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NEWSLETTER

MAY 2010

Dear Women of Sugarmill Woods:

By the time you receive this newsletter, the new Board of Directors will have been elected and on May 17 will be installed at our luncheon - - the last of this club year. Citrus County Property Appraiser, Mr. Geoffrey Greene, will be our honored guest in gratitude for his help in resolving our property tax situation. Also on hand will be the recipients of our monetary grants which will be decided at our May BOD meeting under the leadership of Community Services Director Pat O'Brien (we have approximately \$10,000 to grant to local charities). I trust you will want to be at this very important lunch to personally thank Mr. Greene and to convey your good wishes to the newly elected BOD. I know you will give them the same wonderful support you gave to your current board, and I wish to congratulate them in writing and wish them a successful and pleasant 2010-11 club year.

Speaking of support, I must say a heartfelt "thank you" to the amazing women who served with me on the board this year. Without a doubt, no one could ask for a finer group with whom to work. Our board meetings always went smoothly, and we had good camaraderie and nice "give and take" when discussing ideas and challenges. And we managed to have laughter and fun along the way! It has been a very rewarding year for me personally, so thank you my sister BOD members: Judy Neace, Judi Bailey, Sandy Partin, Joan Reece, Cora Ziegler, Vicki Budd, Pat O'Brien, Francesca Paar and Linda Swart who was with us the first part of the club year.

Also, I must thank each and every person who participated in any way toward making this club year a success: those of you who participated in fundraising, luncheons and programs, Intra-Club activities, Membership committees, Communications committees, Community Service committees, Education and Scholarship committees, thank you. I wish to thank all of you who attended our luncheons because that is where we conduct the business of the WSW with the membership. I wish I had the entire newsletter to mention you all by name, but since I do not, I want to say you have my undying gratitude for all you have done to fulfill the mission and uphold the ethos of our Women of Sugarmill Woods. You make us look exceedingly good in our greater Citrus County Community. Keep up the good work and continue to exhibit your wonderful HEART and SOUL!

Please complete the survey located in this newsletter. We request your input so that the new BOD can have your thinking on aspects of our organization. We hope you will take the time to let us know your thoughts. Please place the survey in the President's mailbox at the WSW boxes by the wall located near the Rt. 19 entrance by May 15.

I wish you and the WSW many wonderful blessings in the future. It has been an honor to serve as your President. See you at our lunch and out and about with the WSW!

Bidding you a fond farewell as your President,

Joyce Rasmussen

2009-2010

HEART AND SOUL
WOMEN of SUGARMILL WOODS CLOSING LUNCHEON
MONDAY, MAY 17, 2010
GLEN LAKES COUNTRY CLUB.

Doors open at 11:00 a.m. Lunch shortly after 12:00 noon

PLEASE NOTE THE EARLIER DEADLINE DATE OF MAY 10

Our May lunch is a week earlier than usual because of Memorial Day

Please join us for the final luncheon of this club year. Citrus County Property Appraiser, Mr. Geoffrey Greene will be our honored guest as will be the recipients of our Community Services charitable gifts. The newly elected Board of Directors will be sworn in for the upcoming 2010-11 club year. Let us join together to celebrate another successful year in the WSW at this, our closing lunch before the summer break. Come Celebrate! Celebrate the Wonderful Women of Sugarmill Woods, truly the Heart and Soul of our club.

MENU

Boston Bibb and Radicchio Salad with Peppercorn Dressing

1. Stuffed Chicken Breast with Pot Stickers and Stir Fried Vegetables

2. Pasta Prima Vera

Bread Pudding w/Vanilla Bean Ice Cream

Please write your menu choice somewhere on your check as well as the names of your guests even if they are submitting a separate check. The cost of the luncheon is \$17 each, payable to Women of Sugarmill Woods. Place your check in the Luncheon slot at the WSW mailboxes located at the wall near the main entrance to WMW off U.S 19 by May 10 at 6:00 p.m. No envelopes please. Contact Program Director Joan Reece at 382-3754 if you have any questions. See you on May 17!

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MEMBERSHIP

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

Jane Anderson, 96 Pine Street, Phone #382-4457

Barbara Shore, 13 Dahoon Ct. N., Phone #382-0126

Martha Thomas, 134 Pine Street, Phone #503-7043

Please add these ladies to your 2009-2010 directories.

