

P*ainting* The Way

"To offer a nonprofit, educational and service-oriented organization to its members"

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December a Huge Success

December is our busiest month of the year with many projects taking place --

- Holiday Boutique
- Luminaries
- Holiday Tea & Home Tour
- Cookbook Sales
- Charles E. Bennett Charity Drive
- Decorating the front entrance of Magnolia Point

Each and every one was a huge success. The accolades and final reports will be presented at our meeting.

January Meeting

Our next meeting is Wednesday, January 12 at 3:00 in the clubhouse. Our guest speaker will be our own member, **Rita Entsminger**, will give a talk on "Women and Finances". Plus, there will be a brief presentation on the Jacksonville Symphony.

Why not bring a hardback or paperback book with you to the meeting – read on to find out why!

Be sure to plan on attending for Happy Hour from 5 - 7pm as there will be a special MPWC slide show.

Charles E. Bennett Charity Fund

This year, we shopped for 10 families - 41 individuals. The following "elves" were responsible for the shopping and wrapping: **Debbie Brown, Ann Colantuono, Helen Wagner, Sharon Sprott, Dottie Lunt, Shelli West, Karen Kennedy, Diane Lang, Dorothy Wood, Lucia Hipp, Marlene Jacobs, Iris McDivitt and Elaine Schriever**, (who even shopped in Virginia!) Much gratitude for all their help. Thanks, too, to **Coral Nettuno** for donating lots of stuffed animals. A special thank you to **Sharon Sprott, Dottie Lunt and Diane and Bob Lang** for helping deliver the packages to the Bennett School.

A special thanks to **Barbara Szymanski** for organizing this special project. Since assisting the Bennett School is a year-round project, anyone may still donate by dropping a check off at Barbara's home at 3552 Olympic Drive.

Ladies Room Renovation

Many thanks to the Magnolia Point Women's Club who oversaw the renovation of ladies room in the lobby of the clubhouse. **Marguerite Martin** spearheaded the project from start to finish. And, she had plenty of help along the way including the support of President **Nancy Nettuno**.

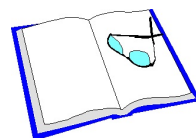
Cary Hanley, Marilyn Kessler and Caryl Marshall spent hours prepping the painting the woodwork in both the ladies room and on the front entry doors to the club. **Marie Plourde** made the new valance in the men's room and the settee cushions in the ladies room. **Don Plourde** helped with the installation of both and made the new paper towel holder. Thanks to **Jeanne Boyer, Marguerite Riley, Sandy Magyar, Susan Mitchell, Cary Hanley, and Julie Fronck** (Joe's assistant) for donating various items used in decorating the area. A new light and faucet were installed courtesy of Joe Wyzkoski.

Many thanks to **Marty Whitney** who painted the cabinet in the ladies room in a faux finish to match the settee.

Besides overseeing the entire project, **Marguerite Martin** purchased the elegant gold sconces, the magnolia wallpaper border and the fabric for the valance and the cushions. She also made the lace curtains and throw pillows as well as the trash container that fits under the cabinet.

Again, many thanks to Marguerite Martin, her team, Nancy Nettuno and the MPWC for undertaking this project.

Book Club - January 26



The next meeting of the book club will be on January 26th at 11 AM. We will meet at the home of **Donna Medara** - 3683 Baltusrol Court.

The Other Boleyn Girl by Philippa Gregory is the book of the month. This is a fascinating novel about Anne Boleyn's sister including royal shenanigans and women's place in society at that time. Remember - Bring your lunch - drinks and dessert will be provided.

President's Message

As your leader, I would like to begin the year with a tribute to all of the many volunteers who have worked tirelessly to complete our key projects over the last few weeks. Our meeting on January 12th will be dedicated to you. We plan to have a pictorial of most of the volunteers and events running during Happy Hour following the meeting.

In the next few weeks, our Executive Board will start planning the coming year. I invite anyone interested in a leadership role to contact me.

Our primary speaker in January will be **Rita Entsminger** and she will speak on "Women and Finances". After her presentation, **Bill Cosnotti** from the Jacksonville symphony will speak for a few minutes about something that may be of interest to you.

See you at the meeting!

Nancy

Books Needed for Young Readers

Swimming Pen Creek Elementary School, a new Clay County school, has an urgent need for library items. County budget restraints have kept this new school's library from being fully stocked.

We have established an account at Chamblain's Bookmine whereby ANY BOOK – hardback or paperback – may be taken there for credit. The credits will be given to Swimming Pen Elementary so children's books can be purchased by their librarian. The school can also use any elementary-age educational items. So far, we have \$130 in credits. Chamblain's is located on US 17, right over the Ortega River Bridge, immediately on your right. For the shoppers – it's just before the Roosevelt Mall!

If you would like your books to be picked up or additional information, call MPWC members **Mary Margaret Wyzkowski** (529-8799) or **Marty Whitney** (284-8016). Items may also be taken directly to the school located on Swimming Pen Creek Road and State Road 220.

This is certainly a painless way to GIVE and help out the school children in Clay County.

It isn't necessary to wait for Spring to clean out your bookcases!

Welcome New Member Barbara Fitz

Box Tops for Education/Campbell's Labels



Thank you to all of our members who have continued to cut out "Box Tops for Education" and also clip the labels for Campbell's soup, Pepperidge Farm, Franco-American, V-8 and Prego products. A special thanks to Elaine Schriever, who is away from Magnolia Point for 6 months, and still collects labels for CE Bennett School.

Campbell's is now offering 5 EXTRA points for Campbell's SELECT soup, also for Campbell's KITCHEN CLASSIC soups. Our collection container is still in the ladies locker room or you can drop the off in my mail box at 1952 Quaker Ridge or call me I will pick them up.

Thanks to all the members for supporting Bennett School an to Geri Isgan for heading up this project.

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