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The Club is Busy!

So much has happened since the last newsletter that an August newsletter is appropriate to keep members informed. Time is flying!

Comments, feedback or new name suggestions for the newsletter are welcomed and can be sent to mpwomensclub@att.net.

Rivers House Porchfest

Sandi Dunnivant, Green Cove Springs Preservation Society, spoke at the August 12 member meeting about the Society as well as the history of the Rivers House project. As part of the fundraising efforts to make the Rivers House a community center, the Rivers House Porchfest will be held on the second Friday of each month and feature live music on the porch. Music at the August 14 event was provided by Taildraggers Ultralight, a jazz band. Long-term plans for the Rivers House include a speaker series, twilight tours, and kayaking and paddleboat rentals. The City is doing the outside renovation work on the Rivers House, with landscaping donated by the public works department. The Society is in charge of interior improvements. Ms. Dunnivant also gave an update on the Gustafson project, owned by Brian and Jen Knight of Pragmatic Works. She said plans are for an upscale restaurant and a food court similar to what is in Tampa.



Quigley House Donations

The generosity of Women's Club members never ends! Jola Greiner, accompanied by President Adele Murphy,



Vice President Laura Emery and Activities Director Jennifer St. Mary, delivered over 300 pounds of luggage, backpacks, shopping and travel totes, clothing and shoes, toiletries, arts and crafts supplies, toys, games, puzzles, coloring books, crayons, colored pencils, and gift cards,

to Mike Howell, Community Relations Specialist for Quigley House. The donations filled three SUVs! The "super donor" was 10-year-old Althea Orvosh, Shirley's granddaughter, who cleaned out her closet and donated shoes, clothing items and stuffies. The children at Quigley will be able to enjoy the many craft items while at the home and the courthouse.

Thanks to Jola for organizing the drive, and to Adele, Laura and Jennifer for assisting in the drop-off.



Schools Report

It has also been a busy time for the Schools Committee, led by Director Judy Sessions. On Thursday, July 28, Judy, Charles E. Bennett (CEB) liaison Bobbe Marion and member Karen Espinosa delivered donated books from the Florida B.E.S.T. reading list. A substantial amount of school supplies donated for the "Stuff the Bus" school drive was also dropped off to CEB. Judy sends special thanks to Cissy Burnett, Laura Emery, Marty Essex, Karen Espinosa, Marlene Jacobs and Susan Mitchell for their generous donation of the "older" classic books needed for CEB readers.



On Friday, July 31, Judy and President Adele Murphy delivered the rest of the donated school supplies to the "Stuff the Bus" event at the Staples parking lot. The donated school supplies are used to stock the supply room at Garber AutoMall, where teachers can "shop" for necessary items needed for their classrooms. A huge thank you to all the members who graciously donated to the school supply drive.



Judy and her gang also met with Yolanda Grant, CEB counselor, about making family meal food purchases. They also met with Sondra Singleton-Bowers, the new preschool teacher, about scheduling volunteer readers into the classrooms. The reading programs at both CEB and Spring Park Elementary will begin on September 1. If members are interested in participating to read at the

schools, please contact Judy at judySessions242@gmail.com. Volunteers will need to complete a Level 1 form and pay approximately \$18 for their security clearance, which is good for 3 years.

Judy also sends special thanks to Janice Tucker, a former Clay County Schools administrator, who donated \$200 to the Women's Club to make purchases at CEB.

25th Anniversary Celebration Luncheon

Plans have been finalized for the celebration luncheon to celebrate the Club's 25th Anniversary. The luncheon will be held on Wednesday, September 9, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Club Continental, 2143 Astor Street, Orange Park. The luncheon will take the place of September's regular member meeting. The cost for each member attending is \$10, and they can choose between Lemon Chicken with Spinach and Capers, or Pan Seared Mahi-Mahi. *RSVP no later than Monday, August 31, to Linda Werring.* Your lunch choice along with your \$10 payment in the form of cash or check (made payable to MPWC) can be dropped off at Linda's house, 3655 Shinnecock. The committee has planned a very special event marking this milestone and says the lunch will be lots of fun! Linda can also be reached at her email: lindawerring@gmail.com.

Designer Bag Bingo Fundraiser



Lisa Ullsperber is chair of this year's Designer Bag Bingo fundraiser and is busy making plans. The event will be held on Monday, October 5, at the Elks Lodge in Green Cove Springs. Last year's fundraiser was a great success, raising over \$6,000 for the Club's charity endeavors. The doors will open at 5:00 p.m. This year, a small meal will be available for purchase. Lisa is looking for volunteers to help with the evening, as well as donations for the raffle table. If you would like to learn more about the fundraiser and/or volunteer to help, please contact Lisa by clicking on her email link: ullsp84@gmail.com.

Upcoming September Events

A representative from Penney Farms will be the guest speaker at September's member meeting to share about their upcoming Sunday Concerts that are free to the public. The first concert is scheduled for September 27 and will feature the Jacksonville Brass Quintet.

Activities Director Jennifer St. Mary's is planning a movie date to see the remake of "A Practical Magic", which starred Sandra Bullock and Nicole Kidman. "Practical Magic 2" will be in theaters on September 11. Look for further details to be released.