

*****BOARD HIGHLIGHTS – January 2024*****

- Vice President Donna Habing announced the opening of the Nominating Committee over which the Vice President presides. Donna will provide a list of open positions for 2024-25 in February. Updated job descriptions will be on the website for any members that would like to volunteer or submit a nomination for any of the open positions.
- Treasurer Linda Werring reported that the November 11 Magnolia Holiday Arts & Crafts Fair profited \$6,354.64 for our various charities and the Luminaria Fundraiser for scholarships profited \$9,881.65.
- Activities Director Cindy Triay proposed Thursday, February 22, as a date for a social outing to the Fleming Island Spotlight Center Dinner Theater's production of *Breaking Up is Hard to Do*, featuring the songs of Neil Sedaka. At least 27 members and guests must sign up to get the discount price of \$54 per person. For the January 10 general meeting, Cindy has lined up Chris Gay to speak to us about growing orchids in Northeast Florida.
- Charles E. Bennett Elementary School (CEB) liaisons Pam Young and Linda Thill completed the first round of shopping for, packing, and delivering grocery items for the 20 families in CEB's Project REACH monthly food pickup program. Feedback from the families involved was very positive. Dates have been set for the remaining monthly deliveries through May 2024, all on Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m.: January 16, February 20, March 19, April 16 and May 21. An eblast will be sent out to members asking for volunteers to help pack the groceries in the coming months. A sign-up sheet will be available at the January general meeting. The membership will vote on a name for the REACH monthly food pickup program from the list of suggested names MPWC members submitted last month.
- Fundraising Director Joanne LaBeouf asked, and the Board agreed, to increase the price of next year's Luminaria kits from \$7.50 to \$8 citing rising costs of Luminaria supplies and brochures.
- Grants Director Nancy Nettuno announced that the Reinhold Foundation has accepted MPWC's four applicants for its leadership classes. Congratulations Marsha Fields, Donna Habing, Linda Werring, and Pam Young.
- MPWC will purchase a \$100 ad for the 25th Annual Green Cove Springs Rotary Wrestling Tournament.