

Steel Magnolias

Breast Cancer Support Group, Inc.

Lea Fite Golf Tournament Results

June 21, 2022



Sharing love through support

The 13th Annual Lea Fite Golf Tournament hosted by the Men of Steel is in the books! Early on May 14th many in our group arrived at Pine Hill Country Club and started setting up for golfers' registration and selling chances on a Solo Stove, a golf wedge w/pull cart and a cologne basket from Dillards. Others started bagging cookies and icing down drinks for the golfers. It was a beautiful day for a golf tournament. The golfers started arriving and it was on! By 8 am we were outside going over the rules for the day. Buster Miles had a \$10,000 toward a "hole in one" on #14 and everyone had to hit from the white tee. There were prizes for the closest to the pin on hole #3 and #16 and the longest drive on #15.

Then they were off! It was 4 to 5 hours before the first golfers finished and returned to the club house. Cory started recording scores and we started feeding them Chic-fil-a sandwiches furnished by Wade Bence with Chic-fil-a at the Exchange. We tried to have a door prize for all golfers, and each had a ticket on their golfer's bag to match up with any thing from a set of screwdrivers to a \$30 gift card. Thanks to the retailers in the Anniston and Oxford communities! We had 31 teams that turned into 3 flights with a total of 91 golfers.

The first-place winners in each flight won entry certificates to the Sunny King Charity Classic. Second place in the first flight won \$100 each and second place in the second flight won \$75 each. There was no 2nd place prize in the 3rd flight. Our winners in the 1st flight 1st place were Sawyer Edwards, Brad Moultrie and John Grubbs. In the 2nd flight 1st place Heath Waldrop, Shane Kline and Cobi Webb. The 3rd flight 1st place went to Randy Martin, Tommy Stevens and James Harris. 1st flight 2nd place went to Brian Irwin, Jerry Irwin and Trey Hanvey and 2nd flight 2nd place went to Michael Hernden, Matt Moore and Tony Strickland. Closet to the pin on #3 was Blake Drummond and on #16 was Jimbo Phillips and both received a \$40 gift card provided by Honey Baked Ham in Oxford. The Longest Drive went to Trey Hanvey and he received a \$40 gift card provided by Coldwater Mountain Brewpub.

Thanks to everyone who played, who helped with the tournament, who was a corporate sponsor, who was a hole sponsor, who donated money, door prizes, water, and drinks. A special thanks to Wade Bence from Chic-fil-a, Cory Etter at Pine Hill Country Club, to the golf committee, Steel Magnolias, and Men of Steel for making this event special!

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Birthdays and Anniversaries

July 7th is Nancy Burnell's birthday, and she is an 18-year survivor!

July 7th is Walter Lawson's birthday, and he is a volunteer!

July 13th is Sherry Grinstead's birthday, and she is a 20-year survivor!

Up Coming Events

JUNE 28th is our next Steel Magnolias and Men of Steel meeting in the private dining room at RMC. RMC Chaplain's office will provide spaghetti for our meal, Steel Magnolias please bring side dishes and desserts. Come at 5 to socialize and our meeting will promptly start at 5:30. Please bring a friend!

July 18th is the next newsletter mailing day. If you have something to go in the newsletter, please send it to me no later than July 11th.

July 26th is our 18th Annual New Beginnings Banquet. We will have no meeting in July. The banquet will be at the Anniston Country Club and starts at 6 p.m. Our guest speaker will be Edie Hand. No cost to invitee. All other guests or family members will be \$35 each. When you receive your invitation, please RSVP no later than July 19th. The address and phone number to respond to will be on your invitation.

**STEEL MAGNOLIAS/MEN OF STEEL MONTHLY MEETING
MAY 24, 2022**

Meeting was called to order by our President, Elaine Johns.

Elaine recognized our visitors: Joanne Pope, Ridgely Smith, and Susan Landress.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read, and motion made by Pat and seconded by Steve that minutes be adopted as read.

Treasurer's Report was given as follows:

**April Beginning Balance - \$26,645.03
April Ending Balance - \$26,745.08**

**May Beginning Balance - \$26,745.08
May Ending Balance - \$26,023.56**

Elaine gave a final report on the golf tournament. We had 30 teams, with balance of \$22,200.63. \$1,089 raised from the raffles.

Elaine stressed again that we really needed more help with our events.

Our guest speaker was our very own Pam Staples from SAIL (State of Alabama Independent Living). SAIL provides specialized in-home education and counseling attendant care, training, and medical services to Alabamians with significant disabilities, ensuring they can live as independently as possible at home and in the community. They provide the following services:

- SAIL/VRS Hybrid Program – provides comprehensive services to assist individuals with significant physical disabilities in pursuing work goals.**
- Homebound services – home based services to assist people with significant disabilities in leading more independent lives.**
- Community Support Services – enhances and promotes independence in the home, community, and workplace.**
- SAIL Medicaid Waiver – providing services in the individual's home, reducing institutional placements.**

Nancy handed out invitations to the New Beginnings Banquet July 26, 2022, 6:00 at the Anniston Country Club. The title of the banquet is, "Weather the Storm."

