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NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Wonderful Women of Sugarmill Woods:

May is already here; our gardens are starting to re-flourish, summer plans are being made, trips and visits arranged, and we near our club's summer hiatus, I wish you and yours a very happy summer. I'd also like to remind you of our final events before we disperse.

Our last luncheon meeting of the year will take place on May 18 at the Sugarmill Woods Country Club. It is earlier than usual due to the Memorial Day holiday, but I urge you to join us for the important program that has been planned which you will find on page 2. After awarding our scholarships on April 27, we will end the year on another high note with the announcement of grants awarded to our local charities. You will find all the information in the Community Services article on pages 4 and 5.

Please mark your calendars for the following: We have two Military Card parties scheduled during the summer on June 15 and August 17. Also the newly formed SMW Rotary Club is holding a wine tasting fundraiser on July 28 at the Sugarmill Woods Country Club. The group has graciously offered to donate the proceeds to our Scholarship fund. It should be a fun event.

Please don't forget to renew your membership or join the club before your summer starts. We want you to be in our new Directory and your dues will also help pay the bills!

It has been an honor and a privilege for me to have served as your President this year. I have done my best to be a good steward in a challenging time and I thank each one of you for your support of our club. I also thank a talented and hardworking Board of Directors for all their efforts. I have decided not to take on a second year because I prefer "doing" rather than "administering" and as Past President, I'll be active and you'll see me around. I know I can count on your support of your new Board of Directors 2009-10.

All my best to each of you.

Cordially,
Francesca Paar
President 2008-2009

ANNOUNCING
Women of Sugarmill Woods Club Annual Luncheon Meeting
Monday, May 18
Sugarmill Woods Country Club

FEATURING
A Culinary Presentation by award-winning Chef Derrick Lindberg SMWCC
President's Greeting
Community Services Annual Awards
Installation Board of Directors 2009-2010

We hope that many of you **WONDERFUL WOMEN**
will join us for this important occasion before our summer hiatus

MENU

Spring Salad

1. *Steak Diane* – Beef medallion sautéed with a cognac demi reduction
Served with roasted mini potatoes and vegetable

2. *Eggplant Wellington* delicately flavored

Fresh Fruit Cobbler served with cinnamon ice cream

The luncheon price is \$16.00 for members and guests. Please indicate your and your guest's menu choice on your check and place it in the Luncheons mailbox at the wall on or before May 11 at 6:00pm. Envelopes are not necessary.
Contact Jeanne Goldich, Programs Director, at 382-2983 if you have any questions.



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Scholarships Awarded!
Thanks to the Wonderful Women of SMW

Once again, thanks to the amazing fundraising efforts during this tough economy by the Wonderful Women of Sugarmill Woods, scholarships have been awarded to 6 Citrus County seniors. Proceeds from the Fashion Show this past November, 2008, and the “School”astic Golf Tournament in February, 2009, helped provide the \$17,000 to fund the scholarships. The Education & Scholarship Committee spent many hours reading through more than 25 applications. And after much careful deliberation and discussion, they chose 6 students who best met our criteria of GPA (Grade Point Average) and financial need. These students also exemplify what many members of WSW attest to as well: a desire to give back to others via community service, to continuously grow and learn, and a willingness to sacrifice of themselves in order to support their families.

Receiving our General Scholarships of \$500/semester for 8 consecutive semesters for tuition costs are Kathleen Camp, Michelle Nowak and Jontrell (J.T.) Hutcherson, all from Crystal River High School and Evan Marshall from Lecanto High School.

Awarded our Technical Scholarship of \$1,000 (\$500 for two semesters for tuition costs) is Alyssa McKibbin, an upcoming graduate of Lecanto High School.

Our CFCC Foundation Endowment Scholarship was awarded to Larra Townsend from Crystal River High School.

These students, along with a family member, were invited to attend our April luncheon where we acknowledged them and shared with you their accomplishments and dreams.

Victoria Budd, Director Scholarship and Education

Congratulations to all our recipients.

