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From: Gay Bondurant, Docent Coordinator, Coral Gables Merrick House

RE: December 2022 Monthly Activity Report

This is going to be a short report as we had only three weeks for tours, and we were closed for one of them. The first weekend (12-3 & 4, 2022) we had no visitors and, of course, no receipts.

Weekend number two (12-10 & 11, 2022) saw us closed on Saturday as the core of the docent roster was involved with The Villagers annual holiday house tour. Sunday was the *Annual Holiday Celebration, thus, there were no tour receipts for that weekend.

Weekend number three (12-17 & 18, 2022) saw 7 visitors for a total of \$35. The house was/will be closed for the Christmas and New Year weekends.

On December 6, the MH was the venue for the monthly meeting of the Coral Gables Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. There were 32 in attendance.

The *Annual Holiday Celebration brought us about 310 visitors. It is difficult to be exact under the circumstances. Six docents and several members of the MHGB were on hand to help where necessary, both before and after the event.

The monthly sub-totals are: For Tours: Seven visitors, six adults and one student over 12 yielding \$35 including a \$2 tip. Total visitors: 349. The total received from sales of Merrick House merchandise at the Holiday Celebration was \$381. Fee for use by the DAR, \$50. A donation of \$300 was received for the Merrick House. The Grand Total receipts for December: \$766.00.

The second issue of *Merrick House Matters* newsletter has been published.

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