Nancy told us that the Pink Firetruck has been named "Kaylee" after Kaylee Jeter.

No further business, motion made by Connie and seconded by Janet that meeting be adjourned.

**Respectively submitted
Brenda Parker, Secretary**

Presidents Corner

I hope I get this right, this month.... sorry for the wrong information in our last newsletter concerning our monthly meeting. I kind of got ahead of myself on the date of the meeting and had to get the correct information back out through emails and phone calls, thanks Brenda and Gloria!

I am looking for suggestions or helpful information for our newsletters. If there is something you would like to see in the newsletter or if you have something to share, please send it to

elaine@steelmagnoliasinc.org or mail it to Steel Magnolia Breast Cancer support group at PO Box 2208 Anniston, AL 36202 Attn: Elaine. I personally love the joke page; we all need to laugh a little!

It is not too late to submit stories on Lenora, Marti or Barbara. I will be glad to include your stories or memories of them in the newsletter. I have a couple of stories today. These women were a big part of this group from the start and I know they have meant a lot to people over the years.

Elaine

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Marti Warren

Remembering Marti Warren

Marti was another special friend of mine. Every time I would call her, she would always say “how is my sweet lady today?”. She came to my house and picked figs every summer. There were many times she would call me and request prayer for her family. I worked at the Cerebral Palsy center for 12 years and this made a bond between us. She always had a fundraiser for the children every year. We will always miss her wit and her smile. She would tell it like it is. Our group will miss her, and I will miss her.



Gloria Woosley

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Marti Warren Remembered

Before I met Marti for the first time, I had heard of her. Actually, I read an article in the newspaper about this lady who had caused quite a scene at the Olive Garden Restaurant in Oxford. Marti, along with members of the Golden K (Oxford Kiwanis for Senior members) had gone to lunch at Olive Garden and was told she could not have the American Flag on display. Of course, this didn't set too well with Marti so she proceeded to “do her thang”! After contacting all the Olive Garden managers (local, region and district) and the media, Marti received an apology from the restaurant manager; as well as, an invitation to have her group return for lunch and to bring the American Flag to be put on display! I was in awe of this lady and her spunk without having ever met her!!

Fast forward a few months - Steve and I were at the Oxford Fest in October 2011. We were working in our Marine Corps League tent which was set up in front of Cotton's Antiques. Needing the use of their facilities and a break from the heat, we decided to go into Cotton's. We were immediately greeted by Marti. If you knew Marti, you know how friendly and outgoing she was; therefore, it shouldn't come as a surprise that we became fast friends. Of course, upon meeting Marti I brought up the Olive Garden story which led Marti to invite us to join the Golden K. We explained that we were currently very busy volunteering with other organizations and that our big project right then was Toys for Tots. When Marti learned that Steve was a Marine all bets were off!! You see, Marti “loved” all men in uniform especially a Marine!! With that same determination she had used to get the Olive Garden to change their flag policy, Marti set her sights on us and the rest is history. We agreed that after we finished with Toys for Tots that we would come visit the Golden K to decide if we were interested in joining. In March 2012, we both became Golden K members and got to know Marti even better. It was at that time when we met Chuck and Barbara Trull. Chuck was the treasurer of the Golden K and Marti was the President. It didn't take long for Marti to get us totally involved with the Golden K and Steve accepted the office of Vice-President.

Through the years, we worked on many projects with Marti, i.e. Special Olympics, East Central Alabama Cerebral Palsy Telethon, Steel Magnolias bake sale, Pinks Boutique, Jewelry Sales at RMC, Adopt a Military Family for Christmas, Toys for Tots – just too many to remember them all. Marti’s invitation to us to come buy goodies for Easter at the Steel Magnolias bake sale was how we ended up becoming volunteers with Steel Magnolias.

I was always amazed at the number of people that Marti knew. I never saw her go anywhere without running into someone that she knew and if she didn’t already know them, she became fast friends with them. She was never afraid to voice her opinion and you always knew where you stood with Marti.

I feel fortunate to have met Marti that day in October 2011 and to have become her friend. Steve and I will certainly miss her.

Connie Stephens

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Marti Warren

Marti has been my very close friend and confident for over 21 years. I first met Marti when we had a recycled jewelry sale booth in the Hudson's building and I worked for EAI Corporation in the same building. I began buying Marti's repaired and recycled jewelry for Barbara and my granddaughters and we became good friends and met and talked often at her booth during lunch. Our conversations often covered our childhood experiences and lives on the farm and before and during the World War II years. It was probably the similarity in our backgrounds that permitted the closeness and confidentiality that stayed with us over the years.

