

DECEMBER 2009

We have two spectacular events in December and I hope all of you will join us for the fun. Our Yuletide Feast fundraiser happens on Friday, December 11th at 7:30 p.m. at the fabulously decorated home of Dennis Beaver and Bert Whitt at 1207 Whitehead Street. An Italian buffet-style meal with full bar compliments the evening and Lee Roy Reams, Susan Speidel and Kristen Bussiere will be on hand to entertain. Tickets are only \$50 per person and all proceeds go toward meeting the Pops' operating costs for this season. For tickets, please contact Stephanie at 305.296.6059 or at info@keywestpops.org.

And at last, on Wednesday, December 30th our first concert of the season takes place at 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church on Duval Street in the heart of Old Town. I've named it *Home For the Holidays*, but you'll hear little if any seasonal music – that's all been done to exhaustion by the time Christmas rolls around. It's called *Home for the Holidays* because all of our soloists are either native Key Westers (Carmen Rodriguez, Lina Robles, Joseph Lowe, Ralph Garcia, the Curtis brothers) or freshwater Conchs (Earl and Elizabeth Halbe) or are visiting relatives who now call Key West home (Michael Leslie). They are all home for the holidays and I thought it would be a great idea for you to catch up with them in the magnificent setting of the sanctuary of St. Paul's – a venue most conducive to the true spirit of the Holidays. I'll give you a hint – a dash of Rodgers, a pinch of Mozart, a bit of Leroy Anderson and a big dollop of Broadway and you have the perfect recipe for a unique, fun-filled family evening. Tickets are only \$20 for General Admission. Students and military are \$15 and kids under 12 are free.

Happy Holidays,

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