If you want your name in the new 2010-2011 directory, please have your membership dues (\$30.00) in prior to July 1, 2010. Membership checks go into Box #2 at the mailboxes at the entrance of Sugarmill Woods.

I appreciate all the ladies who have filled out the application form printed in our newsletter. It has been very helpful.

Please let me know if you have changed or have a new e-mail address. I will add or correct this in my e-mail contact list for the monthly updates.

As members of our organization, if you notice a new neighbor moving in, it would be helpful to us if you would introduce yourself, tell them about our organization and invite them to join. If they would like to have more information, please don't hesitate to give them my number (382-2567). If you feel a direct contact from me would be helpful, please e-mail me or call me and I will get hold of them. SPREAD THE WORD. We have a great group of ladies, and would like to share our good times, good works, and many blessings.

Sandy Partin

Membership Director



Thank you to Barbara Caramanico and all of her helpers who made the Treasure Trove Sale such a success! Just one more example of the amazing HEART & SOUL of the WSW!

EDUCATION & SCHOLARSHIPS

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS AND THANKS!

The Education and Scholarship Committee spent the month of March hard at work reviewing scholarship applications and made the final selections on April 3. Chosen to receive our General Scholarship, \$4000 dispersed at \$500 per semester for 8 semesters, are **Kelinda Glesil from Citrus High School, Yukiko Paltore and Kyle Vidair from Lecanto High School, and Jonathon Gilliam from Crystal River High School**. Receiving our Technical Scholarship, \$1000 awarded at \$500 for 2 semesters, is **Jonathan Weber**. Jonathan received this same scholarship in 2008 and is continuing his education at CFCC. The CFCC Foundation Endowment Scholarship was awarded to **Niccole Stokes from Lecanto High School**. Thanks to the fundraising efforts of Women of Sugarmill Woods, we were able to fund \$17,000 in scholarships this year.

Having completed 3 years as the Director of Education & Scholarships, this will be my last newsletter article. I want to thank the wonderful members of my committee who have made our scholarship program and educational projects great successes: Lynda Harrington, Judy Hill, Barb Rathke, Rosemary Ray, Donna Rayne, Stephanie St. Clair, and Dianne Weller.

Victoria Budd, Director of Education & Scholarships

As another club year winds down, I am happy to report yet another successful year for RIF and Writer's Club, thanks to you, the wonderful Women of Sugarmill Woods. I would especially like to thank the following ladies for your many volunteer hours with the RIF and Writer's Club programs: Carol Brady, Doris Rattacasa, Edna Pirmann, Barb Rathke, Marion Daniels, Doris Moore, Alice Williamson, Vicki Budd, Bridget Leo, Stephanie St. Clair, Dianne Weller, Debbie Calleri, Rosemary Ray, Donna Mead, Nancy Lovejoy, Edna Johnson, and Betty Boekholder. You are very much appreciated, not only by me, but by all the students at Homosassa Elementary School who benefitted from your help with these programs. We plan to participate in the RIF and Writer's Club again next year and invite you all to join in the fun.

My sincere thanks,

Judy Hill, Chair of the Writer's Club and RIF for the Education & Scholarship Committee



Fun at the Luncheons:

*Raffle tickets,
good food,
good friends,
good times!*



INTRA-CLUB ACTIVITIES

Bridget Leo, 382-0080

We have a variety of Intra-Club activities and hope you will find one that interests you.

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-Jongg: Lessons: Joyce Rasmussen, 382-3466.
- Regular Bridge: Joan McGee, 382-1462.
- Pinochle: Vicki Leitzinger, 382-2906

AFTERNOON AT THE MOVIES: Francesca Paar, 382-2528

NEEDED: We are looking for someone to teach a Beginners Bridge group.

Please contact Bridget Leo, 382-0080

FOR WOMEN ONLY GROUP

We would like to start a social group for our WSW members who are single again for whatever reason, and for those who would simply like to 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" group please call

Jo Tucci, 503-3931 or Joan Reece, 382-3754.

Fun at the Luncheons



Winning Prizes



Getting Dressed Up!



Enjoying Special Guests

SURVEY

In planning for the future, the WSW BOD would like your assistance and opinions. Would you complete this survey and let us know how you think we could improve or change aspects of our organization.

Upon completion, please place the survey in the President's Mailbox at the WSW boxes near the Rt. 19 entrance to Sugarmill Woods by May 15. We would greatly appreciate your comments. Feel free to write additional ideas anywhere on this form. Thank you!

