





Phyllis Skarbrevik shared that on Saturday, July 15, she organized a group of 6 volunteers to help sort donations at the Orange Park Clothes Closet and Food Pantry. The volunteers accompanying Phyllis were Nancy Mills, Kimberly LaPorte, Carrie Cardascia, Ramona Ferrara, and Phyllis's husband Charlie. Phyllis thanked the volunteers who helped and advised that their pictures would be in *Clay Today*. She reported there would be another opportunity to help sort donations sometime in September.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Charitable Giving Opportunities/Service (Lorna Broughton):**

Winn Dixie is sponsoring their Bloomin' 4 Good program during the month of August. Buy a designated bouquet of flowers at the local Winn Dixie on 3260 Highway 17 and they will donate \$1.00 to the Charles E. Bennett Pantry on behalf of MPWC.

Clay County Habitat for Humanity (HH) is hosting their annual Leaders Build on Thursday, October 5, and is asking for sponsors and participants. If interested, contact Lorna for more information.

The Clothes Closet and Food Pantry of Orange Park could use extra help sorting donations on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of each month from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Phyllis Skarbrevik plans to organize another service Saturday in September. Contact Phyllis if interested in volunteering.

MPWC donated \$25.00 to the Green Cove Springs Garden Club.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

**\$1.00 Commercial:** Lorna Broughton advertised that the Penney Memorial Church 2023-34 Concert Series at Penney Farms is starting September 17, 2023, and will continue through April 14, 2024. Lorna provided an information handout.

**ADJOURNMENT:** President Lorna Broughton adjourned the meeting at 4:13 p.m.

## **AFTER MEETING ACTIVITIES**

**50/50 Raffle:** Helen DiGuardia was the winner of today's 50/50 raffle. She donated her winnings to the Arts and Crafts Fair to help with expenses.

**Today's Program:** Sara Pleasants of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) spoke about the First Coast Highway and other transportation concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

Marty Essex, Recording Secretary

## Magnolia Point Women's Club

Attendance at 8/9/23 Meeting

Please Sign In

1. Joan Kurth	26. Anne Lockner
2. Suzanne Foster	27. Norma Oko
3. Gacha Marwal	28. Paul & Young
4. Pam Brame	29. Sharon Spratt
5. Cheryl Newman	30. Ursula Brunat
6. Linda Werring	31. Nancy Catudal
7. Anne Bastress	32. Mary Kendall
8. Helen Di Guardo	33. Mary Tustin
9. Marty Esser	34. Linda Fall
10. Cindy Triay	35. Glenda Harden
11. Pat & Lynn Guest	36. Jolabrennan
12. Françoise Oko	37. Lette Maron
13. Sandy Anderson	38. Margaret Achson
14. Helen Di Guardo	39. Marguerite Myster
15. Martene Jacobs	40. Sandy Mays
16. Joann Vann	41. Phyllis Skarbrue
17. Nancy Mills	42. Jim No
18. Jacqueline Shields	43. Shirley Orwash
19. Brie Spore	44. Deanda Foreman
20. Mushi Tielb	45.
21. Balkaly Carter	46.
22. Kim Belcher	47.
23. Lori Miller	48.
24. Jane Corby	49.
25. Theresa Overio	50.

**Magnolia Point Women’s Club (MPWC)**  
**Executive Officer and Committee Reports**  
**August 2, 2023**

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS**

**President** (Lorna Broughton): Whenever possible, Committee Chairs will report on their committee activities at both the Board and general meetings when appropriate. For this practice to work efficiently, Directors will need to let Lorna know prior to both meetings which Chairs would like to report so they can be put on the agendas. Variable speakers make the meeting more interesting and give the Chairs purpose and inclusion.

**Vice President** (Donna Habing): The MPWC inventories have been updated and sent to all Board members. Please let Donna know if there are any further changes or corrections.

**Corresponding Secretary** (Pam Young):

- July 10 - Pam sent a letter and donation of \$500.00 to The Orange Park Clothes Closet and Food Pantry in support of the purchase of a refrigerated van.
- July 10 - Pam sent a letter and donation of \$250.00 to the Clay High School Boys Golf Classic to sponsor a hole at their August 13, 2023, tournament to be held at Magnolia Golf and Country Club.
- July 21 - Pam sent a letter and donation of \$50.00 to Haven Hospice in memory of Peter Schriever, husband of member Elaine Schriever.  
 July 21 - J.P. Hall Children’s Charities sent a thank-you letter for the \$50.00 donation in memory of Jay Oliverio, husband of Thresa Oliverio.

