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Dear Women of Sugarmill Woods,



Happy New Year Everyone! Now that the holidays and all the wonderful celebrations are behind us, we can relax and adjust to our lives again.

The beginning of the New Year is an opportunity for everyone to start off fresh and new. With that being said, the WSW organization will be celebrating its 25th anniversary this year. As a result of our united efforts the WSW has remained a strong and vital organization and part of our community.

At the start of the New Year, I wanted to reflect on a few of our events that happened towards the end of last year. Our luncheon at Black Diamond on December 6th was a wonderful chance to share in the spirit of the holiday. The support, generosity and commitment of our members are a true example of how we have been able to continue to do great things every year. I would like to especially thank Janet Mark, Barbara Carmanico, and the others who participated in the Salvation Army Angel Tree Project. I would also like to thank those who took part in the making the beautiful holiday wreaths for our Chinese auction. And lastly, there is nothing more special during the holidays than having the youth of our community give back. Thank you to the children of Homosassa Elementary School and their teachers for providing us a delightful musical performance. I can not think of a better way to have celebrated the holiday.

As a continuation of our holiday cheer, I would like to thank and recognize Claudia Giemsch, Sandy Warren, Barbara Caramanico, Pat Schuessler, and Vicki Leitzinger for opening up their homes for the Nutcracker Holiday Stroll. These ladies' talent, creativity, and festive décor within their homes created

a wonderful opportunity to share in the holiday spirit. If you were unable to make it to this event, please view the photos on our website: www.womenofsugarmillwoods.com

Since, it is a new year, and a chance to try out new things, we are looking for some adventurous and risk-taking members who are looking for their chance at the spotlight and an opportunity to flex their acting muscles for our Mystery luncheon on January 24th. *Don't be shy, contact Donna Rayne at 382-2999 and cross-off winning a golden globe on your New Years resolution list!*

And finally, the first 2011 big fund-raiser, the 15th Annual "School"astic Classic Golf Tournament, will be on February 28th. I want to especially thank Judi Bailey, the Director of Special Events, in advance for graciously accepting to be the Chairperson for this event. As I have said in newsletters before, our fundraisers are so important to our community and the money raised at these events are used to help with scholarships for our emerging youth within Citrus County. Together, we must unite our efforts once more and volunteer to help in any way to make this event a success. *Please contact Judi Bailey at 352-464-4380 and let her know what you can do to help.*

Remember, united as the Women of Sugarmill Woods, we care about our organization and community now and for the next 25 years to come. Happy New Year!

Thank you.

Bridget Leo,

WSW President, 382-0080

A MYSTERY LUNCHEON
Monday, January 24, 2011, Glen Lakes Country Club
Doors open at 11:00 a.m., Lunch served at 12:00

Put on your Sherlock Holmes hats and solve the “Who Done It” Murder Mystery. The plot is a secret! **
In addition, Vicki Leitzinger, our Community Services Director, and Mary Ann Conn, our Treasurer, will hold a book and DVD sale. Books and DVDs are donated by you, our very generous members. All proceeds will be given to charitable organizations. Ladies, we do make a difference in Citrus County. On behalf of our Board of Directors, THANK YOU!
You will not want to miss this luncheon.

MENU

Classic Caesar Salad, Bread Sticks

Entrée Choices

Traditional Meat Lasagna

Vegetable Lasagna

Dessert

Tiramisu with Chocolate and Espresso Sauce

Please indicate your menu choice, #1 or #2 on your check, along with the names of your guests.
Cost of the luncheon is \$17.00 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 Monday, January 17th at 6:00 p.m.**
Please honor this date as I need to confirm the number of attendees to Glen Lakes a week prior to our luncheon. Your check is your reservation.

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

****NEEDED:** Drama queens, starlets, and “wanna-be” actresses! Roles are still open for our January luncheon murder mystery. Learning lines and acting parts is not required – just a willingness to take on the role of a character and make her (or him) believable to the audience! Minimal time is required – maybe an hour during mid-January-once all the characters are identified. Please contact Director Donna Rayne at 382-2999 or Drayne@tampabay.rr.com if you’d like to be part of our ‘cast of characters.’”



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WSW EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Recently some questions arose about the kinds of scholarships offered by Women of Sugarmill Woods. Since our application season is just around the corner, we thought this would be a good topic for this month's newsletter. We offer five different scholarships as described below (and all are initially based upon financial need using government school funding criteria to determine need).

WSW General Scholarship: This scholarship provides \$500 of tuition for up to 8 semesters. First time applicants must have a GPA (grade point average) of 3.0 and plan to take enough credits to qualify them as a full-time student (usually 12 credit hours). Students must attend a 2-year or 4-year Florida accredited college or university. Repeat applicants are required to maintain an overall GPA of 2.8 or better (our experience has shown us that once high school students move on to college and away from home there is a lot of adjusting and maturing that occurs and the 2.8 GPA is more realistic for them to achieve and maintain than the initial 3.0). In May, 2011, our first two four-year general scholarship awardees will be graduating from college – Sarina Jaster and Roy Chaupis will be graduating from the University of Florida and University of South Florida, respectively.

WSW Technical Scholarship: This award provides \$500 tuition toward a technical program studied at an accredited technical school in Florida. This scholarship can be renewed for one additional semester if the program is longer than one semester and the student provides proof of their GPA being at or above 2.5.

WSW Central Florida Community College Endowment Scholarship: Several years ago WSW established an endowment fund jointly with CFCC. The scholarship funds come from the annual interest paid through the endowment. It generally provides \$500 per semester for two semesters of study at CFCC. Last year we agreed with CFCC to allow students to apply these funds to either tuition or books.