LUNCHEONS: (Please circle your response)

How many lunches should we hold each year? 4 5 6 7/8

Our Program Director asked for quotes from the venues listed below with a sample menu of a starter, entrée, and dessert with tablecloths/napkins/centerpieces included in the quote: Remember WSW includes a cushion (usually \$1.00 rounded up to cover cost of lunch expenses, e.g. treats for children who sing at Christmas, name tags, entertainment/speaker fees, etc.) Gratuity is included in the following quotes. These numbers could change by the time Program Director signs contracts for 2010/11.

GlenLakes: Three Course Lunch: rounded to \$17 – seats 200

(Distance from SMW is 13.91 miles)

Sugarmill Woods: Two Course Lunch (salad/soup, entrée, without beverage or dessert) rounded to \$19.25. No centerpiece, seats 100

Southern Woods: Three Course Lunch: rounded to \$13 – dessert would be chocolate chip cookie – seats 90/100

Plantation Inn: Three Course Lunch: rounded to \$17 – seats well over 100

(Distance from SMW is 12.47 miles)

Where should the lunches be held? (Please circle your choice) **Glen Lakes CC**

Sugarmill Woods CC

Southern Woods CC

Plantation Inn

Various Venues (The Christmas lunch would continue to be at Black Diamond)

Do you want speakers/entertainment at our lunches? Yes No Occasionally If yes, suggestions for speakers/programs: _____

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership numbers are declining, and fewer people are moving into Sugarmill Woods. In order to keep our organization growing and viable, would you consider the possibility of offering *Associate Memberships* to non-resident women. **Associate members would be unable to hold a position on the board of directors, and would not have voting privileges.** They would be able to serve on committees and participate in Intra-Club activities. The number of associate members would be held at less than 50% of the total membership. Should we invite Citrus County residents to be *Associate Members*?

Yes

No

COMMUNITY SERVICES

May, the month of celebration of your success and hard work, our luncheon will highlight community organizations dedicated to helping in Citrus County. Thank you for your hard work and dedication to helping the WSW help our neighbors.

This club year (2009-2010) the WSW partnered with the Sugarmill Woods Civic Association to support the Homosassa Library and the We Care Food Pantry. Each organization is strengthened by the support of the other and sends a cohesive message to our community. The Sugarmill Woods Rotary also lent a hand in supporting our scholarship efforts. As we all live in Sugarmill Woods and have individual interests we also recognize that we share a common goal – to improve the circumstances for those in need. Hopefully these group efforts will continue to grow and expand.

Our May luncheon festivities will focus on the WSW donations but I would be remiss if I did not remind you that Community Services is focused on the Community. Thank you to all who helped and supported the WSW projects: Home Delivered Meals, Homosassa Library, Hospice Tree of Remembrance, Operation Cookie Drop, Salvation Army Angel Tree, We Care Food Pantry, WSW Lending Closet, Camp E Nini Hassee, and clothes for nursing home residents. WSW Creative Hands members continue to produce many hand crafted items for area organizations and the Nursing Home Committee entertains the residents at Sugarmill Manor monthly. Many of these projects continue year round so if you have some spare time please join these ladies in making our community a nicer place to live.

Have a great summer and **THANK YOU** for caring and making my job as the Director of Community Services such a joy.

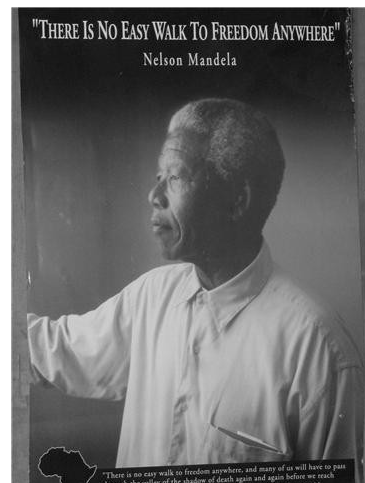
Pat O'Brien,

Director of Community Services, 382-5571

*The WSW visit
Camp E Nini Hassee:
Sleeping Tents*



*Community Room
and Dining Area*



*Posted in the Community Room:
an apt motto from Nelson Mandela*

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MILITARY CARD PARTY

Our next card party will be held on **Monday, May 24** 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.

Please note that Military Card Parties will be held during the summer on

Monday, June 21 and

Monday, August 16