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We'll travel to the famous Conroe Outlet Center with its many stores then have a Dutch Treat lunch at an area eatery. Save some of your money and energy as we will stop at Greenspoint Mall before returning to Baytown around 7 pm.



Sign Up:	Call 425-6416 to put your name on the list
Drawing Date:	November 9, Tuesday
Trip Fee:	\$4.00
Payment Due:	November 16, Tuesday
Trip Date:	November 17, Wednesday
Departure:	8:30 am from McNulty-Haddick parking lot (old Sears bldg)

Did you know how these Christmas Traditions came to be?

Kissing Under the Mistletoe - An English Christmas-time custom, dating back at least to the early 17th century, the correct procedure, now seldom observed, is that a man should pluck a berry when he kisses a girl under the mistletoe, and when the last berry is gone there should be no more kissing.

Christmas Cards - These boosters of post office and stationers' revenues are of comparatively recent origin. W. C. T. Dobson, R. A., is usually regarded as having sent the first such card in 1844. Sir Henry Cole and J. C. Horsley produced the first commercial Christmas card in 1846, although it was condemned by temperance enthusiasts because members of the family group in the center piece were cheerfully drinking wine. After Tucks, the art printers, took to printing them in the 1870s, they really came into Vogue.

Holly - The custom of decorating churches and houses with holly at Christmas-time is of great antiquity and may derive from its earlier use by the Romans in the festival of the Saturnalia, which occurred at the same season, or from the old Teutonic custom. It is held to be unlucky by some to bring it into the house before Christmas Eve.

Christmas Decorations - The Roman festival of Saturn was held in December and the temples were decorated with greenery; the Druids were associated with mistletoe, and the Saxons used



holly and ivy. These customs have been transferred to the Christian festival. The holly or holy-tree is called Christ's thorn in Germany and Scandinavia, from its use in church decorations and its putting forth its berries about Christmastime. The early Christians gave an emblematic turn to the custom, referring to the "righteous branch," and justifying it from Isaiah 9:13 "The glory of Lebanon shall come unto thee; the fir-tree, and pine-tree, and the box together, to beautify the place of my sanctuary."

The decorated Christmas tree was in use among the Romans and was introduced into England from Germany soon after Queen Victoria's marriage with Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha in 1840. Santa Claus and his reindeer came to England at the same time.

From *Brewer's Dictionary of Phrase and Fable* by E. Cobham Brewer

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Weekly Tuesday Programs and Fellowship

Weekly programs are held from 9:30-11:30 am each Tuesday at the Baytown Community Center, 2407 Market St. in the Tejas Room. There are no membership dues. Just join us for some fun and fellowship.

November 2 - Monthly Luncheon and Games Day. Bring a dish to share. We'll celebrate November birthdays and anniversaries. Join us for some fun and fellowship.

November 9 - Special Day! Today we will be in the Auditorium of the Community Center for a Square Dance Celebration and Thanksgiving Luncheon. The entertainment will be the TEXAS SWING USA SQUARE DANCE CLUB. After the performance, they will invite you to **learn how to square dance**, line dance, etc. It should be great fun! Bring a dish to share that will compliment a good turkey dinner. Turkey, rolls, desserts, and drinks will be furnished. Cost is \$3.00 payable at the door.

November 16 - "Baytown Activity and Regional Economic Forces" is the topic of the presentation by Bob Hodgins, Director of the Center for Economic Development and Research at the University of Houston-Clear Lake. He will give us "food for thought" on the outlook for our community.

November 23 - Randall's Home Health Care presents a very interesting program with you in mind. Theresa Miller, R.N. and Community Services Coordinator will be our speaker.

November 30 - "Christmas In the Holy Land" will be shared with us. Celia Ann and Bob Saterbak will tell us about their beautiful trip experiences at this most special season.

December 7 - Special Holiday Monthly Luncheon and Games Day! Join us at 9:30 am for holiday cookies, donuts, and coffee. Play cards or games for a little while and then the Robert E. Lee High School Orchestra will entertain us with a special show of music. **Bring a dish to share at lunch.** We'll invite the students to join us for food and fellowship after they perform..

December 14 - Join us for coffee and goodies at 9:30 am, then entertainment at 10 am. Please bring a few non-perishable food items or some good used clothing or toys. I'll go by the Women's Shelter after the meeting to share your gifts with them.

December 21 and December 28 - NO Tuesday Program.

See You January 4th for the start of 1994!!!

