

*****BOARD HIGHLIGHTS – November 2024*****

- Jackie Maneval introduced Pastor John Sanders from the Vineyard Transitional Center (VTC). The VTC serves as a haven for formerly incarcerated individuals who seek to rebuild their lives. This program provides a second chance to men with ties to Clay County who have been involved with the criminal justice system. Pastor Sanders shared with the Board the history, purpose, current work, and building plans of the VTC. Pastor Sanders invited Magnolia Point Women's Club (MPWC) members to attend their groundbreaking ceremony on November 15, 2024, the beginning of a six-year project. The Board decided to revisit the possibility of a donation to VTC after the completion of the MPWC's November and December fundraisers.
- The local Elks Lodge is making a monetary donation to MPWC. Donna Habing and Pam Young will attend the Elks Lodge Bingo Night on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, to receive the check. The use of these funds is restricted to charitable and educational purposes.
- All pre-planning for the Holiday Arts & Crafts Fair (HACF) is on target for completion by November 9. The volunteer list has been filled, however, anyone still wishing to volunteer as a floater or help after the raffle winners are announced is welcomed. The printing of HACF documents (raffle basket tags, auction bid sheets and signage) is on-going. Sandy Waldrup has added Dave Petraglia's podcast information to the tab for *The Magnolia News* and added the video of the HACF, prepared by Cheryl Kennedy and edited by Kim Schlosser.
- The Luminaria brochure has been finalized. The order form is now on Zeffy and a QR code has been added to the Luminaria brochure for ease of ordering. Block captains are getting last-minute instructions as selling begins on November 10. The order button for the Luminaria kits will go live on Sunday, November 10, with the link being directed to the Zeffy webpage. If anyone wishes to volunteer to help sell Luminaria kits, please contact Sarah McWhorter or Cheryl Starnes.
- The Historic River and Dolphin Cruise pictures from October 17 have been added on the MPWC website.
- Upcoming General Meeting Programs:
 - Due to the cancellation of the October General meeting, the speaker, FBI photographer John Fletcher, has been rescheduled to March 2025.
 - In November, patriotic music will be presented by the Clay High Show Choir. Spouses are invited along with local veterans.
 - The Holiday Luncheon is scheduled for December 11, at 11:00 a.m., at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Santa will be in attendance and a small gift will be given to the attendees. The suggested Outreach donations are food, canned goods, blankets, socks, jackets, and shoes.
- Community Outreach: December 2 through December 4, MPWC volunteers will be ringing the bell for the Salvation Army at Winn-Dixie. A sign-up sheet will be available at the November General Meeting.
- Wreaths Across America and The Sophia Fleming Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) will be selling wreaths at the Holiday Arts & Craft Fair on November 9, 2024.
- The Board discussed the procedural lapses that have been occurring with the running of MPWC's card games. Suggestions were made and a plan for improvement was agreed upon.