



VOLUME XXVI 2 NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2011

Dear Women of Sugarmill Woods:



As the color of the season begins to unfold, we look forward to all the exciting events and opportunities to celebrate with family and friends for the October holidays. As the jack-o'-lanterns start to appear in front of some of our neighbors' homes, we await our costumed friends and

embrace the fun of fall.

Although September may be over, we did enjoy our recent Luncheon at Glen Lakes. Mr. Stan Prinston was wonderful entertainment and we all thank him for making our luncheon special.

Speaking of celebrating, the Women of Sugarmill Woods' November 4th Silver Jubilee Fashion Show promises to be a fantastic event. I would like to extend a special thank you to Chairwomen Francesca Parr and Linda Swart and to the Fashion Show committee for all their hard work. Francesca Parr has served the WSW as President, Board member, and chair of various committees. Her commitment to our organization speaks for itself. The Fashion Show committee has worked endlessly to provide us with beautiful items for our Silent Auction. Our fundraising events make it possible for the WSW to provide and support the Scholarship program and the many various charities. At our Silver Jubilee, we will be celebrating our 25-year anniversary with entertainment by Bobby Palermo. I look forward to seeing you all, both new and old members, at this event. You will not want to miss it!

**Please consider being a patron for the Fashion Show.
We so depend on your participation and support.**

MILITARY CARDS! If you are planning to attend Military Cards this month, please be aware due to a scheduling problem it will be held **on October 10** at Sugarmill Woods Country Club. Please find further information in the Newsletter.

An important reminder: As some of you may have heard at the September Luncheon, our Standing Rule #23 was omitted from the 2011-2012 Directory. We have placed an insert into the Directories to correct this oversight. In case you were unable to attend the luncheon the rule states:

Standing Rule #23: Members are not allowed to publicize the fundraising events or activities of other organizations within our newsletter, in email updates, at luncheons and or at intra-club activities. Furthermore, there will be no political candidate speakers or those with a political agenda at any WSW events. (This rule was enacted by the 2010-2011 Board of Directors)

We appreciate everyone's cooperation in abiding by this rule.

I look forward to seeing you all this month to celebrate our 25 years of accomplishments!

Bridget Leo, WSW President, 382-0080

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Women of Sugarmill Woods are on TV!

Great news! On October 17 at 9:00 am. WYKE channel 16 will feature the Women of Sugarmill Woods! The program is around 30 minutes long broken down into two 15-minute segments. One will consist of the History of the WSW with Dennis Miller interviewing Jeanne Balmer Davis, our founding president; current President Bridget Leo; and Stephanie St. Claire, Director of Education and Scholarships. The other will be about our Fashion Show on November 4, and Dennis will interview Francesca Parr and Linda Swart, the Co-Chairwomen for the Fashion Show and Judi Bailey, the Director of Fund Raising. Please tune in!

BLACK & SILVER ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2011

GLEN LAKES COUNTRY CLUB

DOORS OPEN AT 11:00; LUNCH SERVED AT 12 NOON

This October we will celebrate our 25th Anniversary with our “Black and Silver” Luncheon.

I am very pleased to announce that our entertainment for this special occasion will be The Citrus County Community Concert Choir. The choir was founded in 2003 under the leadership of Founding Director Jacki Doxey Smith. The mission of The Citrus County Community Concert Choir is to develop and share a passion for choral music. The mission is carried out by presenting several concerts yearly in Citrus County, and, when possible, in other locations ensuring the quality and variety of their choral music is maintained at a consistently high standard. The Choir is a not for profit organization, that through its concerts, give back to the community by offering scholarships and financial assistance to students who qualify and are interested in pursuing the vocal arts.

This concert is not to be missed! In keeping with tradition, don't forget to don your favorite black and silver ensemble.

MENU

Romaine Hearts with Marinated Artichoke Hearts and Balsamic Vinaigrette

#1 Stir-fry of Beef Tenderloin, Asian Vegetables over Schezuan Noodles

#2 Wild Mushroom Ravioli, Vegetables and Gorgonzola Cream

White Chocolate Bread Pudding

Please indicate your menu choice (#1 or #2) on your check, along with the names of your guests. **Cost of the luncheon is \$18.00 each payable to Women of Sugarmill Woods.** This small increase in luncheon cost is due to higher prices charged by the venue. Place your checks in the Luncheon Slot, box #6, in the WSW mailboxes located at the main entrance to Cypress Village off US 19 **no later than Friday, October 14th at 6:00 p.m.** No envelopes please.

