

# Steel Magnolias

Breast Cancer Support Group, Inc.

## Love, Faith and Gratitude

February 20, 2017

January 2017 began mine and Jimmy's 11<sup>th</sup> year with Steel Magnolias. It was 11 years ago this past January that we attended our first meeting. We had no idea what to expect, certainly not all that has happened in these ensuing years. We now know that God has a plan for us to become an active part of this amazing group of men and women. Jeremiah 29:11 tell us that "God knows the plans He has for us, plans to give us hope and a future" and sometimes we are pleasantly surprised by those plans, I certainly have been. I have seen this organization grow from just a very few that met in a small room in the Tyler Center, with literally a closet to house the few items that now require a 12 by 16 room ( and we are running out of space), to 40 or more at our monthly meetings.



We all can and should be very grateful to Lenora Johnson whose vision became a reality. Lenora has now stepped down due to health issues from being an active part of Steel Magnolias but without her we would not have this organization that has made such an impact on so many women.

### Sharing love through support

I was so fortunate to be able to maintain that office that RMC provides for us since its beginning. Our first office was located in RMC West. We were then moved to the RMC Physician's Building on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor with the Chaplain's office and then later to where we are located today, on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor in suite 407. RMC provides Steel Magnolias with a lovely office and room for PINKS and we are surrounded with Pink, very appropriate.

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Jimmy and I have met so many awesome people in and through this group of men and women. We have been allowed to touch lives and ourselves be touched by so many that are hurting because of this dreaded disease called cancer. I will always be grateful for the years past and the years to come that God has and will use this organization to make such tremendous differences in so many lives.

Elaine Johns, President  
Keither Zeimet, Vice President  
Connie Stephens, Secretary  
Chuck Trull, Treasurer  
Group Chaplains: Gloria Woosley  
& Sherry Grinstead  
RMC Chaplain, Jim Wilson  
Historian & Photographer  
Elizabeth McCabe

We are now working on our 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Lea Fite Golf Tournament. This was a vision of our Men of Steel in 2010 and it has been a huge success. Steel Magnolias needed more funds to provide the many services that we offer to cancer patients and we believed this golf tournament was the answer. Because of this tournament and the many businesses and individuals that donate to it, we are able to purchase items that are needed to stock our PINKS Boutique. Items such as bras, prosthesis, wigs, etc. that are very costly. We are deeply grateful to all those that contribute in any way to make these tournaments a success and we welcome anyone that would like to help.

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Office 256-231-8827  
Physicians Center, STE 407  
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Our hope and prayer is that God will continue to bless this organization and that it will continue to grow (not that we wish anyone to be diagnosed with cancer) due to people caring for one another. The second greatest commandment is "Love your neighbor as yourself" Matthew 22:39. As long as we put God first and others before ourselves we cannot fail.

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God Bless Steel Magnolias!!

Margaret Taylor

Email any officer by typing  
Their—first name  
@steelmagnoliasinc.org

I would like to thank everyone for the kindness and friendship you have shown Steve, me and our family during the tragic loss of our daughter, Sonya Burns, due to complications of diabetes. Your support, cards, phone calls, food and monetary donation was most certainly appreciated. During times like this it is so good to know that we have friends there to comfort us. Thank all of you so much for coming to the visitation and the funeral. Sonya loved Steel Magnolias and had first hand experience with us as she has a very close friend who is struggling with cancer. Sonya, her friend and I came to Pink's Boutique a few months ago and had a great time choosing a wig for her along with a hat and scarves. We all left there with a smile on our face.

Sonya was a very loving gentle person. She loved everyone she met and everyone loved Sonya. She always welcomed everyone into her home with open arms and treated them like family. Sonya had two children Justin, 25, and Madisyn, 12. I will now be very involved in raising Madisyn so pretty soon I will have a teenager on my hands. I never imagined that I would be raising a teenager at my age, and I will be 73 years old when she graduates from high school. This is the hardest journey I have ever been on in my entire lifetime, but with the support of family and friends like you I will make it through. Please keep us in your prayers.



Connie Stephens

The Steel Magnolias received a donation in the memory of Sonya Burns daughter of Connie and Steve Stephens by Sue H. Adcock.

### Steel Magnolias - Men of Steel January Meeting

The Steel Magnolias Breast Cancer Support Group met on January 24<sup>th</sup> in the RMC private dining room. RMC furnished baked irish and sweet potatoes, Steel Magnolias brought side dishes and desserts.

