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Dear Women of Sugarmill Woods:



As the chill in the air gets cooler, and the remembrance of the smells of Thanksgiving are still lingering in the air, we are reminded that the spirit and joy of the holidays are upon us. This spirit of cheer is a great time for many and the WSW has planned several festive events for the membership to share in December!

Some of these exciting events include: our Christmas Luncheon at Black Diamond on December 5, and the Nutcracker Holiday Stroll on December 3. In addition, if you feel like filling the air with old holiday songs, contact Edna Pirman at 628-3362, as there will be a Sing Along for the residents at Sugarmill Manor Assisted Living Facility on December 19.

Our Silver Jubilee Fashion Show on November 4, was a HUGE success. This is directly the result of the dedication of our Sponsors, Patrons, Fashion Show Committee, our Membership and guests. Without the team work of all, we would never have had such a great time nor have raised (estimated at this time) \$12,000.00. Half of the net proceeds from this event will go towards our Scholarship program and the other half will go to Community Service Awards. I thank you all for your help and donations as it is going to great causes. I also want to thank our fabulous models who participated in the fashions from La-Te-Da of Crystal River. The program prepared by Pepper Krugman was by far elegant and chic.

As the spirit of giving is and continues to be with us this holiday season I am happy to report that all the angels on the Angel tree were selected by our membership. That means 30 families are going to

receive gifts through the Salvation Army thanks to the support of WSW this year. Thank you for helping to make their holidays special with your generosity.

After the bustle of the December holidays comes New Year and our Mardi Gras Luncheon (on January 23) at Glen Lakes will be a great way to celebrate. We promise great entertainment and a fun time to be had by all who attend! At this luncheon we will have a Mardi Gras Contest for the best facemask. The winner will receive a very special gift, so get your masks ready! Like all of our events, a lot of time and planning goes into creating these luncheons. I urge all members to attend and show your support and commitment to the organization and to the hard work of our members organizing these wonderful events for us. I look forward to seeing you all at these events this upcoming year.

Finally, as part of the WSW undying commitment to the community the Commissioners of Citrus County will be presenting the WSW with a proclamation for the great work we have done over the past 25 years in Citrus County. It will be held at the Court House in Inverness on December 13 at 1:30 pm.

To everyone: Have a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays with your loved ones and families. See you next year.

Bridget Leo,
WSW President
382-0080



Silver Jubilee Fashion Show was a Great Success



More than 250 members and guests attended our Silver Jubilee Fashion Show

fundraiser at Palace Grand on Nov. 4. Tapping their feet

to the songs of Bobby Palermo, they greeted each other, visited the beautiful Silent Auction, admired the tables decorated with roses and lilies and lunched.

Lucky winners of the raffle drawings took home many cash and gift prizes given out by MC Gordon Weller.

Six WSW Past Presidents were honored, and our lovely models wearing fashions from La-Te-Da danced on the runway to the sounds of "Pretty Woman".



.... *Silver Jubilee Fashion Show*

A successful day to be remembered with our sincere thanks to Sponsors, Patrons, Advertisers, Gift givers and our very special 2011 Fashion Show Committee.



25th Anniversary—a Special Tribute to Our Founding Board

On the occasion of our 25th anniversary, I'd like to pay a special tribute to that small band of women who started our club: our first Board.

Although I had given them the basic structure, the hard work had just begun. By Laws and job descriptions had to be written, a bookkeeping system established and we had to consult with lawyers and accountants in order to be tax exempt. Our "birth" announcement was enclosed in the water bill because that was our only means of communication. A newsletter had to be designed.. There were endless hours of trial, error and utter frustration. We were all Chiefs and no Indians, so our horns locked now and then. We must have done something right however, because at the end of two years we were the largest club in Citrus County!

Our thanks to **Faye Lavelle, Maureen Trout, Kathy Vandever, Dorothy Salomon, Fran Hopkins, Liz Shippam, and Jeanne Bonnitt**: our "Founding Board".

Jeanne Davis Balmer, Founding President

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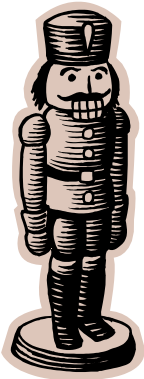
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TAKE A CHANCE ON ME!

Take a chance on a lovely Victorian Christmas Tree decorated by the Women of Sugarmill Woods.

Chances are \$5.00 and the winner will be selected on December 4, 2011.

The tree will be delivered free to the winner (within Citrus County).



