

*****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.

*****BOARD HIGHLIGHTS – February 2024*****

- Vice President Donna Habing continues to seek nominations to fill the open Officer and Director positions in MPWC. So far, she has received one nomination for vice president.
- Clay County Schools Director Suzanne Foster reported for Treasurer Linda Werring that funds may need to be transferred from MPWC's general unrestricted account into the Feeding Clay County's Needy (FCCN) account to sustain Maggie's Beekeepers through the end of this school year. This topic will be discussed further at the March Board Meeting.
- Activities Director Cindy Triay reported that 60 members/guests have made reservations for February 23 to attend the Fleming Island Spotlight Center Dinner Theater's production of *Breaking Up is Hard to Do*, featuring the songs of Neil Sedaka. Cindy announced that the program speaker for the February 13 general meeting will be Rod Snow, a local beekeeper and honey producer. For the March meeting, Cindy has procured Vishi Garig from the Clay County Historical Archives in Green Cove Springs to speak to us about old Green Cove Springs and Chef Meeks for April.
- Suzanne Foster reported on the progress of Maggie's Beekeepers, the new name MPWC members voted on for the CEB Project REACH food pick-up program. In January, only 10 of the 20 boxes of groceries were picked up. The remaining 10 boxes were used to restock the CEB Pantry. For this reason, only 10 family boxes of groceries will be packed and delivered on February 22. These numbers may fluctuate from month to month. Enough volunteers have signed up to finish out the current school year.
- The Directory Ads campaign is continuing for 2024 with a few modifications. Cheryl Kennedy has joined the Directory Ads team to assist advertisers with new ads or changes to ads. Cheryl is replacing Joanie Braatz who, after 19 years, has stepped down from her position as ad designer.
- Scholarship Director Marsha Fields reported that 17 requests for scholarship applications have been made so far and she expects more before the cutoff date of March 15.
- The formation of a Community Outreach subcommittee under Activities may be a possibility if one of our members volunteers to be the Chair. This subcommittee would organize non-monetary charitable activities such as bellringing for the Salvation Army at Christmas, collecting food items for the Green Cove Springs Food Pantry, cookies for Tad's Toys, blankets for the local homeless shelter, etc.

*****BOARD HIGHLIGHTS – March 2024*****

- Phyllis Skarbrevik needs paper bags for Waste Not Want Not and Pam Young needs a few for Maggie's Beekeepers. Paper bags can be deposited in the bin at the front guard gate or brought to General Meetings.
- The Board voted to reduce the \$10,000 reserve in the restricted Scholarship Account to \$5,000 so that Scholarship Director Marsha Fields may access more funds for Scholarships if needed.
- Pam Young reported that it is not certain if Maggie's Beekeepers will continue next school year. She feels CEB's needy families may be better served with the Pantry.
- Activities Director Cindy Triay, Lorna Broughton, Jackie Maneval, and Pam Brame met with Deneen Rothfels at the Country Club to plan the menu for the May 8 Installation Luncheon. The cost per person is \$25 for an entrée, drink, dessert, and gratuity. The Board voted to cover \$10 per person of the \$25 fee.
- Cindy Triay announced that our own Chef Meeks at MPGCC will be the speaker for the April 10 program. Cindy is looking into another social outing at the Fleming Island Spotlight Dinner Theater featuring the music of Patsy Cline. The March 13 program speaker is Robert Sullivan, a District Chief with Alachua County Fire Rescue in Gainesville. Robert plans to address the following topics: what happens when you call 9-1-1; heart attacks and strokes; cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of the automated external defibrillator (AED); choking and airway obstruction; fall prevention; fire safety for the elderly.
- Vice President Donna Habing, as Chair of the Nominating Committee, announced that all Officer, Director and Chair positions have been filled except for the Social Chair and Bannerman Liaison. Anybody interested? She extends her gratitude to all those who volunteered to fill the open positions and hopes more members will become involved in our committees. Donna's mantra as next term's President is "More for Members" and she is hoping to have six Socials and six Community Outreach projects.
- Treasurer Linda Werring reported that \$2,500 is available for Charitable Giving and must be dispersed before the end of fiscal year. The Board is looking into several possible recipients based on the Charitable Giving Survey conducted in September.

