the Cedar Key Community Center.



Adrienne Doty of The Island Room lifts a cover to show some of the wonderful food provided by the chef there.

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Relatively early in the evening, it became clear that having a chair at the table would be a premium. It was very cozy for all of the attendees.

The 2019 event was sold-out as always, but there seemed to be even more people than chairs. Perhaps, this was to encourage more dancing than onlooking.

Pictures were taken of sweethearts together by Lion Steve Priessman. People donated a recommended \$5 for the pictures, although some donated less and some donated more.

All of the many officers and members of this Lions Club who were at the event helped make it a resounding success again this year.

Dinner was prepared by The Island Room and included a fresh salad, rolls, potatoes, vegetables, a beef brisket and a seafood dish that included shrimp, scallops, clams and mussels.

The desserts were absolutely divine. All of the desserts were homemade by Lion Susan Rosenthal.

Rosenthal created an angel food cake with Jell-O and strawberries inside and surrounded by whipped cream. Coconut cake, chocolate-covered cherries, German chocolate cake and homemade candy were among the treats she brought to make the evening enjoyable.

Adult beverages were available for a donation. Some drank those more than others; some donated more than others.

There was a silent auction as part of the activities to raise funds for the club.

A number of couples enjoyed chances to dance the night away too.

For the people who were fortunate enough to buy tickets before they were sold out, it was a wonderful event that evening.

The extreme closeness of people at the tables made it even more cozy than one might imagine on Valentine's Day. Of course, this offered plenty of opportunities to meet new friends.