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Happy Holidays To All

November - How Far Have We Come? . . .

Our guest speaker in November was very appropriate for the month – when “we” voted on our choice for President! Ellie Mitchell’s topic was the Suffragette Movement.



Ellie Mitchell

Dressed in garments from her grandmother’s trunk and a few from an antique store, this was Ellie’s 51st time in front of an audience. And, she is an active member of the DAR.

Ellie gave us some very interesting facts on our 19th Amendment that gives women the right to vote - hard to believe in this day and age. Susan B. Anthony was born in 1820 and began her crusade for women’s rights at a very young age. It took until 1920 to get the 19th Amendment passed by Congress. Wyoming was the first state to allow women to vote in 1869, followed by Colorado in 1893 and Utah and Idaho in 1896. Ellie recommended the book *Not For Ourselves Alone* by Geoffrey C. Ward, the story of Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton.

Luminary Night

Many thanks to Cindy and Tony Bonk and their crew, Kitty Cella, Sherry Cruz, Jamie Robson and Virgene Wildner, for another successful Luminary Night!

The community looked beautiful as always and the musical program was great. How nice to see the young children we support and have our Magnolia Singers perform for us.

Charles E Bennett Update

Through the community’s generous donations, we will

provide Christmas for 34 children this year and gift cards for 12 families to help pay for their holiday meals. Delivery to the school will take place the week of December 15th. Thanks to all who participated in this worthwhile endeavor. Special thanks to those who helped stuff the envelopes, deliver the letters and shop for the children. We couldn’t have done it without your willingness to help.

Jo Ann and Joanie

Christmas Tea A Success

Thanks to Gwen Alter and Dee Pratt, we again had a beautiful Christmas Tea. A special thanks to Dyal and her staff for the beautiful display of delicious treats. They always make the tea special. Gwen and Dee delighted us with quite a few door prizes that were given away this year.



As usual, our Magnolia Singers, led by Allen Eastman, presented a wonderful holiday musical program.

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Jan 22 (Thur) - OP Community Theater

Mark your calendars! We will be hosting the dress rehearsal for the play “Sin, Sex and the CIA” at the Orange Park Community Theatre. The tickets will cost \$15 each and more details will follow in early January. This will be a fund raiser for our club.

President's Message

Hi to you all,

Wow! Luminary Night was the best! Our community looked so beautiful!

Thank you Cindy and Tony Bonk, and their team of Kitty Cella, Virgene Wildner, Sherry Cruse, and Jamie Robson. You all did an outstanding job!

Did all of you notice the palm tree back drop? Well, that was created by Dolores Forslund! Thank you, Dolores. I thought it looked terrific!! Dolores sketched it out on the sheet, and Mela Abate, Jo Ann Johnson, Lucia Hipp and yours truly painted it in my garage one Monday morning. We had a lot of fun doing the entire project.

We are all so lucky to live here. Thank you one and all for purchasing and participating in luminary night. It is, as you know, MPWC's major fund raiser. We'll have the final amount collected at the January meeting.

Thank you to the CEB singers. Cute kids and fun songs! They loved the hot chocolate and gifts!! And thank you Allen Eastman, and the Magnolia Singers. We're lucky to have you! The entire evening was a wonderful way to kick off this very special season.

Stay happy and healthy, and don't forget to have lots of fun!

Oh, and by the way, – Go Gators!!!

Your devoted President, Lynn Kelly

How Can I Help?

There are a number of things you can do (at no cost) to help those in need in our community!!! Save any of the following items and bring them to any monthly meeting:

- ▶ Aluminum Pop Tops from soda/beer cans
- ▶ Campbell Soup Labels (bar code only)
- ▶ Labels for Education (on various products)
- ▶ Paper Grocery Bags

Wed., Jan. 14 - Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 14 at 3pm in the clubhouse. The program will be presented by a ladies barbershop quartet - "4 His Glory", who are based out of the Orange Park United Methodist Church. They will be singing 1940's show tunes, big band era songs and gospel songs for a program of about 30 minutes. They have

performed at the "Concert on the Green." Happy hour and dinner will follow the meeting.

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