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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Women of Sugarmill Woods,



April promises to be a wonderful month for all and a very joyous occasion for the Women of Sugarmill Woods. We have worked so hard these past 25 years to make the WSW an important asset to the community. I would like to thank all of you for all your participation and help at our events, meetings, and fundraisers, and I believe that as the spring begins to bloom our organization will as well.

I truly hope to see all of you at our 25th Anniversary Jubilee Celebration on April 16th at Sugarmill Woods Country Club. This is an amazing opportunity to celebrate all that we have accomplished as the united women of Sugarmill Woods. Personally, I am honored to have been your President this 25th year. I want to thank the membership and the women who started this organization a quarter of a century ago for bringing together such a wonderful group of friends, mentors, and sisters.

In March we were extremely successful at our 15th Annual School-astic Classic Golf Tournament. This was our last fundraiser for the year and it proved to be a wonderful success. Our Treasurer reported that we were able to raise over \$8,000 in net proceeds, of which 100% will go directly towards our scholarship fund. I would especially like to thank the Board of Directors, the Scholarship & Education Committee, and the Golf Tournament Committee for their united efforts in making that day possible. We really are making great strides together to help the youth of Citrus County.

Their appreciation showed at our March Luncheon at Glen Lakes where we met our Scholarship Recipients. Their inspiring stories were a great reward to our membership as we were able to see how our hard work was being put to good use. We continue to support and

admire our recipients' ambition, discipline and commitment to further their educational pursuits. They really are a credit to the youth of Citrus County. A special thank you is in order to our Scholarship & Education Committee, for their expert and wise choice of candidates.

The Nominating Committee presented the slate of officers for the 2011/12 club year at our March luncheon. Since we will not be having an April Luncheon, the election and installation of officers "one time only" will take place at the May Luncheon. This is in keeping with our By- Law Article IX Section 2 which allows members time to submit written nominations (with the written consent of the nominee) to the nominating committee at least 20 days prior to the election at the May luncheon. Further details about the nominations for 2011/12 can be found in this newsletter.

***Please remember to get your Membership Dues in before July 1st; otherwise your name will not appear in the Membership Directory. ***

We appreciate your patience and understanding with the late issue of the March newsletter. In the future we will work together to make sure this doesn't happen again.

Thank you all for your participation throughout the year with our fundraisers, luncheons, and donations. As a united sisterhood of women we have used our talents, expertise, dedication, and our love for a good time to provide for our community. I look forward to seeing you all at our 25th Anniversary Celebration. Thank you again for being such a great group of women. Without all of you there would be no WOMEN of Sugarmill Woods.

Thank you,
Bridget Leo, President WSW
382-0080

Women of Sugarmill Woods Announce Board of Directors for 2011-2012

The 2011 Nominating Committee for the Women of Sugarmill Woods is pleased to announce the slate of officers for the 2011-2012 Board of Directors:

President – Bridget Leo
Executive Vice President – open position
Secretary – Rosemary Ray
Treasurer – Mary Ann Conn
Director of Membership – Amy Roberts
Director of Programs – Linda Swart
Director of Fundraising – Judi Bailey
Director of Community Services – Vicki Leitzinger
Director of Education & Scholarships – Stephanie St. Clair
Director of Communications – Cora Ziegler
Past President – Joyce Rasmussen

The position of EVP remains open at this time and nominations from our membership are welcome. In addition to the above, Carolyn Mullins will join the Communication team as WSW Publicity Coordinator. Congratulations and best wishes to these dedicated women who will guide us during the next club year.

Board elections and installation of officers will take place at our May 16 luncheon meeting.

2011 Nominating Committee: Francesca Paar, Chair, Pat O'Brien, Donna Rayne, Judith Neace



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25th ANNIVERSARY JUBILEE
SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 2011, SUGARMILL WOODS COUNTRY CLUB
5:30 P.M. – 9:30 P.M.