MILITARY CARD PARTY

Come join us on the afternoon of Monday, June 15 at Sugarmill Woods Country Club for our next Military Card Party. Snacks and Conversation begin at 12:30, play starts at 1:00. To sign-up, please place your check for \$12.00 in the Military Cards mailbox at the Cypress Village entrance to Sugarmill Woods no later than June 8. If you have a table of four, please include your foursomes named. Single players are always welcome. There will be prizes and a raffle. Please remember to bring a snack to share with the group.
Contact Doris Milsap for further information, 503-3412

COMMUNITY SERVICES ANNOUNCES ANNUAL GRANTS

Here we are at end of our club year. Thank you to **EVERYONE** who participated this year in ANY way to help our local charities. Whether you attended a fund raiser, gave a donation or items, or your time this year -- all are greatly appreciated! Every little bit helps and I am proud to announce that our club is once again able to make a difference in our community by way of donations to several charities. You will have the opportunity to meet many of the representatives from these organizations at our May luncheon. Without **YOU**, it would have been impossible for us to fund these worthy causes. In addition to the donations we are making now, you have also provided many organizations with supplies throughout the year through our "Charity of the Month" program. Every group has sent "thank you" notes expressing their sincere gratitude. (These will be posted on the website under "Who We Help" and at the luncheon).

Due to a somewhat uncertain economy, when reviewing applications and making decisions on how to divide donations, we placed an emphasis on feeding the needy. The following charities are recipients of donations from the Women of Sugarmill Woods (2008-09):

Homosassa Library - \$1350 will go towards programs aimed at getting children, teens, parents, grandparents and grandchildren, to make use of our library and become more involved in the programs offered there. One of the programs we will help to fund is a summer camp for teens and "tweens" which will give our youth a positive venue in which to participate when school is out. There are many programs we will be supporting at the library. You can call me for further info.

Homosassa Civic Club - WE CARE Program - \$1500 will go to transport approximately 2 large truckloads of donated (free) food from various sources in other locations into Homosassa. The "We Care Food Pantry" would be unable to obtain this food if not for our funding for the transportation. When the food arrives, it will be distributed to the poor in the Homosassa area.

Homosassa Civic Club - HISTORIC COMMITTEE - \$250 will be donated towards the purchase of a Historical Marker. Historic Markers are being placed throughout Old Homosassa to preserve the rich heritage of Homosassa, including sites related to the Pioneer Days. The purpose is to bring more visitors to Homosassa, which will stimulate our economy, and create jobs for the unemployed.

The PATH Homeless Shelter will receive a total of \$880 towards the purchase of crops for their farm as well as formula, baby food, diapers, prenatal vitamins, and food for the women and children housed at the shelter. We have also created a fund of \$220 which will be earmarked to provide emergency transportation (on a case by case basis). The fund will be available should the opportunity arise to reunite a homeless expectant mother with her family in another state.

The Isaiah Foundation provides respite care, autism therapy, counseling and caregiver training to low to mid-income families who have children with Autism, Down's syndrome, Cerebral Palsy and other disabilities. The majority of the clients they serve live in Homosassa. We will donate \$500 to enable them to continue their training classes for caregivers.

Camp E Nini Hassee, the year round outdoor camp for troubled and abused teen girls, will be the recipient of \$1000 towards textbooks as well as \$1000 towards desperately needed shampoo, conditioner, feminine hygiene products and other necessities.

CASA (Citrus Abuse Shelter Association), the greatest need CASA has since their clients have moved into the larger facility, is food. We are providing \$1000 towards the purchase of food to feed their clients.

New to Community Services this year is the **Creative Hands** group (formerly Creative Sewers). In addition to the donations listed above, the Board voted to set aside \$800 to be used by this group to help fund some of the many projects they undertake in our name which help those in need throughout our community. Some of these projects include hats for cancer patients and liners for the metal helmets used by our troops. They also help CASA and nursing home residents. To date, the women have been spending their own money to fund most of their projects. It was the Board's opinion that since the items are given to various charities in our name, we should support them financially.

LENDING CLOSET

A very important note, the Lending Closet has an **URGENT** need. They will have no choice but to give up several of the items they now offer for members to borrow, including a pack-n-play crib, if they cannot find someone willing to offer storage. Perhaps you have a little room in your garage or storage shed that you can house an item or two? If you can help in any way, please contact Jan Pierson at 382-3631. If you have been helped by the Lending Closet, maybe you can return the favor. Please see our revamped website at www.womenofsugarmillwoods.com for further info on the Lending Closet.