The meeting began with the presentation check of \$500, donated by Delores Rodz who was voted the Pink Lady volunteer of the year. She was allowed to choose an organization to give this money to and she chose Steel Magnolias. Delores has also helped raise money for the organization by crocheting several beautiful afghans.

Chaplain Jim Wilson presented a program about the history of Steel Magnolias from its small beginning to where it has come today. Chaplain Wilson reminded us that this organization was begun because of the vision of Lenora Johnson for hurting women diagnosed with breast cancer. The scripture that was used in founding this group was the prayer of Jabez, when Jabez asked the Lord to enlarge his territory and He has certainly done that for Steel Magnolias.

Marilyn Lawson read a letter from Lenora Johnson thanking Steel Magnolias for their show of love at the Christmas Banquet.

The treasurer's report was read and approved. Move to accept by Marilyn Lawson and seconded by Sue Patin.

President Elaine Johns reminded everyone of the Bake and Jewelry sale scheduled for April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Marti Warren reminded everyone of the need for jewelry.

Jimmy Taylor gave a report on the golf tournament. Work has begun in earnest and we need EVERYONE to help with the work of asking for sponsors. To date we have 11 sponsors and \$3050.

It was suggested that Gloria could use help in notifying members when needed. Perhaps a buddy system could work.

Nancy Burnell spoke to the group about the need to make some changes in who would be invited to the banquets. Each person would need to attend 6 meetings during the year. Each member meeting that requirement would receive 2 tickets. More than 2 would require up front payment for each additional ticket. A roster of names will be provided at the next meeting so that we will be able to keep abreast of those attending regularly.

Chaplin Sherry Grinstead read our prayer list and added any additional names before praying for them.

Paul Barker asked permission to print our Steel Magnolias newsletter in the Portuguese language and possibly other languages so that we could reach other cultures with the work we do.

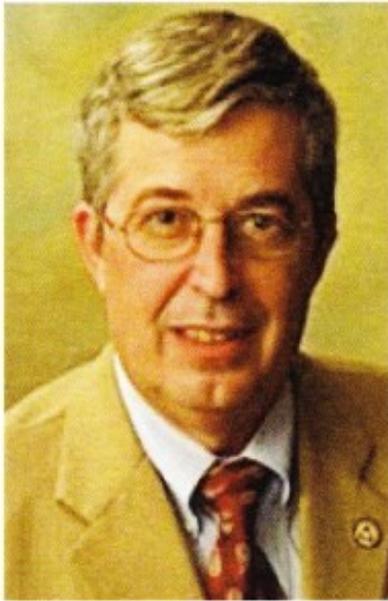
Roger Zeimet moved to give permission and Marti Warren seconded. Motion approved.

Elaine Johns mention the application for Cure Magazine was available if anyone was interested.

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:  
Margaret Taylor (in the absence of Sec. Connie Stephens)





*Tee it High, Let it Fly*  
*Support the Girls*

**APRIL 22, 2017**

**LEA FITE  
MEMORIAL GOLF  
TOURNAMENT**

4 PERSON - BRING YOUR OWN TEAM SCRAMBLE.

\$65 PER PLAYER/ \$260 PER TEAM WITH EARLY  
REGISTRATION OF APRIL 15th . ON DAY OF  
TOURNAMENT - \$75 PER PLAYER/\$300 PER TEAM.

Entry fee includes 1 mulligan & 1 skirt



**8th ANNUAL**

**LEA FITE  
MEMORIAL GOLF  
TOURNAMENT**

**BENEFITS: "STEEL  
MAGNOLIAS"  
BREAST CANCER  
SUPPORT, INC.**

**PRESENTED BY:  
MEN OF STEEL**

**Lunch Provided  
1:00 SHOTGUN START**

**PINE HILL  
COUNTRY CLUB**

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# 8<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL

## LEA FITE MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

**PRESENTED BY: MEN OF STEEL**

**Benefiting: "Steel Magnolias"  
Breast Cancer Support Group, Inc.**

**Date: SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2017  
Location: PINE HILL COUNTRY CLUB  
LUNCH PROVIDED**

TEE IT HIGH,  
LET IT FLY!



SUPPORT  
THE GIRLS!