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

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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. Call her at 382-3182 if you are interested.

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. 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.



Book Sale

Please bring your used books to the October Luncheon for our Book Sale.
Remember we accept DVD's also.

EDUCATION AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Several students are realizing their educational and career goals thanks to you, the Women of Sugarmill Woods, for your generosity in supporting our fund-raising programs. Ten academic scholarships are currently being used at seven different Florida universities and colleges, including for the first time, Florida State University (FSU). We also have one technical scholarship being used at the College of Central Florida, as well as one CCF-WSW Endowment scholarship. In all these twelve active scholarships represent over \$40,000 of commitment. Our committee will keep you posted with regard to the progress of these students.

At the elementary school level we are beginning a new year with Homosassa Elementary and our jointly sponsored Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) program. Our first program will be on Monday, October 17, and Tuesday, October 18, at the school. We need at least seven volunteers to assist with this program. The program is broken into four-hour blocks of time (morning or afternoon of each day) so if you can find four hours to help out, please contact Stephanie St. Clair at sstclair1@gmail.com. No special skills are required – just smiles and a helping hand to assist the kids in selecting their books. Like so many of our volunteer opportunities the time commitment is small and the personal satisfaction of knowing you have helped another is huge. For many of these children the only books they own are the ones they receive through this program, and they show their appreciation with great affection!

Under the leadership of Judi Bailey and Stephanie St. Clair the 16th Annual “School”-astic Classic Golf Tournament is being planned. The event, held at Sugarmill Woods Country Club, will be on Monday, February 27, 2012. This event is the major fund-raiser for our scholarship programs, as 100% of our net proceeds will go into our WSW Scholarship Funds. You can support this event by entering the event, being a hole sponsor (for a donation of \$500), being a patron (for a donation of \$100 or more) or volunteering for one of the many tasks that need to be performed to make the event successful. If you are interested in helping out please contact Stephanie St. Clair (e-mail is above) or Judi Bailey at baileyjudi@aol.com.

If you have any questions about our education and scholarship programs, fund-raisers, etc., please feel free to contact any member of the Education and Scholarship Committee: Judy Hill, Dianne Weller, Christine Malarkey, Vicki Budd, Lynda Harrington, Rosemary Ray, Donna Rayne, Judie Moore, Kathy Chase or Stephanie St. Clair (chairwoman and Director of Education & Scholarships on our WSW Board of Directors).

Donna Rayne, Education & Scholarship Committee



At

the October

luncheon the Angel

Christmas Tree will be fully
decorated and waiting for you to

select an

angel with the name of a
child on it. We support 30 families
for the Salvation Army through this
event. Janet Mark is our “Angel” who
is in charge of this program.

Please open your hearts this Christmas
and give her your support! Gifts will be collected and
given to the Salvation Army at our Christmas Luncheon in
December.



COMMUNITY SERVICES

This month we would like to introduce **Blessings in a Backpack** to the Membership. As you recall we gave this amazing program \$2000.00 in May to help support their battle to feed the hungry children in Citrus County. Every penny of the money they receive goes directly to replenish food supplies. Because Blessings in a Backpack has added seven schools this year, the demand for food is even greater. Filling the backpack will cost \$80.00 per child for the school year. The children receive two breakfast items, two drinks, one protein, one fruit, and two snacks in their backpacks. The child's name is completely anonymous to everyone except the principal and the social worker of the school. When an at-risk child has been identified the parents are notified and must give their permission to have the child participate. The parents are then asked to add the names of other children living in the household so those children can also be feed.

Backpacks are picked up from the designated schools on Wednesday, cleaned and sanitized. On Thursday the backpacks are filled and delivered to the school for the children on Friday.

Forty-five percent of Citrus County's public school students participate in the federally funded meal program. (This would be breakfast and lunch) Citrus County Harvest's goal is to partner with the community and meet the nutritional needs of school-aged children. Blessings in a Backpack will bridge the meal gap that occurs between the school week and the weekend. The benefit is very rewarding for the children. Studies show they have access to vitamin-fortified food, increased attendance at school, higher test scores, fewer behavioral problems, and greater parent participation.