With deep regret, this will be my last newsletter as Community Services Director. I have THOROUGHLY ENJOYED EVERY MINUTE of serving in this capacity over the past 2 years. It was my full intention to serve again next year, however, due to reasons beyond my control, this year is my last term. Many thanks to all who have helped support Community Services, especially the outstanding Committee Women of Community Services and their committee members, who work so tirelessly day in and day out to help others.

Last, but not least, please get in the habit of looking at the page entitled "What's New" (right off the home page) on our website. That is where we will be posting announcements and timely matters. I am pleased to continue to manage the WSW web-site next year.

Diane Fudge, Director, Community Services.

KEEP THE DATE OPEN

On Tuesday, July 28th, the Rotary Club of Sugarmill Woods will be holding a *Wine Tasting and Silent Auction* at the Sugarmill Woods Country Club. A portion of the profits from this event will be donated to the Scholarship Fund of The Women of Sugarmill Woods.

Please keep July 28th open and watch for further details in your emails and flyers and published in the Citrus County Chronicle.

Let's make this the first of many successful joint ventures between The Women of Sugarmill Woods and the Rotary Club of Sugarmill Woods for the benefit of the good causes we support.

WSW Volunteers and Business Partners Make Our Community A Better Place

While March was WSW member appreciation month we would be remiss if we did not give a special thank you to our business partners who have supported our fund raising efforts for this club year. Many of these businesses have supported our efforts for many years and others are newcomers helping us fulfill the WSW mission, "to enhance the quality of life in our community". We ask you, in turn, to support these businesses when dining out or shopping for products and services. Be sure to thank them for support on behalf of the Women of Sugarmill Woods.

The following businesses helped WSW provide \$28,050.00 in scholarships and donations to community organizations. As usual, community donations will be presented at our May 18th luncheon meeting. Please check our website www.womenofsugarmillwoods.com for pictures of our April scholarship awards and other events for this club year.

Major Sponsors: Black Swan Spa, Bush Pest Control, Citrus County Chronicle, ERA Key 1 Realty, Inc., Jones Apparel Group, Justin Case Automotive Repair, Sheldon-Palmes Insurance, Inc., StaffMD, Inc., Sweetwater Homes Realty, Inc., Tally-Ho Vacations, Village Cadillac-Toyota, Wal-Mart, Homosassa, Wal-Mart, Inverness, and Wilder Funeral Home.

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Specialty Gems, Strickland Funeral Home, Sugarmill Woods Country Club, Suncoast Animal Clinic, Inc., Suncoast Plumbing & Electric, Surfaces Flooring Inc., Sweetbay, The Cottage Framer, The Financial Sense People, LLC, The Hagar Group, The Show Palace, The Travel Authority, Tiffany Wigs, TLC Rehab, TLC Vacation Watch & Kennel, Tropical Windows, Twisted Oaks Golf Club, Val's Boutique & Spa, Vertical Blinds of Homosassa, Vesta Title, Via Viente, Winn-Dixie, World Woods Golf Club, Yai Yai International Style Lounge.

Restaurants: 44 Bistro & Grill, Acapulco Bar & Grill, Applebee's, Bare Bones, Beef O'Brady's, Café on the Avenue, Chili's, Crackers, D-Lites Ice Cream Emporium, Emily's Family Restaurant, Glen Lakes Country Club, Harrington's, Honey Baked Ham, Mama D's Restaurant, Marguerita Grill, Moschello's, Neon Leon's Zydeco Steakhouse, Panera Bread Company, Peck's Old Port Cove, Pizza Hut, Homosassa, Pizza Hut, Crystal River, Starbucks Coffee, Subway, Sugarmill Woods Country Club, The Olive Tree, Water's Edge, Z Chefs Restaurant.

Thank You To Our Members

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to extend heartfelt thanks to all the volunteers who served in various capacities on our fund raising committees this club year. Due to your commitment, dedication, talents and time, our fund raising efforts this year were quite successful despite the dismal business climate. This is evidenced by the scholarships awarded in April and the charitable donations which will be awarded at our May luncheon.

Our success would not have been possible without the additional support of our members as donors, patrons and attendees of the events. It is wonderful to be a part of a group of women who truly care about our club and our community. Thank you for making this a great year while at the same time continuing to make an important difference in Citrus County.

