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NEWSLETTER

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Greetings!

I have some great news to share with you! My #1 goal as President has been realized – that of getting our property taxes reduced! I received a wonderful letter from the County Property Appraiser's office to the effect that the property on which we someday hope to build a WSW clubhouse has been deemed agricultural. This means our property taxes will be reduced from approximately \$2,500 to a projected sum less than \$100 next year. Future administrations can breathe a sigh of relief because of this significant savings. I wish to thank Citrus County Property Appraiser, Mr. Geoffrey Greene as well as Mr. Bobby Bass and Mr. Greene's staff for their kind and courteous consideration of our situation. Needless to say, your WSW BOD was very happy to receive this news, and I know you will be as well. During this process, it was gratifying to realize that because of our scholarship program, monetary grants and community service, the WSW profile in the community is exactly as we wish it to be: a well respected organization of women who reach out to help others.

Our final two fundraisers of the year are behind us, and I wish to thank Judi Bailey and her committee chairs, Donna Rayne (Golf Tournament) and Barbara Caramanico (Treasure Trove Days) for their commitment and diligent hard work in making these fundraisers successful. Also, thank you to the many WSW members who rolled up their sleeves and were "worker bees" for these two events. Now the process of selecting the recipients for scholarships and monetary grants can begin. Ultimately, this is the rewarding part of the fundraising process, being able to use the proceeds to help those in need in our Citrus County community. You can be quite proud that you help enhance the lives of others by your commitment to the WSW and its mission.

Financially, our organization is doing quite nicely. Thanks to our Finance Committee and our frugal BOD, we now have an ample cash flow. Our invested building fund is healthy, and our membership number is satisfactory but more would be great! Don't forget to renew your membership for the upcoming 2010-2011 club year. Remember, if you wish to have your name published in the membership directory, renew by July 1. If you are headed north or to other destinations for the summer, please remember to renew before you leave Sugarmill Woods.

Finally, the Nominating Committee has almost completed its job in nominating the slate of officers for the 2010/11 club year. To date, the following members have been selected to stand for office: President, Bridget Leo; Executive V. Pres., Caron Anier; Secretary, Barbara Caramanico; Treasurer, Mary Ann Conn; Director-Membership, Sandy Partin; Director-Fundraising, Judi Bailey; Director-Education and Scholarships; Stephanie St. Clair;

Director-Communications, Cora Ziegler; Past President, Joyce Rasmussen. The position of Director-Community Services is open at this time.

Please come to the April lunch and meet our 2010 scholarship recipients! Only 2 lunches remain this club year, so come join your friends and neighbors simply for the fun of it!

Joyce Rasmussen, President (382-3466)

WOMEN OF SUGARMILL WOODS

Scholarship Awards Lunch

Monday April 26, 2010 at Glen Lakes Country Club

Doors open 11:00 a.m., Lunch 12 Noon

Spring is in the air! Can you feel it? Please come and join your friends and neighbors for a lovely lunch and the Scholarship Awards when you will meet the exceptional students who will receive them as well as their proud parents. The election of Officers for the next Board of Directors will be held at this time. We will have the opportunity to congratulate and thank these ladies who are the HEART AND SOUL of this wonderful organization, Our Women of Sugarmill Woods.

MENU

Acorn Squash and Apple Bisque Soup

ALL

Southwestern Quiche, Roasted Potatoes, Asparagus with Hollandaise Sauce

Chocolate Tort with Crème Anglaise

Please list the names of your guests on your check, even if they are submitting a separate check. The cost of the luncheon is \$17.00 each, payable to Women of Sugarmill Woods.

Place your check in the Luncheon slot in the WSW mailboxes located at the main entrance of US19 by April 19 at 6:00pm. No envelopes please.

Contact Joan Reece, Programs Director, at 382-3754 if you have any questions.

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MEMBERSHIP

This month we want to welcome the following lady to our organization:

Joyce Hill, 132 Corkwood Blvd., 503-3955 Please add Joyce to your 2009-2010 directories.

