



Pointing The Way

"To provide a charitable, educational and social organization for the women of Magnolia Point."

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Welcome to an Old But New Newsletter!

The Women's Club is taking the next step of communicating with its members by reviving the old *Pointing the Way* newsletter. Starting off, the newsletter will be published every other month, or monthly at times if needed, and contain information about past and upcoming Women's Club events. Some issues might be one page; other issues multiple pages. Special articles may still be published in *The Magnolia News*. Comments, feedback or new name suggestions for the newsletter are welcomed and can be sent to mpwomensclub@att.net.

Scholarship Recipients

At the June 10 member meeting, the 2026 scholarship recipients were introduced by outgoing Scholarship Director Marsha Fields. The scholarship fund was started in memory of Gisela Ferrell, a founding member of the Women's Club, and is awarded each year to young women graduating from Clay High School. This year's recipients were:

- Milana Ayers, University of North Florida
- Monica Sanchez, Cruz-Santa Fe (not present)
- Kylie Elrod, Aveda Institute
- Pamela Hernon, University of Central Florida
- Teaghan Moses, University of North Florida
- Chloe Turner, St. Johns River State College



The Women's Club thanks outgoing Scholarship Director Marsha Fields and member Marguerite Martin. Lorna Broughton is the new Scholarship Director; committee members are Dianne Dearth, Marty Essex, Clara Gilbert, Lynn Powers and Judy Sessions.

Charles E. Bennett Elementary (CEB)

Judy Sessions, Schools Director, and Bobbe Marion, CEB School Liaison, met with Amanda Strickland, CEB Principal, on July 6 to look at ideas for maximizing the Club's support for the school. Efforts in "Reading With Students" can be expanded to in-classroom activities, including reading to entire classrooms and working with small numbers of students in a corner of the classroom. Principal Strickland suggests coordinating efforts through a faculty member. Appropriate materials are now available to do this within the classrooms.

Ms. Strickland shared the exciting news that CEB scored at the "B" level in Florida rating in Reading Literacy and Math Proficiency this most recent year. This represents a measurable achievement and a historic first for CEB.

CEB has an immediate need and would like the Club's help to supply Florida B.E.S.T. texts for curricular support, especially at the 4th and 6th grade levels, since these are not provided in regular school curriculum purchases. Ms. Strickland provided a list of needed texts; most on the list are the "classics" many of us have read years ago such as *Little House on the Prairie*.

The Club will also be able to use its designated "combat hunger" school funds for a modified food pantry coordinated by the school Social Worker and focused on those foods parents would prepare at home.

July Program and Upcoming August Program

At the July member meeting, Jenny Hartwig, member and owner of Dream Vacations, spoke about the many vacation opportunities available. Some are right in Magnolia Point's own backyard, and for those on a budget, there are many day trips within Florida that are fun and educational. Thanks, Jenny.



At the August member meeting, representatives from the Green Cove Preservation Society will speak about the Rivers House Porchfest, a new event featuring live music to raise renovation funds. The Rivers house,

purchased by the City of Green Cove Springs in 2021, is located in the City's preservation district. The first Porchfest was held on July 10, and the second event is scheduled for August 14 and music will be provided by Taildraggers Ultralight.

HKF/Samba



The Women's Club sponsors monthly HKF and Samba card games. HKF is played on the first Wednesday and Samba is played on third Tuesday of each month in the Parlor at the Clubhouse. Both games start at 10:00 a.m. and members enjoy a break for lunch. Linda Thill is the full-time hostess, keeping track of members who sign up, sending reminders, and keeping the game in line. Interested in playing? Look for the sign-up emails about a week prior to each game.

Red's Wine Bar Outing

Jennifer St. Mary, the new Activities Director, organized a luncheon on Tuesday, June 16, at Red's Wine Bar, located in downtown Green Cove Springs. After lunch, the women had plans to meet other members to tour the Freedom 250 mobile museum at the Courthouse parking lot. Mother Nature rained on the party, so the ladies chose to stay dry and enjoyed an extended lunch. Thanks, Jennifer, for arranging the fun day.



Pam, Judy, Susan



Janet, Joann, Donna, Susie, Marsha, Lorna



Jennifer



Cheers! Susie & Marsha



Jola, Bobbe, Bonnie, Jackie, Nancy



Judy, Susan, Sue, Pam, Kimberly, Karen