Take Stock in Children Scholarship: Though we have not awarded any TSIC scholarships for the past two years, we do accept applications for them. This special scholarship provides matching funds from the state of Florida, and the initial cost of the scholarship is ~\$8,000. Students are selected beginning in middle school. They are assigned a mentor and must meet various program criteria through their middle and high school years before going on to college. In Citrus County this program is now spearheaded by the Sheriff's Department as part of their ongoing youth mentoring programs.

Withlacoochee Technical Institute WSW Renewable Scholarship Fund: This fund was established in 2007 for the express purpose of awarding \$500 tuition to adults attending WTI. Working adults seeking to improve their work skills for promotional opportunities at their place of employment as well as adults seeking career changes or adults seeking employment can take advantage of this program. Brenda Miley-Kelley, counselor at WTI, identifies those adult students in need and makes awards to them on our behalf.

Applications for our scholarships are available at all three county high schools (Lecanto, Crystal River and Citrus High) as well as WTI and CFCC. TSIC applications are available from guidance counselors at all county public middle schools. Applications for the upcoming selection process are due February 1, 2011. The Education & Scholarship Committee will then review and award scholarships as appropriate.

If you have any questions or wish more information about our WSW scholarship programs, please call Stephanie St. Clair at 503-3023 or e-mail her at [sstclai1@gmail.com](mailto:ssclai1@gmail.com).

Donna Rayne, Education & Scholarship Committee

15th Annual "School"astic Classic
Golf Tournament

THE ART OF GOLF

Presented by the Women of Sugarmill Woods

Tournament Date: Monday, February 28, 2011
(Rain date Monday, March 7, 2011)

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

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: \$65.00 per lady golfer (includes cart/greens fees,
cart snack, breakfast bar, luncheon, and prizes)

Registration Deadline: Saturday, February 14, 2011

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.*

Mail your entry form to:

“School”astic Classic Golf Tournament, 100 Cypress Blvd West, Homosassa, FL 34446

For questions concerning registration, please contact Barbara Caramanico: 503-5162 or bcaramanico20@aol.com. For general tournament questions, contact Judi Bailey at 464-4380 or baileyjudi@aol.com



The Art of Golf



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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.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Club Affiliation</u>	<u>18-hole Index</u>	<u>Phone #</u>
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Christmas Wonderland Luncheon—12/6/2010



MEMBERSHIP

There were several ladies at our Christmas luncheon who came as guests who were former members, some of whom were members as recent as last year. I want to bring to your attention our By-Laws, i.e., Article III, Section 3. If you are a former member and are still eligible for membership, you cannot attend any of the events and/or intra-clubs under the auspices of WSW as a guest.

If any of our new members are interested in helping out with a committee, all you have to do is call the Committee Chairwoman listed in the Directory. If you haven't received your Directory yet, please give me a call at 382-2567, and I will guide you in the right direction. We want everyone to feel welcome in our organization, but you must reach out to us so that we can assist you.

Please refer to your WSW Directory for all special events in the upcoming year. I hope all of you had a very Merry Christmas, and hopefully, our New Year will be happy and prosperous for all of us.

Sandy Partin, Membership Director

Nutcracker Stroll—12/11/2010



Claudia Giensch's St. Nick



Sandy Warren's Carolers



Barb Caramanico's Mr. & Mrs. Claus



Pat Schuessler's Red Hat Room



Vicki Leitzinger's Sleeping Angel

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
- 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: Vickie Leitzinger, 382-2906

AFTERNOON AT THE MOVIES: Francesca Paar, 382-2528

If you are interested in forming a "**FOR WOMEN ONLY**" group please call Jo Tucci at 503-3931 or Joan Reece at 382-3754.

Cards and Conversation

*Sandy Partin,
Joan Reece,
Joyce Rasmus-
sen, Vicki Budd,
Mary Ann Zack,
Lee Knerr, Cathy
Maurer,
(missing: Cora
Ziegler,
photographer)*



COMMUNITY SERVICES

Happy New Year, Ladies and a very special **thank you** to Joan Gullett, Janet Mark, Edna Pirman, Anita Turska, Penny Jones, Carol Brady, and all of you wonderful folks who help to make the Women of Sugarmill Woods the successful organization that it is.

At our January Luncheon we will have a **book and DVD sale**. You can drop your books off at the tables set up at the entrance of Glen Lakes the day of the luncheon, or at my home prior to the luncheon. My address is 1 Palm Grass Court; my phone is 382-2906. Please help us with your old books and DVDs. We look forward to celebrating the New Year with a variety of interesting projects. As always, we need your support .

Community Services has the position of "**Home Delivered Meals**" **Scheduler/Coordinator** available immediately. The responsibilities of this very important position include: the preparation of annual schedules; rescheduling when necessary; assuring proper coverage and coordination during vacations, emergency situations and/or resignations; and staying abreast of program rules and regulations. This is a very rewarding position. The present coordinator will work with the new person to transition into this position.

PROGRAM RULES

Screening of Direct Service Providers

All volunteers for the Home Delivered Meals Program are required to undergo a fingerprint search through the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the FBI. West Citrus County Community Center Coordinator Brenda Gates (795-3831) can assist you in this process.

Please contact me as soon as possible if you think you would like to take on this extremely important position.

Vicki Leitzinger, Director of Community Services, 382-2906

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MILITARY CARD PARTY

Our next card party will be held on Monday, January 17 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.