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New Year's Greetings!

During the many years we spent in Hong Kong before retiring to Florida, we began to look forward to the festive Chinese New Year celebrations. There is a saying in China that is repeated often during this special Chinese holiday - Kung Hei Fat Choi - that roughly translated means Happiness and Good Fortune in the coming year. So, if I may use that popular good wish, Kung Hei Fat Choi to you and yours in 2010!

It is with regret that I inform you that our wonderful Director of Fundraising, Linda Swart, felt she must resign her position because of her husband's on-going health situation. Hopefully, sometime in the future, Linda will again serve on the board when things have sorted themselves out. She has done a great service for the Women of Sugarmill Woods, exhibiting much heart and soul in her dedication to this demanding position. We will greatly miss Linda's presence in the boardroom. In the same breath, I am pleased to announce that our Board Secretary, Judi Bailey, has agreed to take over this role for the remainder of this club year. Thank you Judi!

Hasn't this club year gone quickly? It doesn't seem possible that it is January already, or that we are gearing up for our School-astic Golf Tournament in February. I know Donna Rayne and her committee are working diligently to assure another successful event whereby the proceeds will go directly to scholarships for local students. If you are called upon to help in some way with this tournament, I hope you will say "yes" because it is such a worthwhile endeavor, and the scholarships we award mean so very much to the recipients. And speaking of our golf tournament, I hope I see you at our January 25 luncheon as Donna and the Education and Scholarship Committee a.k.a. the WSW Players present **A MYSTERY** for us to solve - "**Murder is Par for the Course**". As in the past, I know we will have a lot of fun sorting through the clues and trying to decide *who did it!*

As I wrote earlier, the year is going by very fast, which leads to another announcement! Barbara Rathke has been appointed Chair of the Nominating Committee whose job will be to select candidates for next year's Board. We must get this process underway in January, according to our Standing Rules. If you are called upon by Barbara or a member of her committee to serve on the WSW Board of Directors, I hope you will say yes! I work with an amazing group of women on the board, and I think we would all agree that it is a very rewarding experience to serve our WSW membership in this manner.

In closing, I hope you are collecting your gently used items for the upcoming Trash and Treasure Sale in March. If you have questions regarding this, please call Judi Bailey (464-4380) or Chairperson Jan Reeves (382-2734)

If you need a WSW directory, please call Membership Director, Sandy Partin, at 382-2567.

See you on January 25 at Glen Lakes for our delightful Mystery Luncheon! *I'm betting on your sleuthing skills to find the culprit who did the reprehensible deed!* Also, remember to bring paper products for WE CARE Homosassa Food Pantry, and your gently used books/magazines for our book sale.

Joyce Rasmussen
President (382-3466)

HEART and SOUL LUNCHEON
and
“WHO DUNIT” MYSTERY
Monday January 25, 2010 at Glen Lakes Country Club
9000 Glen Lakes Blvd., Weeki Wachee, FL
Doors open at 11:00 a.m., Lunch served shortly after 12:00 Noon

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Once again it is our pleasure to welcome our members, new members, and guests to enjoy our annual “Mystery” Luncheon. For your entertainment we will present **“Murder is Par for the Course”** directed by Donna Rayne. We are using this mystery presentation to remind our ladies that our next major Fund Raiser is just around the corner on February 22, 2010, our **14th “School-astic” Classic Golf Tournament!**

Please join us and help solve the mystery of who killed Holin Wunn just as he was about to claim victory on the 18th. hole and beat his female rival Birdie Bigelow!

Our Golf Tournament Committee will have a table set up for entry forms, and to receive “Re-gifting” items to use in their event. If you are re-gifting durable food items (gift baskets, etc.) please be sure the “use by” date has not expired. Anyone wishing to become a patron may drop off her check at that time.

Please bring paper products for the WE CARE Food Pantry for those in need. Also, Pat O’Brien will again feature our book/magazine sale, so please donate your gently used books and buy a book or two as well!

May we have the pleasure of your company on the 25th of January, 2010? Come prepared to have fun!

MENU

Asparagus Brie Soup

1. Great Lakes Club Sandwich 2. Vegetarian Cobb Salad

Lemon Tart/Raspberry Coulis

Please indicate your choice by number and include it on your check in the amount of \$17.00 per person made payable to The Women of Sugarmill Woods (WSW). Please write the name(s) of your guests on your check, even if they are submitting a separate check. Deposit your check in the box marked “LUNCHEONS” at the WSW mailboxes located near the US 19 entrance **no later than 6:00 pm Monday, January 18th. Thank you.**

Joan Reece
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EDUCATION & SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS...

Your E&S Committee has continued to meet through the fall. Our work to date has been to develop written policies and procedures that govern the activities of our area of focus, especially regarding scholarships. The Board of Directors has accepted our work. Now any member new to the Education & Scholarship Committee will have a better understanding of her work, her responsibilities, and how the committee functions. Judy Hill has also been busy with both RIF (Reading is Fundamental) and Writer's Club programs at Homosassa Elementary School. We all thank you for volunteering to help out with both programs. Our next **Writer's Club program will be Monday, February 1**, so please call Judy at 382-1348 if you wish to volunteer.