Just a reminder that I am accepting membership dues in the amount of \$30.00 at this time.

Membership checks go into Box #2 at the mailboxes at the entrance of Sugarmill Woods.

We have printed an application in this month's newsletter and will continue to do so through May, so if you have any changes in e-mail, address or phone number, just fill out a new application, and clip it to your check when you put same in the mailbox.

Our intra-club activities are alive and well. If you would like to join one of them or if you find that they are full and another one needs to be started, the ladies who head up each of the groups will take your name and telephone number and keep you advised as to when a new group can be started. They will also make sure that you are taught how to play when the group is formed.

Also, I have been advised that Darrielle Wyatt, 382-3182, will be the new contact person for our regular bridge group.

Sandy Partin, Membership Director

WOMEN OF SUGARMILL WOODS Membership Form 2010 - 2011 Club Year

Dues are \$30 for the club year (July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011). Please deposit your check and form in the WSW

Membership box, located at the entrance to Sugarmill Woods on US 19.

Please make your checks payable to the Women of Sugarmill Woods (WSW).

Please *type or print* the information requested:

Type of membership (circle one)

Name _____

New

Address _____ Phone No. _____

Renewal

E-Mail address _____

Reinstated

Occupation(s) _____

(Current, or previous if retired)

Skills, talents and areas of interest: _____

Hobbies: _____

Are you interested in working on a committee? Yes ___ No ___ If yes, what would be of interest to you?

In which Intra-Club activities would you like to participate: _____

For questions regarding membership, Contact Sandy Partin, Membership Director, 382-2567.

EDUCATION AND SCHOLARSHIPS

The 14th Annual “School-astic” Classic Golf Tournament is now behind us. Though our participation was substantially lower than last year, we netted almost the same funds as last year: ~\$7600. This is due in part to business sponsors and patrons increasing their financial support, and the leadership committee for the event keeping costs to a minimum. As most of you already know 100% of these funds is designated for scholarships. We add to these monies half of the net profits from the Fashion Show to get our total scholarship dollars to be awarded. This year we will award about \$15,000.

As we go to press, the Education & Scholarship Committee is hard at work reviewing the many applications that we received from Lecanto High School, Crystal River High School, and Citrus High School. We have applications for technical, general, and Central Florida Community College Endowment scholarships. Technical scholarships are for \$1000 that covers two semesters of study at a technical college or institute (like Withlacoochee Technical Institute). General scholarships are for \$4000 that covers tuition for eight consecutive semesters at \$500/semester (to accredited colleges and universities within the state of Florida). The CFCC Endowment scholarship is for \$1000 to cover two semesters of tuition. As these scholarships are awarded the monies are held in our WSW Education escrow account and then disbursed directly to the college as the student complies with our guidelines for obtaining the funds. At this time there are no applications from Take Stock in Children. During the past year the TSIC program here in Citrus County has been undergoing some changes with the Sheriff’s department assuming sponsorship of this program.

During the month of April we will announce to our general membership who the deserving scholarship recipients are. At that time the recipients will also receive their initial instructions to begin the process of obtaining their funds for the fall 2010 semester. When you hear their stories, we hope that you will agree with the Education & Scholarship Committee that these students are most worthy and deserving of your hard-earned funds!

As our club year winds down during the month of May, we on the Education & Scholarship Committee wish to thank all those members who have volunteered at Homosassa Elementary to assist in so many ways, including the RIF and Dolphin Writer’s programs. We thank, too, everyone who volunteered to help us with the golf tournament. If anyone is interested in assisting with our “school projects” or taking on a leadership role with our golf tournament next year (it will be on February 28, 2011!), please contact Vicki Budd at 382-5216.

Donna Rayne, Education & Scholarship Committee

COMMUNITY SERVICES

April is a special luncheon. We see firsthand how our (WSW) efforts benefit our community students. As director of community services I know what YOUR efforts mean to our Citrus County neighbors.

Thank you for your hard work and dedication and for helping us fulfill the mission of the WSW. We truly do make a difference!!

