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NEWSLETTER

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Greetings dear WSW members:

We are past the halfway mark in our club year, and we are focusing on the two upcoming fundraisers to finish the year successfully in that arena. I know we are all wishing the best success possible for our "School-astic" Golf Tournament on February 22, and the Trash and Treasure Sale to be held in March. We wish to thank Donna Rayne and Barbara Caramanico, respectively, for chairing these fundraisers. If you can help with these events in any way, either by re-gifting new items for the Golf Tournament or by donating your gently used items to the Trash and Treasure Sale (or by volunteering your time to help) please let the chairpersons know.

Please note, this month's luncheon will be held on the third Monday, February 15, instead of the usual fourth Monday date. The reason for this change is because the fourth Monday was the only date available for our Golf Tournament. Please remember February 15 is Presidents Day, so let's all wear red, white and blue in honor of that occasion. Please have your reservations in by February 8, which will be a week earlier than usual. Pat O'Brien will host our last book sale of this club year at this luncheon, so please bring your gently used books to donate to the sale. Any unsold books will be given to the Trash and Treasure Sale.

When you read this month's Membership Director's message, you will learn that the membership dues for next year will be increased to **\$30**. The WSW Finance Committee has recommended this increase to the Board for the following reasons: Last year we were dangerously close to having a deficit budget. Our real estate taxes have increased significantly, as have other costs of administering our WSW. At the same time, our membership numbers have decreased, which impacts our operating income. For many years the board has struggled to keep membership dues the same but an increase is necessary at this time. Please remember, dues are used to cover administrative expenses such as publishing the newsletter, government fees, taxes, printing of the directory, web-page domain fees, etc. As a 501 (c) 3 organization, we are very careful to keep our administrative expenses separate from our charitable monies. **Dues for the 2010-2011 year will be increased by \$5 to \$30**, which will help insure the future of our club.

I hope you are taking advantage of the many Intra-Club activities which serve as social outlets for our membership. I have been enjoying the different card groups and a book club and mahjong since joining the WSW. If you enjoy playing cards and reading, or H.K. rules mahjong, I would recommend that you call Bridget Leo and let her know you want to join in the fun. If you are interested in starting new book group or card group, please let Bridget or Sandy Partin know and they will help you get started.

Please join your friends and neighbors for another lovely luncheon on February 15 at Glen Lakes Country Club. I hope to see you there wearing any combination of red, white and blue!

Wishing you many blessings,
Joyce Rasmussen, President – 382-3466

PRESIDENTS' DAY LUNCHEON
RED, WHITE AND BLUE
MONDAY FEBRUARY 15, 2010 at GLEN LAKES COUNTRY CLUB
Doors open at 11:00 a.m.

Welcome once again to a fun filled day with our members, new members and guests. We have planned a pop quiz for each of you. Hint: Brush up on your Presidential knowledge! There will be prizes (3 or 4)!! Please wear Red, White and Blue, or any combination of these colors to recognize the occasion.

MENU

Romaine Hearts with Artichoke Salad (dressing on side).

1. Thai Chicken w/vegetables/Lo Mein noodles w/ Thai sweet chili sauce
2. Lo Mein Noodles w/vegetables w/ Thai sweet chili sauce

Cheesecake with vanilla coulis

Please indicate your menu choice by number and include it on your check made payable to the Women of Sugarmill Woods (WSW) in the amount of \$17.00. Please write the name of your guest (s) on your check, even if they are submitting a separate check. Please deposit your check in the box marked "LUNCHEONS" at the WSW mailboxes located near the U.S. 19 entrance to Sugarmill Woods **no later than 6:00 pm Monday, February 8, 2010. No envelopes please! Thank you.**

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EDUCATION & SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS....

Your E&S Committee has continued to work hard supporting the activities of our 14th “School-astic” Classic Golf Tournament, which is just a few weeks away on February 22, 2010. Volunteers are working on obtaining and wrapping door prizes, labeling Chinese auction items, soliciting community businesses for donations, working on decorating the club the day before the event, and so much more.

We all thank you for your help in this major fundraiser. Some of you have chosen to participate in our event (and if you’d like to do that and haven’t yet signed up please find the entry form elsewhere in this newsletter). Some of you have donated “regifted” items for our auctions. Some of you have given us snacks, water, and other food items we use in our golfer brown bags, which the golfers use for snacks while playing their round of golf. Some of you have volunteered your time, your skills, and your computer printer! All is greatly appreciated and helps to increase the odds of having a successful golf tournament – and we will continue to accept all help right up to the day of the event!

How do we know that our event is successful? If we can award a single scholarship of any kind (academic, technical, or Take Stock in Children), then we are successful. We make a difference in the life of one child. If you think that is “small potatoes” then keep on reading. Below is part of a letter we recently received from Auna Yeager. She was awarded a Take Stock in Children Scholarship sponsored by Women of Sugarmill Woods. Today Auna is a junior at University of South Florida majoring in psychology, working toward her dream of being a psychiatrist or counselor.

Here is Auna’s story: “I am here today, a college student, because of the Take Stock in Children scholarship, sponsored by the Women of Sugarmill Woods, that I received. Without this scholarship, I would not have had the opportunity to attend college. I am so thankful that I was given the chance to further my education and get into a field of study, and one day, a career that I am going to love. Having a mentor is part of the package that comes with accepting your scholarship. Your mentor is there to make sure that everything is going smoothly with your high school career, and that you stay on track. Having a mentor gave me the opportunity to get close to someone who was genuinely concerned about me and cared about what was going on in my life...she was always there to make sure I got the help and guidance I needed. Being the first one in my family to go to college has been an accomplishment in itself, but I don’t want to settle for just going to college. I want to get an undergraduate degree, a Master degree, and one day a Ph.D. These are high hopes, but I am an ambitious person and I know I can do it. In my heart, I truly feel that without the gift of a Take Stock in Children scholarship, I wouldn’t have been able to reach for the big goals that I have in mind. I am beyond grateful for the opportunities I have been given and I hope to continue to make the Take Stock in Children program and the Women of Sugarmill Woods proud by completing my undergraduate degree and preparing myself for my life in an amazing career.” (Auna’s mentor while in high school was former WSW member, Pam Stachurski).

