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ROTARY GINGERBREAD HOUSE 2009 WINNERS ANNOUNCED:

Jacksonville, Fla., November 24, 2009 - The Gingerbread House Extravaganza, organized by the Rotary Club of South Jacksonville, in collaboration with the Rotary Club of North Jacksonville and Rotaract Club of Florida's First Coast announced its winning entries today.

Winners of the competition were announced tonight.

First Prize (\$1,000):

"Santa Comes to the Big House, Kingsley Plantation"

San Mateo Elementary School

Linda J. Zeiler (Teacher), Gifted Classes of San Mateo

Second Prize (\$750):

"The Flying Jolly Roger"

Judy Morgan

Randy Morgan, Kelli Chandler, Kristen Chandler

Third Prize (Tie) (\$250):

"The Pink Palace"

Lauryn Dunn

Third Prize (Tie) (\$250):

"The Polar Express"

Jacksonville Golf & Country Club

Michael Ramsey (Executive Chef), and Cory Newman, John Daley

"Regarding the winning entry by San Mateo Elementary, the judges admired the educational nature of the display and it's tie in with local history," said R. Dean Scott, Chairman of this year's event from the Rotary Club of South Jacksonville. "The judges enjoyed the use of humor and the incorporation of holiday themes."

A "People's Choice Award" will be announced at the end of the show when ballots cast by the public are tallied. This year's Gingerbread Judges include: Michael Bump, Pastry Chef, Restaurant Orsay; Cinda Sherman, Publisher, Arbus Magazine; and Hope McMath, Director, Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens.

The event officially opens to the public on November 28 through to December 23 (see times listed below) at the Jacksonville Historical Society (formerly the Old St. Andrews Episcopal Church) at 317 Phillip A. Randolph Blvd. Over half a million dollars has been raised for more than 30 charities in the past six years!

Among the charities that will receive funds raised from the event include the Ronald McDonald House of Jacksonville, HabiJax and the Jacksonville Historical Society. For additional information or to be a sponsor, please visit: www.rotarycharity.org.

The 2009 Gingerbread House Extravaganza details include:

Date: November 28 - December 22, 2009

Location:

Jacksonville Historical Society
317 A. Phillip Randolph Boulevard
Jacksonville, FL 32202

Exhibit Hours:

OPENING DAY - Saturday, November 28: 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Open: Wednesday – Saturday only: 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Also Open December 21 and 22: 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Open on Tuesdays by appointment only.

Admission:

Adults - \$5.00 donation
Children (3 - 16) - \$3.00 donation
Infants – Free

Special: \$10.00 *Polio Plus Tickets* (to help Rotary and the World Health Organization eradicate polio globally) includes \$5.00 donated to Polio Plus.

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