

Steel Magnolias

Breast Cancer Support Group, Inc.

Breast Cancer Events, Thanksgiving and Christmas!

Each year these three months seem to be busier than they were in the past. October being Breast Cancer Awareness month, then we have Thanksgiving in November and Christmas in December. Saying all that, I haven't even mentioned getting ready for all three!

I know for the Steel Magnolias, in October we kick off the month with Oxfordfest. It is a great time to share with others the mission of the Steel Magnolias and the services we offer. We always have a survivor board for everyone to sign at Oxfordfest and we encourage them to add how many years of being a survivor beneath their name. It was awesome to see and something to be thankful for.

We also were honored with a car show in Attalla at Morgan Funeral Home. It turned out to be a beautiful day with quite a few neat cars, several vendors and a delicious food truck. We really enjoyed the day.

We had a motorcycle ride at Hooligan Harley Davidson, TuTu's for Tatas. Thank you Kelly Doyle for starting this ride again this year. It is heartwarming to see grown men with pink beards and wearing their pink tutus!

Margaret was invited to speak to the Lions Club of Anniston. I went with her and we enjoyed lunch at Classic on Noble. It is always a pleasure to see others working in the community to help people.

During the month of October, the Sunny King Automotive Group once again raised money for the Steel Magnolias by donating \$50 for every car sold in the month of October at Sunny King Ford, Sunny King Honda and Sunny King Toyota.

I wanted to give you an idea of what our group has to be thankful for in November. We feel the love of many who come out and support our cause in the community. As Jim Wilson, Chaplain at RMC tells me, "this support group is needed in our community, it is an important resource to many who will face cancer". You are also important to us.

With December here already, I want you all to remember what our celebration should be about during this Christmas season. If not for the birth of Christ, we would have no hope. Sometimes all we have is hope. God loved us so much that He sent His Son, Jesus, to be born on earth and die on a cross. Christ came to save us all, so while you are getting ready for Christmas, share with your family and friends the true meaning of Christmas. Without Christ there would be no Christmas!

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STEEL MAGNOLIAS/MEN OF STEEL MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 26, 2023

The meeting was called to order by our President, Elaine Johns.

We had 25 in attendance with one visitor.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and motion made by Vicky and seconded by Jenny that they be adopted as read.

Treasurers Report was given by Chuck with a beginning balance of \$28,704.33 and ending balance of \$24,455.31. This included donations in the amount of \$575.00.

Elaine went over the list of events for the month of October and put out sign up-sheets for volunteers for each event.

September 30th – Breast cancer Steps to Help walk, Ranburne, AL (later cancelled)

October 7th – Oxfordfest, Oxford, AL Set up starts at 7:00.

October 8th – Breast cancer walk and car show sponsored by Morgan Funeral Home in Attalla.

Festivities go from 2:00 to 6:00 PM.

October 14th – Tu's Tu's for Ta's Ta's at Hooligan's Harley Davidson. Set up starts at 8:45 with kickstands up at 11:00