Marti and I became members of the Oxford Golden K Kiwanis Organization where we served from 2003 until 2012. Marti and I served as Secretary, President, Treasurer or Vice-President over the years until the organization disbanded due to the age and physical well-being of members and the reluctance of younger citizens to become involved. Marti invited me to join the Steel Magnolias at about the same time and suggested that I would learn a lot of what Barbara was going through since she was having breast cancer surgery and reconstruction which was one of our early conversations. It took several years for Barbara to come with me to the meetings but during the interim months and years Marti and I felt at ease to relate confidences back and forth making each of us even more open. Our closeness began to dissolve as "Pokey" became more infirmed and passed away. Marti was relegated to Nursing Facilities where her health became a concern. Our conversations became fewer and shortened until she was brought home and succumbed October 28, 2021.

I did not attend her church service or funeral because I was with Barbara 24/7 for some time before and Marti and I had requested each other to not attend and remember the mutual closeness of the last few years -- I remember her fondly every day. I miss Marti and she is never absent from my thoughts. I like to think that we are still communicating with no long-distance charges.

Chuck Trull



Joggin' Inside

The guys were all at a deer camp. No one wanted to room with Bob, because he snored so badly. They decided it wasn't fair to make one of them stay with him the whole time, so they voted to take turns.

The first guy slept with Bob and comes to breakfast the next morning with his hair a mess and his eyes all bloodshot.

They said, "Man, what happened to you? He said, "Bob snored so loudly, I just sat up and watched him all night."

The next night it was a different guy's turn. In the morning, same thing, hair all standing up, eyes all bloodshot.

They said, "Man, what happened to you? You look awful! He said, 'Man, that Bob shakes the roof with his snoring. I watched him all night.'"

The third night was Fred's turn. Fred was a tanned, older cowboy, a man's man. The next morning he came to breakfast bright-eyed and bushy-tailed. "Good morning!" he said. They couldn't believe it. They said, "Man, what happened?"

He said, "Well, we got ready for bed. I went and tucked Bob into bed, patted him on the butt, and kissed him good night.. Bob sat up and watched me all night."

A man brings his best buddy home for dinner...unannounced at 7:30 pm after work.

His wife begins screaming at him and his friend just sits and listens.

Wife: "My hair and makeup are not done, the house is a mess, the dishes are not done, I'm still in my pajamas and I can't be bothered with cooking tonight! Why the hell did you bring him home?!?"

Husband: "Because he's thinking of getting married and I promised him a demo!"

Corvette, looked at his watch, and said, "Sir, my shift ends in 30 minutes. Today is Friday. If you can give me a reason for speeding that I've never heard before, I'll let you go." The old gentleman paused. Then he said, "Years ago, my wife ran off with a state trooper. I thought you were bringing her back." "Have a good day, sir," replied the trooper.

Tide Detergent: It Gets The Stains Out!

Dear Tide,

I am writing to say what an excellent product you have! I've used it all of my married life, as my Mom always told me it was the best.

Now that I am in my fifties I find it even better! In fact, about a month ago, I spilled some red wine on my new white blouse. My inconsiderate and uncaring husband started to belittle me about how clumsy I was, and generally started becoming a pain in the neck. Well, one thing led to another and somehow I ended up with his blood on my new white blouse! I grabbed my bottle of Tide with bleach alternative, and to my surprise and satisfaction, all of the stains came out! In fact, the stains came out so well the detectives who came by yesterday told me that the DNA tests on my blouse were negative. Then my attorney called and said that I was no longer considered a suspect in the disappearance of my husband. What a relief! Going through menopause is bad enough without being a murder suspect! I thank you, once again, for having a great product. Well, gotta go -- I have to write to the Hefty Bag people.

Your friend, Velma



A senior citizen drove his brand-new Corvette convertible out of the dealership. Taking off down the road, he floored it to 80 mph, enjoying the wind blowing through what little gray hair he had left. Amazing, he thought as he flew down I-94, pushing the pedal even more. Looking in his rear-view mirror, he saw a state trooper behind him, lights flashing and siren blaring. He floored it to 100 mph, then 110, then 120. Suddenly he thought, what am I doing? I'm too old for this and pulled over to await the trooper's arrival.

Pulling in behind him, the trooper walked up to the

Corvette, looked at his watch, and said, "Sir, my shift ends in 30 minutes. Today is Friday. If you can give me a reason for speeding that I've never heard before, I'll let you go." The old gentleman paused. Then he said, "Years ago, my wife ran off with a state trooper. I thought you were bringing her back."

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