

*****BOARD HIGHLIGHTS – November 2023*****

- Treasurer Linda Werring received a \$1,000 donation from Sacred Heart Catholic Church to be used for charitable purposes. Linda reports that MPWC currently has 188 paid members.
- Activities Director Cindy Triay will be conducting a survey at the November 8 general meeting to ascertain the types of after-meeting activities and social outings the members would like to have.
- Sandy Waldrup is finalizing the plans for the December 13 Holiday Luncheon. There will be no gift exchange this year. MPWC will collect food for the Green Cove Springs Food Pantry and lap blankets and socks for the residents at Aspire at Green Cove Springs, formerly known as Governor's Creek Nursing and Rehabilitation Facility. The luncheon will be held at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church Activities Center from 11:30 to 2:30. Christmas Song Bingo will be the entertainment, followed by a holiday surprise. More details and information will be forthcoming.
- Charles E, Bennett Elementary School (CEB) liaisons Pam Young and Linda Thill spoke with Social Worker Kristen Waldorf regarding the implementation of a food locker for CEB's Project REACH. As soon as they "iron out" all the details, they will be asking for MPWC volunteers to help with planning menus, shopping for food, and bagging the food. They hope to start the program on December 19.
- Grants Director Nancy Nettuno announced that the Reinhold Foundation is accepting applications for its leadership classes. Eight Board members plan to attend.
- MPWC volunteers assembled Luminaria kits on October 23 at the home of Luminaria Chair Sarah McWhorter. Sandy Waldrup has printed the brochures and Webmaster Kim Schlosser has the online form and payment process all set up. Sales will begin November 10.
- Donna Habing will be recruiting volunteers to make Christmas cookies for this year's Tad's Toys party to be held December 9. She will pick up and deliver the cookies.
- Lorna Broughton reported that information regarding the J.P. Hall Children's Charities November Toy Drive will be provided by Eloise Burman as soon as it is available.
- The Board voted to allot \$500 for the purchase of new microphones and Wi-Fi for the MPWC PA system.
- The November general meeting greeters are Linda Werring and Pam Young. Suzanne Foster will continue to take the drink orders.
- The November program speaker will be Art Yeaman. Art will introduce us to his new character Ben Abram. Ben Abram (1796-1891) was born near the cradle of our Republic - Philadelphia. Ben is a U.S. sharpshooter in 1812, traveling to the Ohio Valley, the Atlantic Coast, and on to Northeast Florida. Ben is a teller of our Nation's younger years.