Recap of the Celebration of the Magnolia Point Women's Club 25th Year
Held in lieu of the September Regular Member Meeting
September 9, 2026 – 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
The Club Continental, 2143 Astor Street, Orange Park, FL 32073,

On September 9, 2026, over 70 members of the Magnolia Point Women's Club gathered at The Club Continental to celebrate 25 years of their existence and Barbara Symanski, one of its founders. The event began with Adele Murphy, President, sharing her excitement of having 77 members attending the Celebration. Next, the Pledge of Allegiance was said, followed by the recognition of September Birthdays. Happy Birthday was sung to Ann Burden, Susie Comer, Marlene Jacobs, Pat Jolly, Thresa Oliverio, and Jacqueline Shields. Lisa Ullsperger gave a quick update on Designer Bag Bingo and informed members of the QR Code on the flyers that were passed out. She also put in a request for more raffle items, gently loved purses and other items. Adele Murphy shared that candy donations for the Green Cove Spring Police Department could be brought to the October General Meeting. They had over 3,000 trick or treaters last year. Members attending "Practical Magic 2" should meet at the Fleming Island AMC Theatre, Tuesday, September 15, at 1:15 p.m. and afterwards the ladies will meet at Corks & Barrels for margaritas. President Murphy adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

Lunch was served at noon in the Garden Room. Each table had a centerpiece that represented an activity that the members participated in over the 25 years! The celebration began with a speech given by Adele Murphy. The speech gave the history of the Magnolia Point Women's Club and made tribute to its founding member in attendance Barbara Symanski, as well as the other founders who were not there. Linda Werring presented Barbara with a picture of 50 members that was taken in front of the Clay Theatre Marquee. She also received a lovely bouquet of flowers.

Entertainment included nine skits that represented the activities that the ladies had participated in over the years. It began with our Hula Girls, (Pam Young, Judy Sessions, and Cindy Triay. Second, Laura Emery, Adele Murphy and Lynn Powers did a Line Dance to Boot Scootin' Boogie. Thirdly, our team of ladies were off to the races in the Kentucky Derby. Anne Bastress was the announcer with Elosie Burman and Cheryl Smith being jockeys. Two flower arrangements were created and shown by Barbara Coker. Next, there was a Breast Cancer Walk with Patti Shears, Marty Essex, and Jackie Maneval. Joann Vann and Joanne LeBouff also joined them as cancer survivors.

A fashion show was given with Thresa Oliverio as a bride, as well as Lorna Broughton, Barbara Coker and Jennifer St. Mary who wore outfits that one could wear to a Luncheon. Shirley Orvosh was a burlesque stripper who danced and received money for her saucy dance. Her clothes stayed on! High Tea was next with Kim Belcher and Sandy Waldrup sipping tea as they listened to “English Tea”. Lastly, to honor our scholarship program, Adele Murphy was awarded the Scholarship Winner of Clay High School and was presented with a mock check for $208,100 from Lorna Broughton. After we completed our skits, we enjoyed a piece of cake made by Publix that included the MPWC’s logo.

The Scavenger Hunt that was provided earlier had only one winner of the $10.00 gift certificate - Nancy Catudal. Members were given a picture of something that was found toward the entrance and exit of the neighborhood. No one guessed the exit picture. A raffle took place whereas each person received a ticket at their seat. Plants were raffled off, as well as two beautiful bouquets that Barbara Coker designed. Raquel Dutton and Marlene Jacobs won the flower bouquets. Plant winners included: Pam Young, Nancy Catudal, Sharon Murphy, and Marsha Zupan. Linda Thill was the big winner of the Gift Basket that was raffled.

Nancy Catudal made lovely party favors for each guest to take home. Members had their choice of ornaments made from a shell that was painted with a magnolia flower or a magnolia flower made from white shells. They were beautiful and it was a tough decision to select just one.

Members in Attendance

Adame, Diana
Adams, Barbara
Andrews, Sandy
Bastress, Anne
Barber, Grace
Barke, Nancy
Beauchamp, Denise
Belcher, Kim
Broughton, Lorna
Burden, Ann
Burman, Eloise
Burnette, Cissy
Butler, Dee
Cannon, Sue
Cardascia, Carrie
Chao, Norma
Clarke, Beth
Coker, Barbara
Comer, Susie
Corby, Jane
Costa, Jean
Dutton, Raquel
Emery, Laura
Essex, Marty
Fields, Marsha
Gilbert, Clara
Habing, Donna
Hale, Nancye
Harmon, Monica
Jacobs, Marlene
Jolly, Pat
Kendall, Mary
Kurth, Jean
LaBeouf, Joanne
LaPorte, Kimberly
Laurent, Ellen
Lochner, Diane
Maneval, Jackie
Martin, Marguerite
Michaels, Cheryl
Mills, Nancy
Morse, Brigitte
Morse, Jan
Murphy, Adele
Murphy, Sharon
Newman, Cheryle
Newman, Terry
Nisley, Patricia
Oliverio, Thresa
Orvosh, Shirley
Petillo, Nancy
Powers, Lynn
Renshaw, Sue
Schaeffler, Janet
Schlosser, Kim
Sessions, Judy
Sessions, Stephanie
Shears, Patti
Shields, Jacqueline
Smith, Cheryl
Snow, Susie
Sprinkle, Bonnie
Sprott, Sharon
St. Mary, Jennifer
Szymanski, Barbara
Thill, Linda
Triay, Cindy
Ullsperger, Lisa
Vann, Joan
Walden, Ginny
Waldrup, Sandy
Werring, Linda
Young, Pam
Zanetti, Marian
Zupan, Marsha

September 2026 Committee Reports

Communications (Sandy Waldrup, Director)

- Membership Database: No new members have been added to the database; 2 have been removed because of their passing.
- Printshop (Sandy Waldrup): Reviewed HOA materials that will go in the hospitality bags to new residents.
- Media (Vacant): A new media chair is needed to handle Facebook postings. Until such time as someone steps up, Sandy and Sarah Forbess will continue with FB postings.
- Webmaster (Joanne LaBeouf): Sandy updates the website on a regular basis. Sandy also performs routine updates, i.e. member meetings and HKF/Samba photos, as well as keeping the home page current with email notices sent and upcoming events.

Schools (Director – Judy Sessions)

- School Liaisons met on August 27 to share strategies and recommendations for working toward school support.
- Marsha Fields shared a very positive message written by School Counselor, Dana Brock, introducing her to the new Principal of Clay High, Mrs. Stilanou.

Membership (Director – Adele Murphy)

- Directories were delivered to everyone. Next year, I would suggest making a list of people that have two homes or they know that they won't be around that week to accept their delivery.

Social (Director – Jennifer St Mary

- 25th Anniversary lunch. Sept 9th
- Movie (Practical Magic 2) for Tuesday, Sept 15th. at 1:45pm. We can go afterwards for drinks to Corks and Barrels.

- Collect Candy for Green Cove Springs Police Trunk or Treating, which will be held on Friday 10-23.

- October
- Designer Bag Bingo 10-5
- Speaker from Penney Farms at Club meeting on 10-14
- Discuss possible Halloween Costume Party.

- November
- Making a Holiday outdoor Flower Container with Master Gardener Sherry Mansfield and friends, club meeting 11-11
- Outing at Flagler College with lunch at a local restaurant.
- Discuss Food drive for Holidays. Need someone to assist.

- December
- Discuss if we are having a party/club meeting
- Set up Salvation Army Bell Ringing?
- Wreaths across America, Dec 19th