*****BOARD HIGHLIGHTS – April 2024*****

- Vice President Donna Habing, as Chair of the Nominating Committee, announced that all Executive Officer, Director, and Chair positions have been filled! The vote for the 2024-2025 Slate of Executive Officers will take place at the April 10 general meeting. The Slate is as follows: President - Donna Habing, Vice President - Pam Young, Corresponding Secretary - Adele Murphy, Recording Secretary - Bobbe Marion, Treasurer - Linda Werring, and Immediate Past President/Advisor - Lorna Broughton. Before the vote, nominations will be requested from the floor. It is very important that a quorum be present for this vote.
- The annual MPWC membership dues for 2024-25 will be collected from May 1 through May 31. Dues are \$35. Members may pay \$35 by check or cash directly to Treasurer Linda Werring or pay online by credit card. Members paying their dues online by credit card will incur a processing fee of \$1.50, bringing the total payment to \$36.50.
- Treasurer Linda Werring reported that MPWC has \$3,000 available to support worthwhile causes that align with our mission statement. This money must be donated before the end of the fiscal year, which is April 30. After review and discussion, and based on the Charities Survey done September 2023, the Board voted to donate \$1,000 each to Operation Barnabas, Hope Therapy, and Friends of the Augusta Savage Arts & Community Center. The \$1,000 donation to each of these three charities requires a vote of approval by the members at the April 10 general meeting. The vote will be by secret ballot. President Lorna Broughton sent an email blast to all members providing information about each charity and emphasized the importance of a quorum at the meeting.
- Activities Director Cindy Triay has finalized the menu for the May 8 Installation Luncheon. The cost per person is \$25 for an entrée, drink, dessert, and gratuity. MPWC will cover \$10 per person of the \$25 fee. The RSVP and menu choices will be emailed very soon. Cindy and Sandy Waldrup are planning a fun activity at the luncheon and are asking members to provide them with a high school photo, either hard copy or digital.
- Cindy Triay announced that our own Chef Meeks at MPGCC will be the speaker for the April 10 program. He plans to show us variations we can use with risotto and a new dessert that will be on MPGCC Spring menu.
- Cindy Triay is proposing a social outing in June at the Fleming Island Spotlight Dinner Theater featuring the music of Patsy Cline. She will survey members at the April 10 general meeting to see how much interest there is. The cost is \$31 per person for the show and a box lunch.
- Joanne LaBeouf reported that the Arts & Crafts Fair team is on target with their timeline. Issues and concerns from the 2023 Fair have been reviewed and remedied. Sandy Waldrup confirmed the online vendor application will be ready in May. Nancy Catudal has filled all but four of the coordinator positions and will spearhead Phase II in June.
- Donna Habing, Pam Young, Linda Werring, and Marsha Fields enjoyed participating in the March 7 Reinhold Foundation's "Nonprofit Leadership Development Seminar, Best Practices for High Performing Boards". They were able to interact with several representatives from various Clay County not-for-profit organizations and came away with many noteworthy points.

