

*****BOARD HIGHLIGHTS – October 2023*****

- Treasurer Linda Werring reports that as of October 4, the Club has 188 paid members. Holiday Arts & Crafts Fair Vendors and buyers of Luminaria kits requesting refunds will receive a check for the total amount, including those that paid online.
- Donna Habing shared the survey results from the September general meeting of suggested organizations to support. She is currently working on a calendar of monthly charitable projects and services.
- Activities Director Cindy Triay is making reservations for the Dolphin and History Cruise scheduled for Wednesday, October 18. Eighteen people have signed up so far. Three eblasts have been sent out with all the information and how to pay for your reservation.
- The items collected for the AMI Kids personal hygiene drive were delivered. Suzanne Foster and Donna Habing reported that they were very impressed by the AMI Kids facilities and students.
- Susanne Foster purchased and delivered a total of 64 gift cards from Duncan Doughnuts, McDonald's, and Hardee's for the Bannerman Learning Center Citizen of the Week Awards.
- Charles E. Bennett Elementary School (CEB) liaisons Pam Young and Linda Thill met with Principal Amanda Strickland regarding the implementation of a food locker for CEB's R.E.A.C.H. Kids (children considered homeless because they are not living in their home and most not with a parent but other family member). Pam and Linda will continue working with CEB to learn how best to implement the program, sign up volunteers, and obtain funds for the purchase of food. They hope to have the project up and running by January 1.
- Clay High School Liaison Mary Kendall reported that the 2023 Junior Varsity Football dinner has been postponed until further notice.
- Sandy Waldrup is still searching for a "home" for the old MPWC printer.
- The MPWC Seal will no longer be affixed to the new residents' bags. The work involved in cutting and affixing the seal is very laborious and the cost was over Hospitality's yearly budget.
- Scholarship Director Marsha Fields reports that a previous scholarship recipient has been selected to appear in Luminaria brochure for 2023.
- The Board voted to donate \$100 to VFW Post 1988. Two of their veterans have agreed to come to our Arts and Crafts Fair in uniform and hand out miniflags to attendees.
- Since Evelyn Bullington's obituary did not specify where to send monetary donations, Linda Werring suggested, and the Board approved, that \$100 be given to the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society in memory of Evelyn, who was a long-time women's club member and a one-time Navy wife.
- Jon Bastress, HOA President, asked Lorna Broughton to inquire if the MPWC would be willing to solicit coordinators for the HOA's community holiday decorating project. The Board decided that MPWC was already strapped finding coordinators and volunteers for our Luminaria sales, Holiday Luncheon, and the Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair. As a result, we decided not to take on this project.
- Everyone is encouraged to wear their Halloween attire to the general meeting.
- The September general meeting greeter is Suzanne Foster.
- The September program speaker is Paul Grybb of the Audubon Society.