

*****BOARD HIGHLIGHTS – September 2024*****

- Donna Habing reviewed the MPWC 2024-2025 Activities Calendar. All Board members were encouraged to attend upcoming MPWC and MPGCC events. The Directors were asked to encourage members of their committees and all members to do the same.
- President Donna Habing made several announcements that may be of interest to our members:
 - Quigley House is holding its 21st Annual Golf Tournament at MPGCC on October 18, 2024, in honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The MPWC was invited to participate.
 - The Fleming Island Town Center YMCA is holding an on-going fundraiser at Clay High School for Take Stock in Children and has invited MPWC to participate.
 - A new Habitat for Humanity office is now open in Green Cove Springs.
- The Clay County Clerk and Comptroller will be sponsoring “Tales from the Clink” Friday, October 11, from 5:00 to 8:00pm. The event will take place at the County’s Historic Triangle in Green Cove Springs. Area high school drama students and the Clay County Historical Archives Division staff will team up to bring Clay County’s true crime stories to life inside the 1890 Courthouse and the jail cells of the old 1894 jail.
- The Holiday Luncheon has been scheduled for December 11 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Which charity(ies) MPWC will donate to this holiday season will be determined by Jackie Maneval, Cindy Triay and Bonnie Sprinkle.
- Treasurer Linda Werring reported that the Directory Ads campaign netted \$3,322.01 for scholarships.
- Activities Director Cindy Triay announced several upcoming activities:
 - General meeting programs:
 - September: Website tutorial presentation, with a free house drink provided during happy quarter to those members who stay for the presentation. A special drink ticket will be available for this event.
 - October: FBI photographer John Fletcher along with a Halloween costume contest for members who wish to participate
 - November: Patriotic musical presentation by the Clay High Show Choir
 - Social outings:
 - September 24 (Tuesday) at 5:00 p.m. – Cornhole at the Club
 - October 17 (Thursday) from 2:30-3:30 – Dolphin tour
 - November (date and time to be determined) – Shopping on Walnut Street
 - Upcoming Outreach events:
 - October – Donate candy for the Police Department’s Trunk or Treat
 - December 1-5 – Salvation Army bell ringing at the Winn-Dixie
- Fundraising Director Joanne LaBeouf updated the Board on the progress of the Holiday Arts & Crafts Fair and Luminaria fundraisers:
 - Holiday Arts & Crafts Fair: All but 14 of the vendor spaces have been sold.
 - Luminaria: Chair Sarah McWhorter will begin contacting former block captains to see if they have an interest in selling Luminaria kits again this year. Once she has ascertained the number of returning block captains, she will send out information regarding the need for volunteers for kit preparation and additional block captains.