So if you think you can’t make a difference in the life of one child, think again. Your dollar support and donations to our Scholarship Fund mean the world to the students who **EARN** our scholarship awards; your participation in our fund-raising events, in whatever way you choose to support them, is important.

Think again if you think that it is only these children who appreciate you. You are the “Heart and Soul” of Women of Sugarmill Woods – and that makes all the difference in the world to a lot of people living in Citrus County! And we love you for all you do to make a difference!

Donna Rayne, Education & Scholarship Committee

*14th Annual "School"astic Classic
Golf Tournament*

GOLF IS A "CABERNET"!

Presented by the Women of Sugarmill Woods

Tournament Date:	Monday, February 22, 2010 (Rain date Monday, March 1, 2010)
Location/Time:	Sugarmill Woods Country Club Cypress Blvd. West & 2nd Douglas St., Homosassa, FL 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 13, 2010
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 #4 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 Chef Derrick's "Soup, Salad, and Dessert Bar Buffet." Cream of potato soup, beef barley soup, chicken salad, 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 to:

Scholastic Classic Golf Tournament, 100 Cypress Blvd West, Homosassa, FL 34446

For questions concerning registration please contact Vicki Budd at 352-382-5216 or email her at vbudd@tampabay.rr.com. For general tournament questions, contact Donna Rayne at 352-382-2999 or email her at drayne@tampabay.rr.com.



ENTRY FORM FOR MAILING OR DEPOSITING IN WSW MAILBOX #4

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>
1. _____			
E-mail _____			
2. _____			
E-mail _____			
3. _____			
E-mail _____			
4. _____			
E-mail _____			

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Volunteers are the very backbone of the WSW. Thank you for your time and dedication to the various WSW projects. If you have some spare time or think you would like to try something different please call me to check out the opportunities and needs. Together we do make a difference right here at home in Citrus County.

As you clean out your closets for the trash and treasure sale please remember that seniors in local nursing homes need clothing items and CASA is collecting old cell phones with and without any additional equipment. Please call Pat O'Brien, 382-5571 to arrange to drop off either of these items.

February will be the last book and magazine sale for this club year. All merchandise not sold will be donated to the trash and treasure sale.

TRASH AND TREASURE FUNDRAISER

Our annual Trash and Treasure sale is scheduled for March 19 and 20 at the Crystal Square Plaza (Building #773) from 2:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Friday and 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM on Saturday. We are very sorry that Jan Reeves will be unable to chair the event this year, and very grateful to Barbara Caramanico for volunteering to take over. Barbara, with the help of additional volunteers Francesca Paar, Pepper Krugman and Linda Swart will be meeting shortly to work on the details of the event. We have some new ideas which will be featured in the February newsletter. This is the last major fundraiser of the year so we would like to make it a very successful endeavor. All proceeds from the sale go to the scholarship fund and local charities.

Please start collecting your gently used contributions. We will also need volunteers to help price and display the items before the actual sale as well as helpers the two days of the sale. Barbara will be passing around a sign up sheet at the January luncheon. Please sign up to help us out, any small block of time you can give is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help out, please call Barbara Caramanico at 503-5162 or Judi Bailey at 464-4380.

Judi Bailey,
Director, Fund Raising



INTRA-CLUB ACTIVITIES

Bridget Leo, 382-0080

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- 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

(Social / Support 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

MEMBERSHIP

We currently have 329 members. This month we want to welcome the following lady to our organization: Tamara Borrás, 5 Primula Court West, 352-382-3729. Please add Tamara to your 2009-2010 directories.

We will start accepting membership dues after the first of the year for the 2010-2011 year. **The membership dues have been raised to \$30.00** due to increased expenses. If you get in your membership dues by July 1, your name will be placed in the new WSW directory for 2010-11.

I still have several 2009-10 directories. If you haven't received one yet, I will be bringing several copies to our luncheon on January 25 and again on February 15. Please look for them on one of the tables before you go into the dining room. The new directories will not be available until the fall, 2010. I will also be bringing some WSW tote bags for those of you, especially our new members, who have not received one.

When you pay your membership dues please drop your check in the membership box at the wall at the entrance to Sugarmill Woods, No envelopes, please. Please write "membership dues for 2010-11" in the memo section of your check. If you have an application, just clip it the check and put it in the slot.

Another reminder: For e-mail updates, please be sure to send me your current e-mail address. I have had some e-mails returned to me, so please give me the correct information, so that I can keep you informed of our monthly updates.

Sandy Partin
Membership Director

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Military Card Party

Our next card party will be held on **Monday, March 8** at the Sugarmill Woods Country Club. Tickets are \$12 per person. Checks and names of players should be deposited in the box labeled Military Cards at the entrance wall by Saturday before the event. Single players please write your name on your check and we will make up a table. If you are unable to attend, please find a replacement. If you can't find anyone call Nancy Morrison at 382-4522 or Sandy Dewart at 382-8701. All checks and names are picked up by Saturday afternoon.

Snacks and conversation begins at 12:30 and playing begins at 1:00 pm. Please bring a food item that might be enjoyed by all.

Raffle, prizes for winners (and losers) and a good time all in one afternoon are promised by all. This event, like all fundraisers is open to the public, so contact your friends from outside of Sugarmill Woods and invite them to join us!