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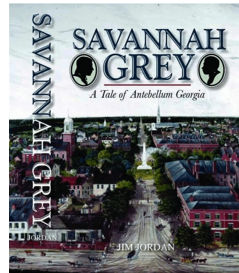
February 2008

"Savannah Grey" Author, Jim Jordan . . .

Members were enthralled by our guest speaker, Mr. Jim Jordan, author of his first book, *Savannah Grey*. Formerly a CPA, Mr Jordan is an historian and tour director in Savannah, Georgia. The book has been described as "a stunning tale of life in Georgia in the years leading up to the Civil War.



Dee Pratt & Jim Jordan



The fictional characters are as real as the historical ones." The story is about two young men -- Joseph, a plantation owner's son, destined for a life of privilege, and Andrew, who is enslaved.

help 20 families with food gift cards for the parents and clothes, books and toys for 54 children. Because of an incredible number of volunteers, we were able to spend every dollar raised on the CEB students and families.

More than 50 members volunteered their time, either assembling the letters to the community, hand delivering them to each home or very frugally shopping for gifts and then, beautifully wrapping each one. Our super shoppers were: Mela Abate, Debbie Brown, Kathie Cardon, Sandy Clark, Jean Cosby, Sherry Cruse, Sheila Donald, Ellen Edmonds, Marsha Elmore, Kathy Felton, Joy Gregus, Betty Holmes, Amy Hutcherson, Marlene Jacobs, Lynn Kelley, Kathryn Kossuth, Dottie Lunt, Joanne Montzka, Jan Pence, Dee Pratt, Jamie Robson, Doe Sankey, Sharon Sprott, Sara Spurrier, Barbara Szymanski, Cindy Triay, Emily Vereen, and Dorothy Wood.

Wed., Feb. 13 - Meeting

Our next meeting is February 13 at 3pm in the clubhouse. Important items on the agenda include approval of the recommendations of the Charity Committee and sign up for our day trip to Winter Park on March 13.

Our guest speaker is Tom Edwards of the Edwards Law Firm. He has been practicing law for 27 years and specializes in trusts, estate planning, guardianship, probate, trust administration and Medicaid planning. His emphasis will be on how to avoid probate even with a will and minimize or eliminate estate taxes, etc. His 45 minute presentation will begin at 3:45pm, followed by a question and answer period. Then, there will be a short intermission of 10 or 15 minutes followed by Joe Wyzkoski who will update us on the proposed amenity plan. Husbands are welcome to attend and are asked to arrive at 3:45 or 4:30.

Happy Hour will follow from 5-7pm and a served dinner of shrimp or chicken teriyaki over rice with a Caesar salad bar for \$10.95 ++. Call Dyal for reservations.

Charles E. Bennett Christmas Drive

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Charles E. Bennett Fund this year. We collected \$5,225 from our very caring Magnolia Point Community, which enabled us to

An excerpt from the CEB principal's thank you letter states: "my wish for all of you would be to see what we see when parents come to school to pick up packages. It is not uncommon for us to see tears from both mom and dad when they tell us how Christmas would not have been possible without your generosity."

Thank you all for your unselfish donations of both time and money. ~ Sandy Eastman/JoAnn Johnson

BOOKS-A-Go-Go

Candy McMillan has announced the details of our upcoming book drive that will provide books for low income students at CEB and in Clay County. The students will be able to keep their books.

We will collect new or gently used books for K - 5th Grade students from February 18 - March 3. Books may be brought to our February meeting or dropped off at the club, front gate and at Candy's home, 1918 Colonial Drive. Please do not donate reference books, National Geographic, textbooks or encyclopedias.

Train Trip to Winter Park - March 11 . .

Sign-up will begin for our train trip to Winter Park that includes a boat excursion. Details have been emailed.

President's Message.

One thing is for sure, the Women of Magnolia Point are always busy. We are always helping others and having a great time doing it.

In January, the Charity Committee met to discuss where we could donate funds that would make the best immediate impact. I am happy to report that with the guidance of our fearless leader, Helen Weygand, we once again found eight worthy causes to recommend. Thanks go to Susan, Nancy, Kathie, Lynn, Thresa and myself as we worked through each.

The Nominating Committee met as well, and I am happy to say that all positions have been filled. I can't say how much I appreciate everyone who has stepped forward to head these committees.

We are finally going to have some day trips. First, Sara Spurrier is hard at work organizing a trip to Winter Park on March 11. It will involve a train and boat ride and provide a very enjoyable day for all. Please come to the February meeting with your check book if you are interested. Second, you asked and Hattie Reddinger has followed through. She is planning a trip to Savannah on Wed., April 23. When we arrive Jim Jordan will be our tour guide. We will then go to a shopping area and have lunch at Paula Dean's restaurant. Cost for this trip should be around \$80 - depending on how many are interested. Hattie will have more information at the meeting.

Many thanks to new member Candy McMillan who is heading up our book drive for low income students.

Hope everyone has a Happy Valentines Day!! ~~ Cindy

February Book Club

A LAND REMEMBERED by Patrick Smith will be discussed on Wednesday, Feb. 27 at the home of Pat Ezzell. Bring your lunch. Drinks and dessert will be provided.

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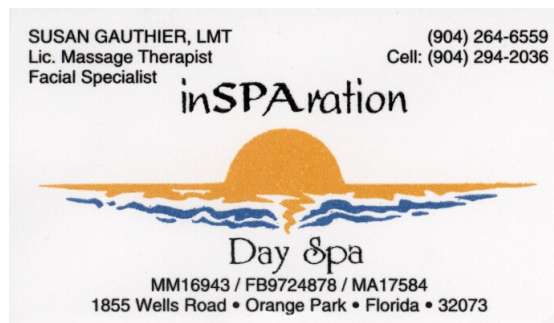
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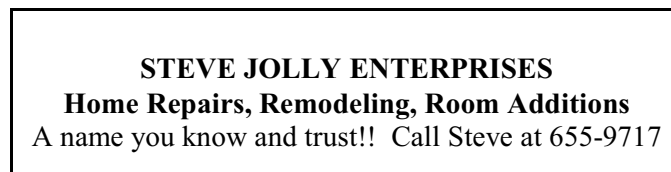
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