



# Pointing The Way



*"To offer a social, educational and charitable organization to the women of Magnolia Point"*

## Weds, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> Holiday Social Event . . . .

Instead of a meeting this month, we'll meet at **NOON** at the Clay Council on Aging, the Senior Center at 604 Walnut Street in Green Cove Springs.

Celebrate Christmas with a Pot Luck Lunch and kick off the season in style. The Social Committee is providing fried chicken, rolls, tea, lemonade, plates, cups, and utensils, but volunteers needed to bring sides and desserts.



A Christmas-themed gift exchange, (between \$10 and \$15) and a game will be played. This is optional. A couple of raffles will also be played.

Contact Eloise Burman for more details at [Eloiseburman@msn.com](mailto:Eloiseburman@msn.com).

## Santas Elves On The Loose . . . . .

Forty of Santa's Elves have been very busy shopping for 65 children at the Charles E. Bennett Elementary School which includes their siblings. Gift bags full of presents will be delivered to the school on Tuesday, Dec 12<sup>th</sup> and the parents will come and get the bags and hide them until Santa arrives.



We are also providing gift cards purchased from Winn Dixie for 30 families to help with a Christmas dinner. The gift cards can be used for food only.

A great big THANK YOU goes out to our shoppers for all they have done to help make Christmas a happy one for the children.

We also need to thank the people of Magnolia Point for their donations to the annual charity drive for CEB. We would not be able to do what we do without their generosity and support.

We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

CEB Committee

## Happy Holidays to All . . . . .

Happy Chanukah to our members who begin their celebration at sundown on Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>.



## Upcoming Events . . . . .

- Dec 13 . . . . . Christmas Luncheon
- Jan 03 . . . . . Board Meeting
- Jan 10 . . . . . Meeting, Bingo & Birthday Party
- Feb 07 . . . . . Board Meeting
- Feb 14 . . . . . Meeting

# Merry Christmas

## Hand & Foot Card Game . . . . .

The Hand & Foot game is scheduled for the first Wednesday of every month. If you are interested in playing, look for the email to sign up that comes out on Tuesday the week before. The cost is \$2.00 for prize money. Players should arrive at the clubhouse by 9:45am to enjoy some fruit and other goodies. Play starts at 10am and followed by lunch.

# Feliz Navidad

## Save Your Brown Paper Bags . . . . .

Our collection of brown paper bags for Waste Not, Want Not is ongoing. Monday thru Friday, WNWN collects food that would ordinarily be discarded and many times needs to be distributed right away. WNWN has donated food valued at more than \$25,000 to the women's club for our weekend food program.

## Welcome New Members . . . . .

Susanne Bender

# Frohe Weihnachten!

## Movie Monday . . . . .

The last Monday of every month is "Movie Monday." The film is announced via email and members meet at the New Vision 12 on Fleming Island.

## President's Message .....

As I say "Happy Holidays" to everyone I meet, I come to remember the holidays I celebrated with my family so many years ago. As a kid I never cared about how the symbols of the season came to be.

My family celebrated Christmas as the birth of Christ. Some of you celebrated Hanukkah (re-dedication of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem from the Syrians), Kwanzaa (African-Americans celebrating their heritage) and so on. It seems that the times have changed and half see these holidays as religious, and the other half see it as a cultural holiday. No matter how we are celebrating this season it all comes down to spending time with those we love.

Funny how we see so many more people smiling and giving generously and forgetting that this should be the way the other 11 months should be. We should be helping others all year, whether they need food, clothing or just a kind word. Our women's club does this all year long with the monies raised through our fundraising and volunteering efforts.

Some of the symbols of the season have gone back many years. In the 4<sup>th</sup> century, Bishop of Myra of Turkey became known as St. Nicholas. He was a kind and generous man to children. He became a patron saint of Russia and wore a flowing white beard and red cape.

The Christmas tree tradition started in the 16<sup>th</sup> century when Germans decorated fir trees in their home adorned with roses, candies, apples and colored paper and eventually added lit candles. Children hanging the stocking started when a nobleman lost his wife and squandered his fortune and neglected his three daughters. A fellow nobleman heard of his plight and dropped three pouches of gold down their chimney which were caught by the stockings drying for the three daughters.

No matter how all this started we celebrate our December holidays with the warmth and longing for love and security of our families, young and old.

If you have an empty seat at your holiday table fill it with someone who is alone this holiday. Bless you all and have a safe and peaceful season.

Grace Barber, MPWC President

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