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Attendees of the inaugural Dowagers Winter Potluck included, front from left, Dr. Ronn Rucker, Carol Lippmann, Marian Weage and Michael X. Chanak. Behind them are Dr. John Maddux, Pam Beckett and Phebe Beiser, with Scott Know, Tom Fehr, Dr. John Kelly, Harold Keutzer and Greg Kipp in the last row. Photo: Michael X. Chanak

Old friends join for first 'Dowagers' luncheon

by Steve Buescher

Cincinnati--The first Dowagers Winter Luncheon was held on Sunday, December 18. Thirty members of the GLBT community along with straight allies attended the informal gathering in the Clifton area.

Church of Our Savior was selected as it was the early meeting place for many GLBT groups in Cincinnati going back into the early 1970s.

Organizers of the event, Dr. Ronn Rucker and Michael Chanak, were delighted by the turnout and thank Mother Paula Jackson of Church of Our Savior for offering their space for the event.

Some attending the luncheon have organizing experience dating over 30 years in the local community.

A period of reflection was held in the sanctuary of the church led

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by Rucker, where attorney Scott Knox, Dr. John Maddux, Rick Thies, Greg Kipp, Marian Weage and Cincinnati GLBT Center president Harold Keutzer shared memories and future dreams for the GLBT communities in Cincinnati.

A period of silence was observed for the many friends of the community that have passed.

Highlights of the potluck included Rucker appointing Chanak as the first Mayor of the Dowagers. Chanak was sworn in by Knox. Chanak accepted the position on one condition: he not be paid.

Chanak moderates a Yahoo Group at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/dowagers1> which tries to reconnect old friends. It was there that the idea of the "potluck became a reality."

Attendance also included, Rucker's partner, Les Ballance, Tom Fehr, Pam Stephens, Helen Davis, Mother Paula Jackson, Dr. Rome Hughes, Carol Lippmann, Marian Weage, Pam Beckett and her partner Lei Steinberg, Phebe Beiser and Dr. John Kelly.

Based on the success of the event, Maddux recommended it become an annual event, continuing to be open to all, as a chance to connect with old friends.

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