2011 marks the 25th Anniversary of the Women of Sugarmill Woods. To celebrate this milestone, we are planning a very special get together. Get out your dancing shoes and come ready to have fun! This event is for WSW members only, however, you are welcome to bring your spouse or companion to enjoy the evening. DJ Joe Dube will entertain us with a variety of great music for your dancing or listening pleasure. Ladies, it's time to party!!!

MENU

House Salad with Choice of Dressing, Warm Rolls

Entrée Choices

Roast Prime Rib of Beef Au-jus (12 oz)

Sea Bass Picatta sautéed with capers and a lemon wine cream sauce

Chicken Roulades - Stuffed chicken breast with baby swiss, prosciutto, baby spinach and a mushroom herb cream sauce

All dinners served with Twice Baked Potatoes and Grilled Asparagus with Hollandaise Sauce.

Desert

Turtle Cheese Cake

Coffee, Tea

Cash Bar

Please indicate your menu choice, #1, #2 or #3 on your check, along with the name of your spouse or companion if applicable.

Cost of the dinner and entertainment is \$28.00 each payable to Women of Sugarmill Woods. Place your checks in the Luncheon slot in the WSW mailboxes located at the main entrance to Cypress Village off US19 (no envelopes please). **Deadline for reservations is Friday, April 1st at 6:00 p.m. Please honor this date as I need to confirm the number of attendees and menu selections to Sugarmill Woods Country Club two weeks prior to the event. Your check is your reservation.**

Contact Linda Swart, Program Director, at 382-7203 if you have any questions.



EDUCATION & SCHOLARSHIPS

Education & Scholarship Committee Announces Scholarship Recipients

In mid-March the Education & Scholarship Committee met to select its newest scholarship recipients for the coming year. Six scholarships were awarded – one technical, one College of Central Florida Endowment (formerly CFCC), and four general academic. The technical scholarship is valued at \$1,000 (two semesters of tuition at \$500/semester); the CF Endowment is also valued at \$1,000 (two semesters of tuition/books at \$500/semester at CF); and the general scholarships are valued at \$4,000 (\$500/semester for eight semesters applied to tuition only).

This year's technical scholarship is awarded to Shaine McDonald, an upcoming graduate of Lecanto High School. During his high school years Shaine has worked diligently at learning web design, tech systems and applications, specialized database programming, and database fundamentals. He has won numerous awards including the Boy Scouts World Conservation Award, Superior Band Award, State Competition Award, and the Boy Scouts Arrow of Light Award. His community service volunteer hours have been achieved through being a middle school aide, being a fundraiser for Future Florida Educators of America, and in being involved in church youth group activities. Shaine plans to major in Business Administration and Teaching as he works toward his bachelor's degree. He says that "the Women of Sugarmill Woods scholarship can help fulfill my dream of achieving something I love learning every day of my life....it means everything to me, and for my future in Business Management."

Jessyca Thibault, also an upcoming graduate of Lecanto High School, will be receiving our CF Endowment award. She plans to study elementary education so that she might become a teacher. During her high school years Jessyca has made the Principal's Honor Roll every year, and she has received other Principal's Awards for English, Spanish, Biology, Newspaper, Teacher Assisting, and U.S. History. She has been a member of Quill and Scroll honorary society for high school journalists as well as the National Honor Society, Florida Future Educators of America, and Link Crew. Her community service volunteer hours include assisting several schools with their girls' volleyball teams, packing medical supplies for needy countries, mentoring freshmen through the Link Crew program, and assisting at the Family Resource Center. Jessyca plans to study elementary education at CF this coming year. She says about receiving her scholarship: "I am an extremely hard worker. Giving up is not in my nature and it never has been. When people expect 100% of my efforts, I give them 200%. Expectations serve as a standard that I feel I need to surpass exponentially. I believe that I am extremely deserving of this scholarship, and would greatly appreciate your support, and the opportunity to prove my dedication to you."