The Women of Sugarmill Woods are proud to present a Nutcracker Holiday Stroll

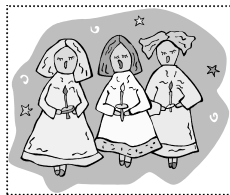
Saturday, December 3, 2011 1:00-4:00 PM

Six homes in Cypress Village, Oak Village and Southern Woods, beautifully decorated for the holidays, will be open for you to enjoy. Maps and addresses will be available at Sugarmill Woods Country Club on 12/3.

Tickets are \$10.00, tax deductible, NON refundable
Available from Dorothy Dawson - 382-1508 or
at the Club House the day of the Stroll

All donations benefit Citrus County Charities

Come join us at the **Sugarmill Manor Assisted Living Facility** for Christmas with the clients living there. Edna, Anita, and Penny will put on their Santa hats, sing carols, and give each patient a Christmas gift. Please put this on your calendar December 19 at 1:30 pm. Hope we see you there.



← *This could be you!*

Cruise with the Women of Sugarmill Woods

*Cruise with your friends and the WSW
March 8, 2012 on the Royal Caribbean "Jewel of the Seas"*

This will be a four night cruise going to Cozumel from Tampa. It will be a great time for our members and friends to relax and enjoy all the amenities on board a luxury cruise liner. Our cruise director is Owen Williams of "West of the Moon" Travel. Owen is now accepting reservations. Call Owen at 352-596-6912 to make your reservation and put down your \$100.00 per person deposit. Inside cabins are \$399.00 - Outside cabins from \$529.00 - Cabins with balcony from \$629.00. Government Tax and insurance are extra. Owen will be at the September luncheon meeting to discuss the cruise and to accept reservations. This is a fund raiser for the WSW, so we look forward to seeing all of you on the "*Jewel of the Seas*" to relax in the sun and also to make money for our organization.



COMMUNITY SERVICES



Kudos WSW Membership: you provided **187 pounds of food to Blessings in a Backpack.** We thank you for your generosity. Blessings in a Backpack sent a lovely note thanking the Membership for its cash contributions and generous food donation. Bravo Ladies!

We think we have allowed this year to pass by too quickly. Here it is December and on the third we will hold the **Nutcracker Stroll.** We hope that it will be a major success so we can continue to contribute to our philanthropic projects.

Hope we see all of you lovely ladies at the Christmas luncheon. When you see Janet Mark, Liaison for the **Salvation Army Angel Tree**, please give her a pat on the back for a job well done. Thirty families will be very happy with Santa Janet and her WSW elves.

Stay tuned for January. We have so many things planned for the Membership. We will have a Mardi Gras Luncheon for starters. Hope we don't run out of purple, green, and gold beads to adorn our Ladies! Starting in January we will take a closer look at **Camp E-Nini Hassee**, who they are, and what they do. Sandy Partin, Liaison for Camp E-Nini Hassee, and I will provide to you very important information on this center for troubled teen girls.

We will also be working with the **Homosassa Elementary School.** We want to help provide items such as: gym shorts, sneakers, beanie, babies, small toys, socks, sweater, and coats for these in need. "It takes a village", so they say. Let's prove that the WSW is that Village.

In February Carole Brandy, Liaison for **CASA** and I want to familiarize you with the positive effect that CASA is having on Citrus County. In recent months, CASA has had several articles in the Chronicle referencing the help they are providing to abused women. Please stay tuned and don't forget to Volunteer.

I wish blessings to all of you and a very happy and healthy new year.

Vicki Leitzinger, Director Community Services

PS—Congratulations! PEOPLE Magazine has chosen Blessings in a Backpack as their **ONLY** charity for the coming year, 2012!

EDUCATION & SCHOLARSHIPS

The next "big thing" for our WSW Education & Scholarship Committee is the upcoming 16th Annual School-astic Classic Golf Tournament to be held on Monday, February 27, 2012 at Sugarmill Woods Country Club. This event is the major fund-raiser for our committee, and, as most of you already know, all of our monies (net after expenses) go toward our WSW scholarships. We ask for your help and participation in this project on many levels – by participating as a golfer, by volunteering to assist with the work of preparing for the event, by donating dollars as a patron, etc. Our tournament co-chairs this year are Judi Bailey, WSW Fundraising Director, and Stephanie St. Clair, WSW Education & Scholarship Director. Please contact Judi at baileyjudi@aol.com or Stephanie at ststclair1@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering. Also be on the lookout for e-mail notices coming from Amy Roberts describing our special needs. Elsewhere in this newsletter is our entry form with pertinent information. Please share this entry with all those whom you think would have an interest in playing.