**Treasurer** (Linda Werring):

Report prepared for August 2 Board Meeting

<b>Bank Balance Dated July 26, 2023</b>	<b>Actual Balance as of July 26, 2023</b>
Checking Account \$264.90	Checking Account \$164.90
Unrestricted Money Market \$14,241.64	Unrestricted Money Market \$14,241.64
Savings (Reserves) \$8,082.29	Savings (Reserves) \$8,082.29
Schools Account \$3,335.89	Schools Account \$3,335.89
FCC Account \$3,391.50	FCC Account \$3,391.50
Scholarship Account \$10,037.01	Scholarship Account \$10,037.01

- There are two outstanding checks: \$50 Alzheimer’s Association  
 \$50 Haven Hospice (Memorial check for Peter Schriever)
- Last month, the club made the following donations:  
 \$500.00 to The Clothes Closet and Food Pantry for their van fund  
 \$250.00 to The Clay High School Boys Golf Team for their August 2023 tournament  
 \$50.00 to Haven Hospice in memory of Peter Schriever
- The Club renewed the dual sponsor tickets to the Orange Park Community Theatre. The Club will receive two (2) tickets to five different shows for the 2023-2024 season. Two tickets will be given as a door prize at the next general meeting.
- As of July 26, the Club has 184 paid members.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Activities** (Cindy Triay):

- Programs:
  - August 9: Sara Pleasants from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will speak about the First

Coast Highway and other DOT issues that affect us.

- September 13: Bring One/Take One Handbag, Scarf, and Jewelry Exchange.
- October 11: Paul Grybb from the Audubon Society will be our speaker.
- November 8: Art Yeaman will perform his new character “Ben Abrams”.
- Possible Social Outings:
  - Cindy proposed two (2) options for a social outing in October, the River Taxi at Downtown Jacksonville Beach for a Dolphin and Wildlife tour, the River Taxi at Downtown Jacksonville for a Sunset Cruise. The taxi holds 60 people. Either of these excursions would be on a Wednesday or Thursday. A restaurant could be planned for before or after the Taxi trip. Cindy will investigate these options further.
  - Pam Brame, Jackie Maneval, and Cindy are going to scout out the Museum of Natural History in Gainesville on August 11.
  - The Cummer Museum is a possibility for an outing in January or February.
- Holiday Luncheon: Sandy Waldrup reports that Linda Werring reserved the Sacred Heart Catholic Church’s Activities Center for December 13. Joanne LaBeouf and Barbara Adams have volunteered to help.

**Clay County Schools (CCS):** (Suzanne Foster):

**Clay Education Foundation (CEF) - Update on Tools 4 Clay Schools:** Donna Habing and Suzanne Foster are collecting new school supplies in the lobby at general meetings and at their homes until August 15. This project is in support of the Clay County Teacher Store. Sandy Waldrup sent the Tools 4 Clay Schools link to all members July 29 in a reminder email.

**Updated School Contacts:** Susan Mitchell has updated the contact information for the schools in Clay County that MPWC regularly supports and the contact information of the school liaisons.

**AMIkids** (Donna Habing): No report.

**Bannerman Alternative School (BAN)** (Mary Austin): No report.

**Charles E. Bennett Elementary (CEB):** Pam Young reports that on July 19, Amanda Strickland, the new principal at Charles E. Bennett Elementary met with CCS Director Suzanne Foster, CEB Liaisons Linda Thill and Pam Young, and former CCS Director Susan Mitchell. Principal Strickland has big plans for CEB and is making many changes, including changes to the CEB Pantry.

- Background and staff: Principal Strickland has transferred from Middleburg Elementary where she turned the school around with positive programs for children. Plans to do the same for CEB, with the motto “CEB Heart of the Community.” Principal Strickland will let us know when CEB’s new Social Worker is on board. Yolanda Grant is the Guidance Counselor. CEB is a Title One school with 650 children enrolled (all are eligible for 100% free breakfast and lunch).
- Food Pantry Discussion: Items have been moved from the closet to a cabinet in the front office. Items that expired were thrown away. Principal Strickland presented a new idea for the pantry: to have a once-a-month pick-up with scheduled times for families to receive items. The tentative start date is the third week of September. Principal Strickland has also spoken to two (2) other groups that MPWC may want to partner with: Hibernia Baptist Church (Brooke Thomas is the contact and MPWC should reach out to her in the next month) and Hickory Grove Baptist Church (Augusta Savage is the contact). Right now, Hickory Grove provides a clothing closet. Principal Strickland suggested focusing on the 25 children that are in the “Project Reach.”. These children are considered “homeless” and not living with their parents. They could be living with distant family members, family friends, or foster parents.
- MPWC’s role for the CEB Pantry:
  1. Collect food for the pantry, focusing on a better balance of foods.
    - a. Collect canned and nonperishable foods like before but develop a more specific list - no expired or inappropriate food items.
    - b. On the week of pick-up, purchase fresh vegetables, fruits, and bread. Suggested the Women’s Club could contact Waste Not Want Not for items. This may require volunteers to pick up items at multiple places.
- Need volunteers on the day parents come to pick up the food. This could possibly go into the evening to allow families that work time to pick up.
- Other topics discussed that the Women’s Club could help with:
  1. Continued collection of school supplies, Tools 4 Clay Schools. Also, restock later in the year around

- January. Paper products were specifically mentioned, i.e., paper towels, wipes, tissues.
- 2. Collect hygiene products. Girl/boy underwear, socks, under arm deodorant, female hygiene products.
- 3. Principal Strickland mentioned a program to reward children. The reward would be a T-shirt. MPWC could possibly help fund the purchase of the T-shirts.
- 4. New events planned that we could possibly help with
  - a. Veteran's presentation and parade. Need ideas for what MPWC might do.
  - b. Provide candy for Halloween dress-up day.
  - c. Provide small gift items/foods? for "Breakfast with Santa."
- Maggie's Meals discussion: At this point Principal Strickland isn't sure if the program is needed, but that could change. If so, MPWC would need to write a grant for the money. MPWC can develop a program that can provide additional food/snacks to take home when school will be out for holidays. This would require morning volunteers to pack up the snacks.