Four general scholarships were also awarded as follows:

Kathryn Mueller will also be graduating from Lecanto High School this spring. She plans to attend Florida State University and study marketing and Spanish, and one day hopes to become an international marketing coordinator. Like Jessyca, Katie has also been on the Principal's Honor Roll. She is also a member of the National Honor Society and is a past participant on both JV soccer and volleyball teams. She has been volunteering at Homosassa Library in their Youth Library Program, Lecanto Primary School in their Science Fair, and at the Lecanto Volleyball Camp. Katie is also a self-starter. In 2005 she was chosen to be a People-to-People Student Ambassador and visit Australia with a group of peers for about two weeks. The trip cost almost \$6,000 – and Katie raised all the funds to make this dream happen. In her essay she says this: "I consider myself intelligent, hard-working, athletic, trustworthy, and considerate. Family is most important to me, and always will be, and I surround myself with positive people. I want to be a role-model for young girls so they have a "real" woman to look up to instead of the women on TV and magazines. My dreams are my priority in my life and I thrive on the fact that I know I will make it somewhere in life, no matter what."

Von'Jieona Smith, an upcoming Lecanto High School graduate, plans to attend the College of Central Florida where she will begin her studies to pursue a career in pediatrics. She is a member of Florida Future Educators of America, Invisible Children, and Florida Christian Athletes. Von'Jieona has been an Honor Roll student and received certificates of achievement from Health Professions Summer Academy and Computing for College and Careers. Her volunteer hours involve mentoring young children to improve their literacy skills, mentoring incoming freshmen through the Link Crew, and mentoring young children at the Boys and Girls Club. Though Von'Jieona wishes to pursue a short term career in pediatrics, longer term she hopes to manage her own hospital. She states in her essay that "I'm excited and driven about school and life. I hope that through the Women of Sugarmill Woods' general scholarship that I will have the funds to achieve my goal of becoming a doctor and using my 'gifted hands' to help bring a new generation or two safely into this world."

Brandy Myers will be graduating from Crystal River High School. Brandy has been accepted at the University of Florida where she will major in business and economics. Her ultimate career goal is to pursue her law degree. During her senior year at CRHS, Brandy was editor of the school newspaper. She has been active in National Honor Society, Rotary, student government, and the Link Crew. Her volunteer time has been through the Salvation Army, Rotary, and serving Thanksgiving dinner at the elementary school. She has been recognized with the Rotary Youth Leadership Award, National Quill and Scroll Honor Society, Academic Team district champions and Academic Excellence Awards. Brandy is also planning to become a writer for "The Alligator," UF's newspaper, and expects to become its editor by the time she's a senior. Of her career goals Brandy says: "My other goals include graduating from the University of Florida with honors and gaining acceptance into the Levin College of Law at UF. All of these activities and accomplishments will eventually lead me to my ultimate goal which is to become an environmental lawyer."

Scholarship Recipients—continued

Frederick Tidwell, also of Crystal River High School, is our fourth general scholarship awardee. A lover of both sports and medicine, Frederick plans to attend the University of Florida where he will major in biomechanical engineering. In the top 1% of his graduating class, Frederick has taken many Advanced Placement classes – Economics, chemistry, calculus, European history, US government, anatomy and physiology. He was September’s Elk Student of the Month and during his junior year he represented CRHS at Florida’s American Legion Boys’ State. He has been both student body/student council representative as well as its president. Frederick has participated in football, basketball, track, weightlifting, and ROTC. In his spare time he has volunteered to tutor younger kids in math and science, helped the middle school in a fitness program to help kids get in shape and stay in shape, and organized various activities for the Key Training Center. His essay was short and to the point: “For a while now I have been looking at going into Biomedical Engineering at the University of Florida. I have always wanted to help others in life and this option gave me a way to do so. I would like to work with prosthetics and help the disabled members of our society overcome many of their difficult tasks. I believe this scholarship will give me the opportunity to achieve my utmost aspirations of researching and helping the most needed part of our society. I would like to thank the Women of Sugarmill Woods for giving me the opportunity to compete for this scholarship.”

Please join us in congratulating these outstanding students for their academic accomplishments and their plans to pursue career goals in spite of many difficult personal situations. Each student has overcome many challenges and difficulties to strive higher and reach his/her dreams.