Sincerely, Linda Swart, Director – Fund Raising

Summer Military Card Parties

Be sure to mark your calendars for our upcoming Military Card Party on June 15th and August 17th at the Sugarmill Woods Country Club. Snacks and conversation begin at 12:30, play starts at 1:00. To sign-up, please place your check for \$12.00 in the Military Card mailbox at the Cypress Village entrance to Sugarmill Woods one week prior to the event. To make a reservation, please contact Doris Millsap. If you have a table of four, please advise Doris when making your reservation. Single players are always welcome and we will make up a table for you. Prizes for the winners and a raffle add to a good time for all participants. Please remember to bring one of your favorite snacks to share with the group. Hope to see you there!

For more information, contact Doris Millsap at 503-3412 or Vicki Budd at 382-5216.

Fashion Show Committee To Hold Meeting

The first meeting of the 2009 Fashion Show Committee, under the leadership of Francesca Paar, will be held on Monday, June 1st, 10:00 a.m. at the Sugarmill Woods Country Club. There will be many items on the agenda, including determination of the show theme. If you are interested in joining the current volunteers on our committee please plan to attend this important meeting. For additional details, you may contact Francesca Paar at 382-2528 or Linda Swart at 382-7203.

Linda Swart, Director, Fund Raising

INTRA-CLUB ACTIVITIES

Bridget Leo, 382-008

We have a variety of Intra-Club activities and hope you will find one you are interested in. Please contact the above if you have an idea for a new activity. Please contact one of the following ladies if you are interested in one of our current groups.

BOOK GROUPS

Adelaide Keller, 382-0219-Please contact me 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: Contact Ann O'Brien, 382-1848 or Sonya Coughenour, 382-9038.

Monday Morning Mah-Jong: Contact Joyce Rasmussen, 382-3466.

Regular Bridge: Contact Joan McGee, 382-1462.

NEW-Pinochle-Our new pinochle group has taken off with flying colors. We meet on Wednesdays. To join, contact: Vickie Leitzinger, 382-2906

WALKING FOR FUN: Contact Donna Rayne, 382-2999

NEW-AFTERNOON AT THE MOVIES: Our Movie club has grown to eight members. If you would like to join us, Contact Francesca Paar, 382-2528

NEEDED: We are looking for someone to teach a Beginners Bridge group. This group must be under the auspices of the Women of Sugarmill Woods. Each lady must be a current or new member and once they have mastered the rudiments of the game, they can go on and start groups who will meet at a convenient place to enjoy this new card game.
Please contact Bridget Leo, 382-0080



CREATIVE HANDS

Our group meets the first Thursday of the month at the Chassahowitzka Firehouse from 9:30 to noon.
For information, contact Lorraine Blond, 382-1926

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS
DUE BY JUNE 30, 2009**

TIME IS RUSHING BY- if you want to be included in the new 2009-2010 Membership Directory, please deposit your check for \$25.00 made out to: Women of Sugarmill Woods in the Membership box at the main entrance to Sugarmill Woods on Cypress Blvd. Please note at the bottom of your check the word, Dues-2009-2010

Vivian Turner, 651-204-6715
Membership Director

Women of Sugarmill Woods
Membership Form 2009-2010 Club Season

Dues are \$25 for the club year (September 2009 through June 2010) and should be deposited in the (membership) of the WSW box at the Communications Center located near the US 19 entrance to Sugarmill Woods. Please Make checks payable to Women Of Sugarmill Woods.

Please *type or print* the information requested below: Type of membership

Name _____ _____ New

Address _____ Phone No. _____
_____ Renewal

E-mail address _____
_____ Reinstated

Occupation(s) _____
(Current, or previous if retired)

Special skills, talents or areas of expertise (Don't be bashful!) _____

Hobbies or special interests _____

On what committee(s) would you like to work? _____

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

Please return this form with your dues.
Questions about membership? Contact Vivian Turner, Director, Membership, 651-204-6715

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WSW Clubhouse Building Steering Committee Update

The clubhouse steering committee met this year and put together a survey to be presented to the membership asking them to “dream with us” about what they would like to have in a clubhouse. As you are aware, we own 6 acres of land near the firehouse outside Sugarmill Woods which was purchased with the intent to build a WSW clubhouse.

The Board of Directors decided at its last board meeting that, due to economic conditions, this is not the time to pursue this major undertaking. The survey will be held in abeyance until better economic times.