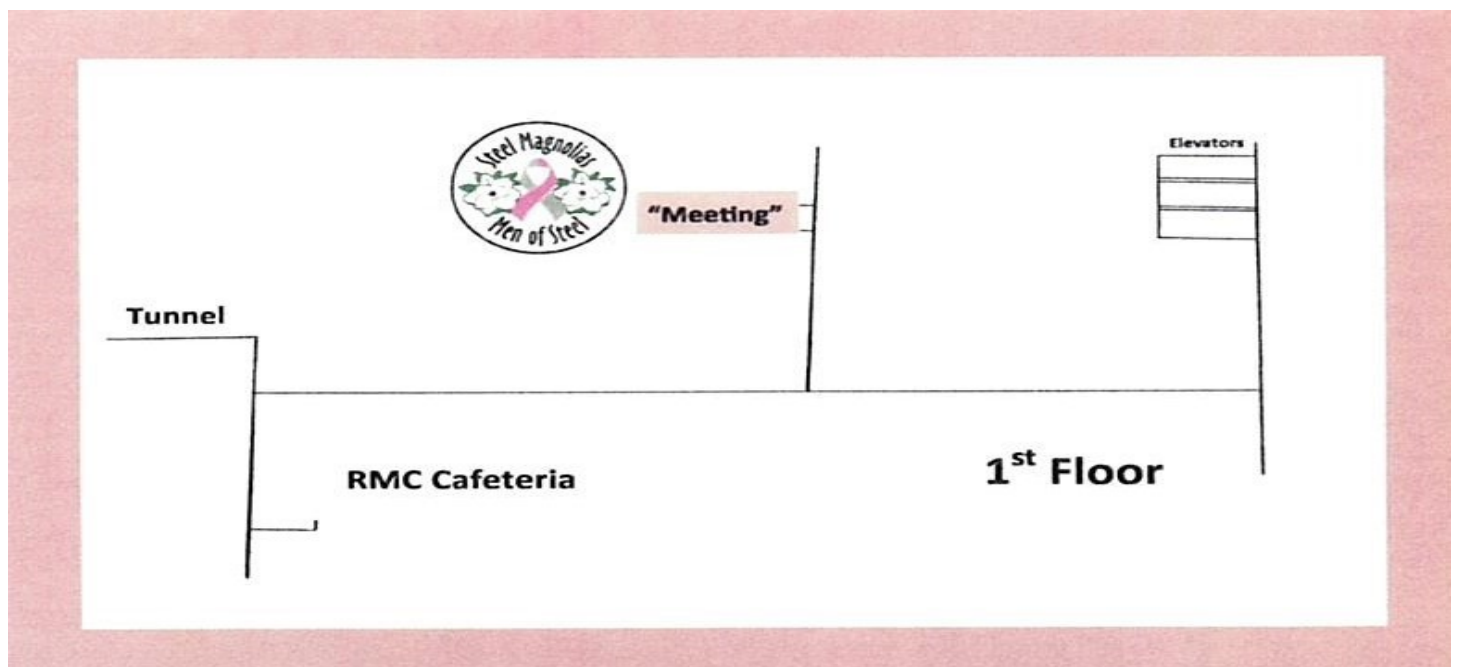
November 4th – Heflin's Christmas Vendors' Event. Starts at 9:00.

She also told us we will have new shirts to sell at all the events.

Sherry gave the devotion on Second Chance God. Everyday we are given second chance by our loving God. She shared some stories from the Bible of people that God had given second chances, to like Moses, Jonah, David, Ruth & Naomi, Nehemiah, Paul, Raham the harlot, and Sampson. These are just a few of the examples of God giving second chances. How would we survive if God didn't give us chance after chance after chance.

No further business, motion made by Steve and seconded by Eddie that meeting be adjourned.

Respectively submitted,
Brenda Parker, Secretary



**STEEL MAGNOLIAS/MEN OF STEEL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 24, 2023**

Meeting was called to order by our President, Elaine Johns. There were 22 in attendance to include 1 visitor.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and motion by Linda and seconded by Susan that they be adopted as read.

Chuck gave the Treasurers' Report for the month of October. We had a beginning balance of \$24,605.31 and ending balance of \$21,623.98. This included donations and sales from Oxfordfest in the amount of \$2,137.00.

Elaine gave a funds update from activities for the month of October: Oxfordfest - \$1,754.00; car show in Attala - \$497.00; and Tu's Tu's for Ta's Ta's - \$996.

Everyone was reminded of events to come which include the Pink or Treat Thursday, Oct 26th from 4-6 in the Medical Arts Bldg parking lot. Anniston High School had a walk for breast cancer and Sunny King is donating \$50.00 for every car sold during the month of October.

We then voted on "Volunteer of the Year" award.

Elaine handed out the invitations to the Christmas Brunch December 2, 9:00 AM, at the Oxford Civic Center.

Jenny gave us a devotion about the little tree that felt so insignificant among all the larger trees in God's vast gardens. Even though we are small, we can grow and do magnificent things with the help of God. Jeremiah 17:7-8 Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is. 8 For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit.

We then discussed ways that we could raise money while getting our organization out there in the public. We discussed ways to get more young people involved.

Sherry then went over our prayer list.

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

Respectively submitted
Brenda Parker, Secretary

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Please remember that we will be meeting the 4th Tuesday of January. We will have a newsletter before the meeting with information about a speaker and our food. Just go ahead and mark it on your calendar! See you there!