Additionally we are happy to report that our first two general scholarship recipients, Sarina Jaster and Roy Chaupis, will be graduating on-time in May. Roy is currently doing student teaching in the Tampa area; he will graduate from the University of South Florida this spring and hopes to pursue a full-time teaching career. Sarina is graduating from University of Florida, and as of this writing I do not have the details of her major field or future plans.

Good luck to all our students!

Donna Rayne, Education & Scholarship Committee

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community Services continues to support several groups and is always looking for volunteers. If you would like to work with us and help support the WSW with our ongoing philanthropic endeavors, please contact Vicki Leitzinger at vlleitz41@embarqmail.com or call 382-2906. It will make you feel wonderful ladies. If any of you have ever put together a scrapbook I need your help. Since this is our 25th jubilee, I'm trying to collate a spectacular scrapbook for our membership. I'm drawing a complete blank on this one. Please call me if you have a free afternoon to help me work on it. Lets make it a memorable one Ladies.

Vicki Leitzinger, Director Community Services.

We still have **one more RIF opportunity** this year. If anyone would like to join us at Homosassa Elementary School on May 4th or 5th call Judy Hill at 382-1348. May 9th will be the **last Writer's Club meeting** for this year also.

Thank you, Judy Hill



Rosemary Ray and Lynda Harrington with kids



Betty Boekholder with the kids

MEMBERSHIP

Our 2011-2012 drive for membership to the best organization in Citrus County, i.e. Women of Sugarmill Woods, continues. We are the organization whose members generously donate their time and efforts to make Citrus County a great place to live. We also have fun in our intra-clubs where we form close relationships and make new friends. The membership dues are only \$30, which is money well spent for an entire year of camaraderie and fulfillment.

Please make your check for \$30 to WSW and fill out the membership form. Put both in the Women of Sugarmill mail box at the stone wall at the entrance to Sugarmill Woods in the mailbox marked "Membership." Let's make this another successful year that we can be proud of. Remember, in order for your name to be in our new 2011-2012 Women of Sugarmill Woods Directory, we must have your membership dues in by July 1, 2011.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Club Season 2011-2012
Women of Sugarmill Woods

Dues are \$30 for the club year (September 2011 through June 2012) and should be deposited in the WSW membership box duly marked on the box at the brick wall located near the US 19 entrance to Sugarmill Woods. Please make checks payable to Women of Sugarmill Woods (WSW).

Please provide the information requested below:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

E-mail address _____

Type of membership: New _____ Renewal _____ Reinstatement _____

Occupation _____ (Current, or previous if retired)

Special skills, talents or areas of expertise _____

Hobbies or special interests _____

Do you have an interest in working on a committee? _____

Do you have an interest in joining an intra-club activity? _____

Please return this form with your check for membership dues. Questions about membership? Contact Sandy Partin, Membership Director, 382-2567 or e-mail her at Sandycee02@yahoo.com

INTRA-CLUB

Vivian Turner, 651 204-6715

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 or Dorothy Dawson, 382-1508 for current openings or to start a new group.

CARD GROUPS

- Cards & Conversation: Contact Mary Ann Zack, 382-1444 or Maryann McNiff, 382-4881
Group 4 has formed and there are 1 or 2 places still open, please contact Mary Ann Zack, for information.
- Hands & Feet: Ann O'Brien, 382-1848 or Sonya Coughenour, 382-9038.
- Mah-Jong Lessons: Joyce Rasmussen, 382-3466.
- Regular Bridge Lessons: Darrielle Wyatt, 382-3182 or Beth Boardman, 382-2575.
- Pinochle: Vickie Leitzinger, 382-2906

15th Annual School-astic Classic Golf Tournament—Held February 28, 2011 Congratulations to Chairwoman Judi Bailey and her Committee!!



Pregame putting practice or massage



Beautiful tables, auction items, breakfast & lunch



Wonderful prizes



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MILITARY CARD PARTY

Our next card party will be held on Monday, April 18 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 the 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 Dewart, 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.