The E&S Committee is also working on the murder mystery for the upcoming January luncheon. "Murder Is Par For the Course" will be a fun mystery to solve, and it allows us to create a connection to our next major fund-raiser – the **14th Annual Schoolastic Classic Golf Tournament** that will be held on **Monday, February 22, 2010** at Sugarmill Woods Country Club. Joan Reece has provided more details in the luncheon section of our newsletter.

The golf tournament needs your help – and there are so many ways in which you can help make this event successful. You may choose to **participate** and play in the event. An entry form is elsewhere in this newsletter. You may choose to **be a patron**, a financial donor who knows that her monetary gift will go into our WSW Scholarship Fund. For each \$100 a patron donates, she (or he) will receive a gift certificate good for a round of golf for four people at SMW country club (excluding cart fee). You may also **donate an item** that is new and unused that we can "regift" for door prizes or our Chinese auction. Last year we had re-gifted items of designer outfits, wine rack/glasses, various pieces of jewelry, a Murano glass figurine, a canister set, and more. Another way in which you can donate is to **offset a tournament expense by donating** cases of water (16.9 oz. size bottles), a box or two of Crystal Lite To Go flavor sticks (any flavor), small boxes of raisins, Planter's Trail Mix snack packs (usually comes 6 to a box) or Planter's Daybreak Blend Trail Mix, candy bars, yogurt bars, power bars, packs of crackers, or any other pre-wrapped snack item that a golfer can carry with her during the round of golf. Every dollar we don't have to spend is a dollar that goes into our Scholarship Fund. And you may also choose to **volunteer your time** during the months of January and February to solicit businesses for donations, help wrap gift items, print out programs and other items needed for the tournament, serve as course ranger on the day of the tournament, etc. The more hands we have to do the work, the lighter the load is for everyone and the more great ideas we get on how to do things better.

We will have a table set up at the January luncheon where you can bring any items mentioned above – we will be happy to "take them off your hands!" Entry forms for the tournament will also be available.

As chairwoman of this year's event, I hope that you will reach out and find a way to assist your Education & Scholarship Committee by making our charity golf tournament fund-raiser a great success! Please call me at 382-2999 or e-mail me at Drayne@tampabay.rr.com or any and all questions. If you have a specific question about registration or reservations for the tournament please call Vicki Budd at 382-5216 or e-mail her at Vbudd@tampabay.rr.com. If you would like to volunteer please call Debbie Calleri at 503-7238 or e-mail her at Adcalleri@tampabay.rr.com and let her know how you'd like to help.

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	_____	_____	_____
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4.	_____	_____	_____	_____
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COMMUNITY SERVICES

Happy New Year! Many Citrus County families and US troops off in Iraq celebrated the holidays thanks to your generosity. Although the Salvation Army did not have Santa's sleigh available their truck sure looked like it was ready to fly with all the goodies you donated. A child's eyes say it all - as they realize Santa (WSW) DELIVERED! Thank you to our members and a special nod to Janet Mark and her committee, great job.

Operation Cookie Drop is still shipping. Please call Marianne Deacon 382-0275.
Thank you Marianne for your dedication to our troops and your many trips to the Homosassa Post Office.

Citrus County Hospice appreciated us "womaning" their Tree of Remembrance table at the Crystal River Mall. Listening to the many stories helps us appreciate our special reasons for sharing the holidays with family and friends. Thank you Shirley Dube for coordinating the calendar and sending us those timely reminders. As of this writing there are no donation figures available.

Our January luncheon will continue with our monthly charity focus and once again, we will collect paper goods for the WeCare Homosassa Food Pantry. Napkins, paper towels, toilet paper are always needed so bring them along and share the first luncheon of the new year with US! We will have the magazine and book sale – the last sale will be in February.

Don't forget Nursing home bingo the third Monday of each month. You can bring bingo prizes to any luncheon Edna or Anita will take them along to the seniors.

Pat O'Brien 382-5571, Community Services Director.

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

MEMBERSHIP

We currently have 328 members. This month we want to welcome the following ladies to our organization:

Nancy Maschman, 25 Lemington Court, 503-7011
Joyce Matarese, 2 Primula Drive, 503-7005
Betty Boekholder, 49 Black Willow Street, 815-631-0234

Please add these ladies to your 2009-2010 directories.

If any of the new members and/or re-joining members have not given me your e-mail address, please send it to Sandycee02@yahoo.com. You will then become a part of my e-mail contact list and will be receiving monthly e-mail updates. If you have changed your e-mail address, please let me know, and I will make the necessary changes.

We will start accepting membership dues after the first of the year for the 2010-2011 year. If you get in your membership dues by July 1, 2010, your name will be placed in the new WSW directory for that year.

I still have several 2009-10 directories. If you haven't received one yet, I will be bringing several copies to each luncheon or if you cannot attend the luncheon, please call me at 382-2567 and I will be glad to get one to you.

Sandy Partin
Membership Director

FUNDRAISING

The Trash and Treasure Sale is scheduled for March 19 and 20, 2010. Please think about what gently used items you might wish to contribute to this important fundraiser. Judi Bailey will be writing more about this in the next newsletter. Right now, Judi is just "getting her feet wet" in her new position as Director of Fundraising. If you have questions regarding the Trash and Treasure Sale, please call Judi Bailey (464-4380), or Trash and Treasure Chairperson, Jan Reeves (382-2734). This will be the last major fundraiser of the year, so please help us make this a successful endeavor!

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Military Card Party

Our next card party will be held on Monday, January 18 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!