

*****BOARD HIGHLIGHTS – August 2023*****

- Treasurer Linda Werring reports that as of July 26, the Club has 184 paid members.
- Donna Habing and Suzanne Foster will be collecting new school supplies at the August general meeting and at their homes through August 15. This project is in support of the Clay County Teacher Store.
- Winn Dixie's "Bloomin' 4 Good" program is in full swing. For the month of August, buy a designated bouquet of Flowers at the local US 17 Winn Dixie and they will donate \$1.00 to MPWC for the CEB Pantry.
- Phyllis Skarbrevik organized a group of volunteers to help sort donations at The Clothes Closet and Food Pantry of Orange Park on Saturday, July 15. The volunteers accompanying Phyllis were Nancy Mills, Kimberly LaPorte, Carrie Cardascia, Ramona Ferrara, and Phyllis's husband Charlie.
- Upcoming service opportunities: Clay County Habitat for Humanity is hosting their annual Leaders Build on Thursday, October 5.
- Activities Director Cindy Triay is planning an afternoon social outing for October. She is researching a Jax Beach Dolphin and Wildlife Tour from Downtown Jacksonville Beach. Cindy will investigate the cost, the exact time, and the minimum number of people needed for the outing. A restaurant outing would be planned before or after the boat trip depending on the timing of the tour.
- On July 19, Amanda Strickland, the new principal at Charles E. Bennett Elementary School, met with CCS Director Suzanne Foster, CEB Liaisons Linda Thill and Pam Young, and former CCS Director Susan Mitchell. Ms. Strickland has big plans for CEB and is making many changes, including changes to the CEB Pantry. There will be plenty of opportunities for MPWC involvement.
- Clay High School Liaison Mary Kendall reported that the 2023 Junior Varsity Football dinner will be held August 24. Mary will ask for volunteers to help with this event at the August 9 meeting.
- The MPWC Directory is almost done! Susan Mitchell and Joanie Braatz are finishing the ad layout. The directory is expected to be printed the week of August 7.
- MPWC purchased a new printer. It was suggested that the old printer be donated to the Clay County Rescue Mission.
- A photographer is needed to take pictures at general meetings for posting on the MPWC Blog and Facebook page. It is also necessary that each committee director or person facilitating an event be responsible for taking photos during the event/activity and forwarding them to Sandy Waldrup for posting.
- Hospitality Chair Diane Lochner delivered welcome bags to 14+ new residents in July. She and Pam Young will visit at least 14 more new residents in the month of August.
- Linda Werring has reserved the Activities Center at Sacred Heart Catholic Church for the MPWC Holiday Luncheon on December 13 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- MPWC will donate \$25.00 to the Green Cove Springs Garden Club.
- The 50/50 raffle to help fund new items for our Arts & Crafts Fair baskets and silent auction will continue at the August 9 general meeting.
- The August general meeting greeters are Linda Werring and Donna Habing.
- The August 9 program speaker is Sara Pleasants of the Florida Department of Transportation.