**4 PERSON TEAMS ~ SHOTGUN START  
\$65 per player/\$260 per team  
EARLY REGISTRATION BY APRIL 8<sup>TH</sup>.  
Entry fee includes 1 mulligan & 1 skirt  
\$75 PER PLAYER/\$300 PER TEAM  
DAY OF TOURNAMENT**

**1<sup>st</sup> flight ~ 1<sup>st</sup> place  
Paid entry/ Sunny King Classic  
1<sup>st</sup> flight ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> place  
\$300**

**2<sup>nd</sup> flight ~ 1<sup>st</sup> place  
Paid entry/Sunny King Classic  
2<sup>nd</sup> flight ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> place  
\$200**

**Prizes based on a Full Field!**

### **SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE:**

**PINK ~ \$1,200 AND UP**

**GOLD ~ \$750**

**BRONZE ~ \$250**

**PLATINUM ~ \$1,000**

**SILVER ~ \$500**

**HOLE SPONSOR ~ \$100**

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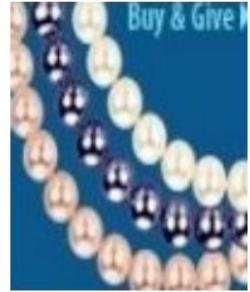
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**SATURDAY**

**APRIL**

**15TH**



**Steel Magnolias Breast Cancer  
Support Group**

**Annual Bake and Jewelry Sale**

**Quintard Mall**

**Next to Bath and Body Works**

**9:00 am –5:00 pm**

**Baked Goodies**

**Just in time for Easter**

**Great Jewelry selections**

**From Marti's Collection**

**For Easter & Mother's Day**

*Steel Magnolias  
Breast Cancer Support Group, Inc*

## Up Coming Events

February 28<sup>th</sup> is our next meeting in the private dining room at RMC. We will have ham and turkey croissants. Steel Magnolias please bring side dishes and deserts. Our guest speaker will be representatives from Alabama Hospice Care.

March 20<sup>th</sup> is our next newsletter mailing day.

April 15<sup>th</sup> is the annual bake and jewelry sale at the Quintard Mall. Get in touch with everyone you can that will help bake for the sale. We have attached a flyer in this newsletter, print it from the website and post it at your work or at your church. Help spread the word!

April 22<sup>nd</sup> is the Lea Fite Golf Tournament at Pine Hill Golf Course. There are flyers in this newsletter for you to give to someone that wants to play or someone that wants to help with a sponsorship. Please share this information.

June 10<sup>th</sup> is the BBQ at Quad City Fire department and we have been invited to be there and set up a table to share information about our group.

## Joggin' Inside

Gary was having a yard sale. A minister bought a lawn mower but returned it a few days later, complaining that it wouldn't run.

"It'll run," said Gary. "But you have to curse at it to get it started."

The minister was shocked. "I have not uttered a curse in 30 years."

"Just keep pulling on the starter rope—the words will come back to you."

## Barefoot Gandhi

Gandhi walked barefoot everywhere, ate very little, and often fasted, leaving him thin and with very bad breath. Thus he is often thought of as a super callused, fragile mystic plagued with halitosis.

## Church Bulletin

As church secretary, I prepare the bulletin for each week's services.

One Sunday morning, I heard snickering from the pews. Quickly grabbing the bulletin, I found the cause. The sermon title for that day was: "What Makes God Sick: Pastor Joe Smith."

## A Sign From Above

Spotted on a church marquee: "Love your enemies; After all, You made them."

## Sermon Time

During our priest's sermon, a large plant fell over right behind the pulpit, crashing to the ground. Acknowledging his reputation for long-windedness, he smiled sheepishly and said, "Well, that's the first time I actually put a plant to sleep."

## The Good News

With Bible in hand, I read to my high school religion class, "For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife."

"Okay," I said, "from this Scripture, what do we learn is important in marriage?"

A student blurted out, "Cleavage."

SMILE, JESUS LOVES YOU!

# PRAYER

H Y A R P U A W G R O U E W  
U T G M N P O R N N C V A G  
N I N T E R C E S S O R Y I  
C R I I S N E S E L R S H F  
E I V H R D F S P I P V O T  
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P E T I T I O N G N Y C T C  
L S P I H S N O I T A L E R

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AMEN	GROUP	MYSTERY	SONG
ASK	HOLY SPIRIT	NEEDS	THANKSGIVING
CONCERNS	HOPE	PEACE	TREES
CONFESS	INTERCESSORY	PETITION	UNCEASING
CORPORATE	JESUS	PRAISE	WARRIORS
DAILY	LABYRINTH	PRAY	WORSHIP
GIFT	LISTS	RELATIONSHIP	
GOD	LOVE	SEEK	

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