*****BOARD HIGHLIGHTS – May 2024*****

- As of May 4, 60 members have signed up for the May 8 Officer Installation and Member Luncheon. Sandy Waldrup and Cindy Triay have the photo booklet and the Power Point slideshow completed for the “Who Is She” activity for the meeting.
- For Teacher Appreciation Week, May 6-May 10, Pam Young and Linda Thill have purchased twenty \$5 gift cards from local restaurants to be used as prizes for the activities planned for the teachers at Charles E. Bennett Elementary School.
- Hospitality Chair Diane Lochner advised that she has changed to a more cost-effective bag which is beige canvas. She also reported the MPGCC is adding a “Buy 1 Drink, Get 1 Free” to their information folder which is included in the Hospitality bags.
- Marsha Fields reports that the Scholarship Committee has selected four winners for the MPWC scholarships. The Committee is awarding \$5,000, \$4,000 and two \$3,000 scholarships for a total of \$15,000. The Committee had a pool of very qualified young ladies. There will be two openings on the Scholarship Committee for the 2024-25 year which is a three-year commitment. Marsha will announce the openings at the general meeting, and anyone interested needs to contact her. Marsha would like the new Scholarship Committee members to be those who are involved with MPWC and come to the general meetings.
- Lorna Broughton suggested that a clarification of proxy voting at general meetings is needed in the MPWC Bylaws. Because proxy voting is important to its members, Sandy Waldrup offered to make changes to the language of Sections 2.3, 3.6, and 3.7 of the Bylaws to better define the use of proxy voting at general meetings. The Board will vote on these clarifications at the June 5 Board meeting.
- To facilitate the correct usage of Robert’s Rules of Order, the Board voted that the Vice President be appointed official Parliamentarian to preside at all MPWC meetings.
- For the purpose of helping Board members recall and easily locate Board policies when necessary, the Board agreed that the Corresponding Secretary be the repository of a master list of Board policies and that these policies also be sent to the Communications Director and uploaded to the Governance section on our Website.
- Because of ongoing questions regarding membership dues, Sandy Waldrup offered to write a policy addressing the definition of “new member,” fees paid by a previous member rejoining after a lapsed membership, fees paid by new members who join after January 1, and the Treasurer’s option to make fee decisions when someone is joining before May 1. At the June 5 meeting, the Board will further discuss and vote on these issues. Treasurer Linda Werring specified that only **new** members who join MPWC after January 1 will be allowed to pay the reduced dues of \$15.00.
- The Board clarified that any MPWC member in a leadership position, or identified as a potential leader, are eligible to attend the Reinhold Foundation’s seminars. MPWC’s Reinhold Foundation liaison, who will be responsible for providing information regarding leadership seminars, is the Immediate Past President.
- Sandy Waldrup asked consideration in the future that our charitable donations not be given to other not-for-profit organizations.

No June or July

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*****BOARD HIGHLIGHTS – August 2024*****

- John Poluga, JP's Custom Carts, will be holding a raffle for a refurbished golf cart to advertise his business. He would like to donate the profits to a not-for-profit and is considering the Women's Club as well as other not-for-profits. President Donna Habing will keep the Board posted as to his decision.
- Sandy Waldrup announced that the membership directories have been printed and she will pick them up on Monday and deliver them to Diane Lochner for distribution to the members.
- Marsha Fields, MPWC's accountant, explained the difference between a not-for-profit under IRS laws and a non-profit under Florida State law. The Women's Club was approved as an IRS charitable organization years ago. Marsha clarified that contrary to rumor, the Women's Club can give donations to other 501(c)(3) organizations. The only restrictions MPWC has is that it cannot give to any political organizations or a 501(c)(4) corporation (lobbying). Donna will bring this up at the next general meeting.
- Adele Murphy distributed a draft Code of Conduct for MPWC that she and Bobbe Marion researched and developed. Adele noted that there is no code required by the State of Florida and such codes were more directed to larger agencies with paid officers and board members, like the United Way. Discussion centered around whether such a policy was even needed, or whether a verbal reminder was a better way to handle any potential issues. Several Board members relayed instances they felt could have benefitted from such a policy. After discussion, Donna tabled the topic for further discussion at the September Board meeting.
- Treasurer Linda Werring noted after her presentation at the July meeting about the monies the Club has donated, several members approached her about putting the information in an email. Linda explained that all financial information can be found on the website. Linda also reported that MPWC purchased two season tickets for the Orange Park Community Theater (OPCT) for \$250 to be given away in drawings at the General meetings.
- Activities Director Cindy Triay reviews upcoming programs, social outings, and outreach events:
 - Programs:
 - August: Author and Magnolia Point resident Lou Puglise
 - September: Website tutorial presentation, with a free drink provided to members attending
 - October: FBI photographer and a Halloween costume contest for members wishing to participate
 - November: Possible Veterans' presentation by Clay High School Choir
 - December: Holiday luncheon December 11, from 10:00 am. to 2:00 p.m., at Sacred Heart
 - Social Outings (Bonnie Sprinkle, Chair):
 - August 29 (Thursday) at 10:00 a.m. – The Art Room, \$22 for the craft, limited to 20 members
 - September 24 (Tuesday) at 5:00 p.m. – Corn Hole at the Club
 - October 17 (Thursday) from 2:30-3:30 – Dolphin tour
 - November TBD – Shopping on Walnut Street
 - Outreach Events (Jackie Maneval, Chair):
 - Toiletry Drive for AMIKids ends August 14
 - October – donate candy for Police Department's Trunk or Treat
 - December 1-5 – Salvation Army bell ringing at Winn-Dixie
- Membership Director Diane Lochner brought the request from the Friends of the Green Cove Springs Library to provide a brochure for the Women's Club hospitality packets. The Friends would provide all the copies, and the brochure would be placed with the other information from the Women's Club, the HOA and the Clubhouse and distributed to new residents. The Board agreed to support Diane's decision. Diane also discussed the problems with getting committee volunteers to sign-up for requests for Helping Hands meals. She proposed an email blast be sent to all members and ask the current committee volunteers if they wish to remain on the committee or be removed, and to also encourage new members to join.
- Donna Habing shared the survey results taken by 52 members identifying the charities they would like to contribute to. Presently, there is \$2,000 to be used for charitable donations. Donna reminded the Board of its decision to distribute donations on a quarterly basis. After the \$250 donation for the theater tickets, the Board voted to donate the remaining \$250 to Quigley House this quarter.