**Clay High School (CHS)** (Mary Kendall):

- Mary reports the 2023 Junior Varsity Football dinner will be held August 24. MPWC will provide the meal, desserts, plates, plasticware, and napkins.
- The Clay Cares Boutique at Clay High School: Ninth grader Maggie Mosley is asking various organizations to host a supply drive for hygiene and kid-friendly food items.

**GCS Junior High School (GCJ)** (Barbara Szymanski): No report.

**Communications** (Sandy Waldrup):

**Directory:** The member portion of the directory has been completed, thanks to Barbara Barclay, and has been sent to members for a final review. Susan Mitchell is working on the ad layout and has received printing quotes.

**Printshop:** The new replacement printer is up and running. A decision will be made at the next Board meeting regarding what to do with the old printer.

**Social Media:** Susan Mitchell continues to update the MPWC's Facebook page of our recent activity. Sandy Waldrup and Joanne LaBeouf provide timely blogs on the website of the recent activity. Sandy has an article prepared to send to *Clay Today* about the Women's Club support of the Clay High Boys golf tournament and the Clothes Closet of Orange Park; it will be published in an issue after August 1.

**Website:** Kim Schlosser has made changes to the Social Activities and Groups pages, creating button links for different areas. Online renewal of members' dues was a success, as has the online vendor application/payment for the upcoming Arts & Crafts fair.

**Fundraising** (Joanne LaBeouf):

**Holiday Arts & Crafts Fair:**

- **50/50 Cash raffle:** The Fair team will continue with its 50/50 raffle carried out before each of the August, September and possibly the October general meetings. Tickets are \$1/1 ticket and \$5/6 tickets. The Fair share proceeds goes toward operating expenses. Winners will be announced after the meeting adjourns and before the meeting program.
- **Advertising/Fair:** Sandy Waldrup reports that advertising is going well. She is working with Cheryl Kennedy to do a short 1 to 2-minute fair video blurb that is posted on Next Door and Facebook like last year. She will send out an email blast regarding the upcoming November fair around August 1 or thereabouts. All changes to the advertising flyers have been made and will be printed in time for our local donation coordinators to have in time for September solicitation.
- **Fair Co-Chairs – Vendors:** Kim Schlosser reports that, as of July 26, she has 37 firm vendors out of 42 booths available; only 12 booths are left to sell. Cheryl Newman reports she has received positive feedback from a 3<sup>rd</sup> Food Truck Vendor (Pizza/Italian). Also, she is also pursuing one more food truck looking for a total of 4.
- **Fair Co-Chair – General:** Anne Bastress reports that she has contacted the corporate and local donations MPWC coordinators. Development of the corporate donation letter is in process. Coordinators are in place for the raffle and Silent Auction, and the volunteer floaters. Coordinator announcements will be made in September.

**Directory Ads:** Lorna Broughton reports that Susan Mitchell solicited a new full-page ad and collected for

a business card-sized ad for a total of \$120.00. She is still waiting for one more \$90.00 payment. The total collected so far is \$3,980.00.

**Luminaria** (Sarah McWhorter): Sarah ordered the Luminaria supplies online July 31.

**Grants** (Nancy Nettuno): No report.

**Membership** (Marguerite Martin):

**Hospitality** (Diane Lochner):

- *Clay Today* is offering Magnolia residents a 10% discount off a one-year subscription and provided Hospitality with a small flier to be included in the welcome bags. Also, the new edition of the Fall/Winter *Explore Clay Magazine* and the *Green Cove Springs Business & Community Directory 2022* (the new 2023 directory goes to print in October). All at no cost to the woman's club. MPGCC will continue to provide their folders but will no longer include the printed monthly calendar. The folder encourages residents to use their website for current events.
- The contents of the welcome bags were displayed at the July 12 meeting so the membership could view the contents.
- Diane delivered bags to 14 or more new residents in July. She observed how much the age dynamics are changing the community. Diane met many young mothers with small children. She hopes she sparked an interest in joining our club. So far, there are an additional 14 new residents Diane and Pam Young will visit in the month of August.

**Sunshine** (Sharon Murphy):

- July 9 - Sharon sent Elaine Schriever a sympathy card on the death of her husband.
- July 15 - Sharon sent Pam Lewis a get-well card regarding the pinched nerve in her neck.

**Helping Hands** (Barbara Adams): No report.

**Scholarship** (Joanne LaBeouf): No report.