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Magnolia Singers Perform

Our own Magnolia Singers, led by Allen Eastman, performed at our July meeting. The program consisted of patriotic songs in honor of the 4th of July and included a solo by Cindy Ross and a sing-along! Luckily, with so many singers, those of us who sing "off key" could not be heard!



Everyone, singers and members, looked great dressed in their red, white and blue.

Many thanks to Judy Williamson for organizing the group and getting it off the ground! And, to Allen Eastman for leading the singers and producing the programs and to all the girls who spend one day a week practicing. Lately, they have been performing for our local senior citizens.

Wed., August 13 - Meeting

Our meeting is August 13th at 3pm in the clubhouse. The guest speaker is Joyce Davidson, author of "Olivia's Secrets" and local proprietor/owner of Historic Grounds, a new book store on Walnut Street. She is a native of Ohio, but has spent the last 37 years here in Florida. She has taught speech, drama, English, speech therapy, the gifted children's program, geography and world culture. Ms. Davidson will be bringing books for sale.

The meeting will be followed by Happy Hour from 5-7pm and a served stuffed flounder dinner at 5:30 for \$10.95++.
Call Dyal for reservations - 269-9276 x 0.

Elvis is Coming

Mark your calendars for Saturday evening, February 7th. A day trip is planned for the "Elvis" performance at the Thrasher-Horne Center for the Performing Arts.

Food Pantry Needs Help

We will again have a special food drive for the Food Pantry at our August meeting. If you are able, please bring a donation to the meeting. Items needed include:

- ▶ Cereal
- ▶ Peanut butter & jelly
- ▶ Canned and dry beans
- ▶ Canned tuna
- ▶ Grits

The Food Pantry will be grateful for any donation.

Directory Ad Sales To Begin

Our annual Directory Ad Sales have begun with **Judy Williamson** heading the committee. The ads cost:

Full Page (8-1/2 x 5)	\$75.00
Half Page	40.00
Business Card	30.00

Forms are available on our website and may be downloaded and printed. Click on "Members Only" and then, "Directory Ad Info."

Thanks, CEB Shoppers!

A special thank you to all the dedicated shoppers who purchased 44 appropriate, yet fun, back-to-school outfits for the CEB students – while staying under budget!

These children will walk into their classrooms with huge grins on their faces on their first day of school because of you! There's nothing like a brand new outfit to build self-esteem! These clothes will be delivered to the school on August 14th for distribution.

Our shoppers for this year were: **Mela Abate, Kathie Cardon, Kit Cella, Dottie Curry, Jeanne Gorman, Betty Holmes, Lois Kastl, Dottie Lunt, Candy McMillan, Joanne Montzka, Marie Plourde, Kit Seiferd, Sara Spurrier, and Judy Williamson.** Thanks to you all for an outstanding job!

JoAnn Johnson and Joanie Braatz

President's Message

Hello to all of you! Hope July was a terrific month for you! No doubt, it was filled with vacations of family and fun. I love all of the above!!

Our program last month was so special. The Magnolia Singers could not have been better! What a treat -- all dressed up in Red, White, and Blue, and the audience in the same, made the dinner of good old American food taste even better. It was a fun evening! Thank you Dee and Gwen, for planning it all, again. And, thank you Magnolia Singers!! We can't wait for our next show.

Cindy Triay decided at the last minute to sell the Magnolia note cards. What a great idea. She sold almost \$200.00 worth. What a wonderful after thought. Thank you, Cindy.

You will all begin to hear from Cindy Bonk often, as she is heading the Luminary Committee, which is scheduled for Saturday night, December 6th. This is an enormous undertaking, so please respond when she asks for help. If we all work together on this, it has always worked out to be our largest fund raiser for our club. Thank you Cindy, for all that you have done, and all you are about to do!!

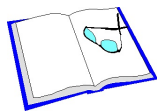
On July 16th, Susan Mitchell received a letter from the IRS granting our club 501(3)(c) status. This allows for donations to be individually tax deductible plus, the club can now apply for grants. It is all very new and complicated, but a wonderful opportunity for our club. Nancy Nettuno and Susan have worked endless hours on this. Be sure to thank them!

Shame on me. I almost forgot, JoAnn Johnson. All the clothes will be delivered to Charles E. Bennett August 14th. Thank you soooo much JoAnn, and all of you who shopped.

Hope August is extra special!! Stay happy and healthy, and make sure to have Fun!

Until next time, Lynn

August Book Club



The Book Club will meet on Wednesday, August 27th at 11am at the home of Alice Kerrigan, 1924 Colonial Drive, to discuss the book *The Master Butcher Singing Club* by Louise Erdrich. Bring your lunch -- we will

have drinks and dessert for you.

All members are invited to join in and if you have any questions, call **Donna Medara** at 529-7524.

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WANTED: MEN!! ... MEN INTERESTED IN SINGING? You have heard the Magnolia Singers--do you want to join in and be a part of them? We would like to expand the group to include a full range of voices -- female and male. So, we are looking for four to six men to sing in our Fall and holiday programs.

Call Judy Williamson - 284-9680 or email her at jwmason2@bellsouth.net. She will get your name to Director Eastman when he returns from his summer vacation.