*****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.

*****BOARD HIGHLIGHTS – October 2024*****

- Donna Habing, Marsha Fields and Nancy Catudal will attend the Reinhold Fall Nonprofit Leadership Breakfast October 15 at the Thrasher-Horne Conference Center.
- The Board unanimously voted to consider MPWC's charitable donations on an ad-hoc basis rather than every quarter. At the end of the fiscal year, when the Treasurer indicates how much money is left for donations, the Board will decide which charity(ies) to donate to, based on the Charities Survey the members completed earlier this year, and how much each charity would receive. This approach will give MPWC flexibility so that during the year any requests for emergency funds can be considered.
- The Board unanimously voted to reallocate Directory Ad profits from the restricted scholarship account to the general charitable fund. With Board approval, the Scholarship Director may access the funds in the general charitable account if needed.
- Treasurer Linda Werring reported that \$128.90 was donated to the Green Cove Springs Junior High School nurse for the purchase of supplies. MPWC purchased fifty \$5 Dunkin' Donuts gift cards for Bannerman Learning Center. The gift cards will be used for the Citizen of the Week Awards.
- Fundraising Director Joanne LaBeouf reports that:
 - The liability insurance for the Arts & Crafts Fair has been paid, along with the invoice for updating the banners which will be placed at locations in Green Cove Springs two weeks prior to the event.
 - The 50/50 drawing at the September General Meeting brought in \$45. There will be a second 50/50 drawing at the October General meeting. Proceeds of these drawings will be used for advertising in *Clay Today*.
 - A new on-line credit card option for MPWC has been set up with Zeffy (QR code option). Zeffy can be used at the Fair and for other fundraising purchases, including the upcoming luminaria event.
 - Most block captains are in place for Luminaria sales. Oglebay still needs several more block captains.
 - Directory Ads Chair Lorna Broughton is seeking an apprentice to shadow her beginning in January 2025. This person would be expected to take over the Directory Ads fundraising campaign in 2026. If interested, contact Lorna.
- Activities Director Cindy Triay reports that The Cornhole Social on September 24 was a success with 24 members in attendance.
 - Upcoming General meeting programs:
 - October: FBI photographer John Fletcher along with a Halloween costume contest for members who wish to participate. Spouses are invited to this presentation.
 - November: Patriotic musical presentation by the Clay High Show Choir. Spouses are invited along with approximately 25 local veterans.
 - December: The MPWC Holiday Luncheon has been scheduled for December 11, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. An Outreach collection will take place.
 - Upcoming social outings:
 - October 17: Dolphin Tour from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Space is still available.
 - November (date and time to be determined): Shopping on Walnut Street, followed by an informal gathering at Red's Wine Bar from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 - Upcoming Outreach events:
 - October: A candy donation at the October 9 General meeting for the Green Cove Springs Police Department's Trunk or Treat event.
 - December 1 to 5: Bellringing with the Salvation Army at Winn-Dixie.
- The local Elks Lodge has given MPWC two \$1,000 donations. Donna Habing and/or Pam Young will attend the next Bingo evening at the Elks Lodge to receive these two donations.

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- 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.

No December Board

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