We now have two teams of Volunteers from the WSW. We will fill the backpacks the third Thursday of every month, at the Life point Church.

IF YOU CARE TO DONATE TO BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK YOU CAN CALL ME AT 382-2906 OR JUDI BAILEY AT 464-4380, OR TAKE THE FOOD TO THE DROP SITES AT REGIONS BANK OR EMILY'S RESTURANT.

Shopping List: **All items must have pop-top lids** (as the children may not have electricity, a can opener, running water, or many items we take for granted) and be **single serving**.

PARMALOT SHELF LIFE MILK

PEANUT BUTTER, 32OZ JELLY

SINGLE SERVING FRUIT CUPS, SINGLE SERVING SIZE JELLO CUPS

SINGLE SERVING SIZE CEREAL BOXES, CEREAL BARS, POP TARTS

TUNA (POUCH OR POP TOP CANS), CHICKEN IN WATER (POUCH OR POP TOP CANS

SINGLE SERVING SIZE BEANIE WEANIES (POP TOP), SINGLE SERVING SIZE MAC AND CHEESE (POP TOP), SINGLE SERVING BEEF STEW (POP TOP)

INDIVIDUAL SIZE DRINK BOXES OR POUCHES OR ANY KIND

CHILI/NOBEANS (POP TOP),

THESE ARE ITEMS THAT ARE NOT INCLUDED IN FOOD ITEMS PURCHASED BY BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK. BLESSINGS RELIES ON DONATIONS FOR THESE PRODUCTS.

Please Ladies let us try to silence the hunger of these children.

Vicki Leitzinger 382-2906 vlleitz41@embarqmail.com

Director Community Services

The Women of Sugarmill Woods Presents A
Silver Jubilee Fashion Show



25 Years

Palace Grand - Spring Hill

Friday, November 4, 2011

Doors Open at 10:30 AM

Fashions by La—Te—Da - Crystal River

Silent Auction and Prizes

Entertainment by Bobby Palermo

Tickets \$30.00—Please call 352-382-3964

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“Silver Jubilee Fashion Show”

Friday, November 4, 2011 at The Palace Grand, Spring Hill

Fashions by La Te Da, Crystal River

Entertainment by Bobby Palermo

Doors open at 10:30 a.m. Silent Auction Viewing

Luncheon 12:00 p.m., Entertainment and Fashion Show to follow

Open to the public-Limited seating

Number of **non-refundable tickets** @ \$30.00 each _____

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

To honor your reservations, payment is required for all names listed. Please print the names and phone numbers, of members in your party. Tickets will be mailed or held only if the reservation form is complete. **Please note, reservation deadline is Friday, October 28, 2011.**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Phone #</u>	<u>Office use</u>
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Please check one of the following:

_____ I am enclosing a **stamped, self-addressed business size envelope** to have tickets mailed to:

Name _____ Phone # _____

_____ I will call to pick up my tickets.

Place reservation form and check in slot #4, “Fashion Show Tickets” at the Communications Center. If you do not live in Sugarmill woods, please mail checks to Women of Sugarmill Woods, c/o Reservations, 100 Cypress Blvd. West, Homosassa, FL 34446.

Checks are payable to Women of Sugarmill Woods.

For ticket information call Dot Lafferty at 382-3964 or Carol Anier at 382-2816. For all other information, contact Francesca Paar, Chair, at 382-2528 or Linda Swart, Chair, at 382-7203.

The Women of Sugarmill Woods is a not- for- profit (501C-3) organization. All net proceeds from this event will be added to our scholarship fund and community services grants to benefit deserving Citrus County students in their quest for higher education and to help those less fortunate in our community with basic necessities.

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MILITARY CARD PARTY

Our next card party will be held on Monday, **October 10** (note change) 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 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.

Bingo at Sugarmill Manor If you are not playing cards on October 10, please consider helping out at the Bingo game at Sugarmill Manor. Our Ladies provide Bingo for the residents at the Sugarmill Manor Assisted Living Facility on the third Monday of the month. Your help is needed immediately. Edna Pirmann, Anita Turska, and Penny Jones can really use your help. Please contact Edna 628-3362 or Anita Turska at 382-7185. These ladies do a wonderful job, however extra hands would be greatly appreciated!