Our next Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) days at Homosassa Elementary School are Tuesday, December 6 and Wednesday, December 7. Volunteers are needed to assist distributing books to the children. If you have a few hours that you can spare, please e-mail Stephanie at ststclair1@gmail.com for scheduling. We try to work a nominal 2-3 hours each morning and each afternoon for the event. As we mentioned in a previous newsletter the children love to select their books and share them with our WSW volunteers. They are so appreciative of this program as these books are often times the only ones the children can call their own. They eagerly await this program and are on their best behavior in the library.

On an ending note, all of our scholarship recipients are doing well with their studies. We should have an update for our next newsletter as they all will be posting their grades and requesting their tuition for next semester.

From your Education & Scholarship Committee we wish you and your family a very merry Christmas and a happy holiday season.

Donna Rayne, Education & Scholarship Committee



16th Annual "School"astic Classic Golf Tournament

Presented by the Women of Sugarmill Woods

Tournament Date: Monday, February 27, 2012
(Rain date Monday, March 5, 2012)

Location: Sugarmill Woods Country Club
Cypress Blvd. West & 2nd Douglas Street,
Homosassa, FL 34446

Time: Registration starts at 7:30a.m./Shotgun at 9:00a.m.

Game: Best 2 Balls of Foursome - Flighted
Prizes awarded in each flight

Maximum Handicap: 40 (18 hole handicap)

Entry Fee per lady golfer: \$55.00/\$53.00 SMWCC/\$50.00 SMWCC Cart Lease (includes
cart/greens fees, cart snack, breakfast bar, luncheon, and prizes)

Registration Deadline: Saturday, February 18, 2012

Make Checks Payable to: Women of Sugarmill Woods

Mail Entry Form to: "School"astic Classic Golf Tournament,
100 Cypress Blvd. West, Homosassa, FL 34446
or drop form and check in mailbox #8 at WSW mailboxes near front of
Sugarmill Woods entrance.

Tickets can be purchased at the event for the Chinese Auction and Share-the-Pot.

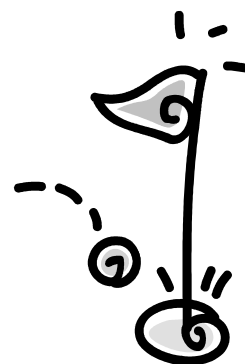
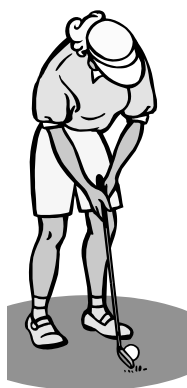
Our "Golfer Game Pack" tickets featuring "gimme putts", "Hire-a-Pro", and "mulligans" will also be available for \$5.

Lunch will be served upon completion of the round featuring a "Soup, Salad, and Dessert Bar Buffet." Various salad accoutrements, rolls, coffee, iced tea and an ice cream sundae dessert will be featured.

***Come out for a day of fun and support this charity event
where 100% of our net proceeds go into the
Women of Sugarmill Woods Scholarship Fund.***

For questions concerning registration, please contact Victoria Budd: 382-5216 or vbudd@tampabay.rr.com.

For general tournament questions, contact Judi Bailey at 464-4380 or at baileyjudi@aol.com



INTRA-CLUB
Carole Anier—382-2816

We have a variety of Intra-Club activities and hope you will find one you are interested in. Please contact the above persons 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
- 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 or Beth Boardman, 382-2575.
- Pinochle: Edna Pirmann, 628-3362 or Anne O'Brien, 382-1848
- Poker: Vickie Leitzinger, 382-2906
- Intermediate Bridge Classes: Darrielle Wyatt will teach at her home, 11 Poplar Court S., on January 6, 13, 20, and 27, from 10-12 am. Call her at 382-3182 if you are interested.

ENTRY FORM FOR MAILING OR DEPOSITING IN WSW MAILBOX #8

Please indicate below your name, club affiliation, 18-hole index, phone number and email address if you wish registration confirmation.

Players may sign up individually and you will be assigned to a team based upon handicap; or you may sign up as a twosome, threesome, or a full foursome.

Name	Club Affiliation	18-hole Index	SMWCC Lease Y/N	Phone #	Email address

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MILITARY CARD PARTY

Our next card party will be held on Monday, January 16, 2012 at the Sugarmill Woods Country Club. ***There is no Military Cards in December.*** 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 Sandy Partin, 382-2567. 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.