Pat O'Brien, Director Community Services – 382-5571

P.S. Don't forget the **Sugarmill Woods Community Food Drive** on Saturday, April 17th.

The residents of Sugarmill Woods are sponsoring a Community Food Drive to gather food items needed by the We Care Food Pantry. A truck will be located at the Sugarmill Woods Country Club between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Please stop by and "Help Us Fill a Truck With Food". Items especially needed include canned meat, canned beans and vegetables, pasta and pasta sauce, rice, peanut butter and jelly, cereal, powdered milk, and paper products (toilet paper, etc.).



Gale Wire, Program Director of Camp E Nini Hassee speaking to the WSW

A part of the Eckert Youth Alternative, Inc. Camp E Nini Hassee is a 70-bed therapeutic wilderness residential treatment facility that works with girls 11-19 years old from all over the state of Florida. The activities there are centered around building or rebuilding necessary life skills.

At the March Luncheon we collected many bags of personal care items for the girls. As an organization the WSW has supported this facility financially for several years and plans to continue to do so.

MARCH LUNCHEON

The Women of Sugarmill Woods were pleased to have Sheriff Jeffrey Dawsy speak at our March Luncheon. He shared some valuable information regarding safety in our homes, cars, and community. He also informed us about the **Citizen's Academy**, a fascinating, free, 10-week course on many aspects of law enforcement in Citrus County and about a program called **Seniors vs. Crime**, designed to reduced the victimization of senior citizens who are often targeted for crimes.



President Joyce Rasmussen introduces Sheriff Jeffrey Dawsy

Sheriff Dawsy making a point:

One of the most important things you can do to protect yourself is to lock your doors whenever you leave your house and at night, including the inner door where you enter from your garage.

Always lock your car doors when you leave your car outside, even in your own driveway.

The greatest percentage of crimes in our area could be prevented if we locked our home and car doors consistently!



INTRA-CLUB ACTIVITIES

Bridget Leo, 382-0080

We have a variety of Intra-Club activities and hope you will find one you are interested in. Please contact the above person for additional information.

BOOK GROUPS

Adelaide Keller, 382-0219-For current openings or to start a new group.

CARD GROUPS

- Cards & Conversation: Contact Mary Ann Zack, 382-1444 or Maryann McNiff, 382-4881
- Hands & Feet: Ann O'Brien, 382-1848 or Sonya Coughenour, 382-9038.
- Mah-Jong Lessons: Joyce Rasmussen, 382-3466.
- Regular Bridge: Darrielle Wyatt, 382-3182
- Pinochle: Vickie Leitzinger, 382-2906

AFTERNOON AT THE MOVIES: Francesca Paar, 382-2528

FOR WOMEN ONLY

We would like to start a social group for our WSW members who are single again for what ever reason and for those would simply have a social group of ladies with whom to go to lunch, dinner, movies, shopping etc. We feel there could be a real need for such an opportunity within our membership. If you are interested in forming a “ for women only”, please call, Jo Tucci, 503-3931 or Joan Reece, 382-3754



Treasure Trove Days

March 19 and 20

*Thank you to all who helped
make this fundraiser a success!!*



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MILITARY CARD PARTY

Our next card party will be held on Monday, April 19 at the Sugarmill Woods Country Club. Tickets are \$12 per person. Checks with the name of the players should be deposited in the box labeled "Military Cards" at the entrance wall by Saturday before the event. Single players write your name on your check and we will make up a table. If you are not able to attend, please find a replacement. If you can't find anyone, call Nancy Morrison, 382-4522 or Sandy Newart, 382-8701. All checks are picked up on Saturday afternoon.

Snacks and conversation begins at 12:30 and play starts at 1:00 p.m. Please bring a food item that you would like to share with others.

Raffle prizes for winners (and losers) and a good time all in one afternoon are promised to all.

This event, like all fundraisers, is open to the public, so contact your friends outside of Sugarmill Woods and invite them to join us.