

At our last December Camellia show we tried something new for our prizes that ended up being an overwhelming success. Instead of giving awards of crystal, ceramic pieces to the winners of bloom categories, our Club participated in the *Toys for Tots Program*.



For those who haven't heard of the *Toys for Tots Program*, it was started in 1947 by a United States Marine Corps Reserve group in Los Angeles, California as a community service project to help bring joy to the lives of less advantaged children at Christmas. The following year, the program expanded into a nationwide campaign by the Marine Reserve units.

This year we are again asking club members, who are able and willing, to bring in new, unwrapped toys to the **November 20th** membership meeting. If you prefer to make a cash donation instead, we will do the toy shopping for you.

Any members needing help getting their gift donation to the meeting can call the club number 850-780-0410 or email Louise newsletter editor at [pensacolacamellia@gmail.com](mailto:pensacolacamellia@gmail.com) for assistance.

I hope you are as excited as I am to be a part of this extraordinary and meaningful program to help make a child's life more enjoyable at Christmas. I thank you in advance for your participation.

John Mate