Belated and Up Coming Birthdays and Anniversaries

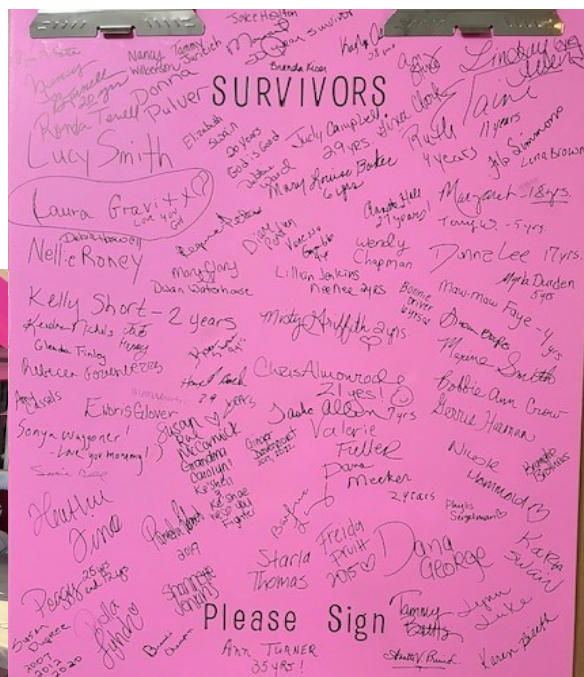
November 26 was Christie Renfro's birthday and she is a volunteer!
 December 9th was Kenny Guldin's birthday and he is a volunteer!
 December 17th was Judy Elder's birthday and she is a 27-year survivor!
 December 26th is Pam Staples birthday and she is a 6-year survivor!
 January 7th is Janet Reese's birthday and she is a 24-year survivor!
 January 11th is Jessie Rhode's birthday and she is a volunteer!
 January 18th is Vickie Norman's birthday and she is a volunteer!
 January 21nd is Elizabeth McCabe's birthday and she is a 27 year survivor!

Report on October's Events

I am not meaning to repeat myself in this newsletter, but.....We started the month of October with Margaret, Nancy, Jenny and Elaine going to Oxford's football game. They were selling pink pom poms to raise money for the Steel Magnolias. With the sales and donations, they sent us a \$700 check. Thank your Oxford High School.



We continued on Oxfordfest the next morning. It was a beautiful day and the crowds were amazing! We had the opportunity to talk to many survivors and many who had lost someone to this thing called cancer.



Through generous donations and the sale of our Breast Cancer items and our new tee-shirts we raised \$1754. Thank you to all who stopped by to see us!



We then went to Attalla on the next day to a car show and breast cancer walk put on by Morgan Funeral Chapel & Crematory. This is the 2nd walk and car show that they have hosted for the Steel Magnolias. This has been a fun event for us and they have a big time with all the door prizes donated for this event. We raised \$537 at our table and will receive what they collected at a later date. Thank you Derian and everyone at Morgan Funeral Capel for supporting us!Continued on page 6



“Our Services Condensed”

- **Monthly Group Meetings on the 4th Tuesday of every month except November and December.**
- **“Pinks Boutique” stocked with mastectomy bras, breast prosthesis, knitted knockers, wigs, hats and scarves free to cancer patients.**
- **Care packages for newly diagnosed breast cancer patients**
- **Dining Vouchers for two family members of any cancer patient in surgery at Regional Medical center in RMC’s cafeteria.**
- **Snacks are provided in RMC’s oncology and radiation oncology departments. They are also provided in Clearview Cancer oncology room.**
- **Breast Cancer Awareness Program is available to girls in grades 7-12. This program is taught in the school by a trained volunteer under the supervision of a Registered Nurse.**
- **Speakers Bureau: speakers available to civic clubs and churches.**
- **Newsletter, we publish a monthly newsletter that is informative and inspirational. It contains upcoming events along with jokes and a word search puzzle.**
- **Website: www.steelmagnoliasinc.org and like us on fb**
- **Men of Steel are the husbands, friends and family members of breast cancer survivors.**
- **Prayer Ministry**

Ways You Can Help

- **Volunteer**
 - **Attend our meetings and get involved with us**
 - **Volunteer to work in our office and help with our fundraising events**
 - **Contribute: all contributions are tax deductible, we are a 501c3 tax exempt organization. Donations can be mailed to Steel Magnolia Breast Cancer Support Group, PO Box 2208 Anniston, Al 36202. All Contributions are used to provide services to breast cancer patients who reach out to us.**
- Pray for our ministry.**

Report on October's Events continued

On October 14th we were at Hooligans Harley Davidson for the TuTu for TaTas ride. Kelly Doyle brought this ride back to support the Steel Magnolias. Pink Heals came and led the ride and while they were out Kelly cooked hotdogs and hamburgers. From the ride and sale of the food and our goods, the Steel Magnolias took in \$996 for the day. Thank you Kelly and everyone at Hooligan Harley Davidson!



We had others to support us during October, Marti Warren's Alpha Delta Kappa sorority donated \$300 in her memory. June Reaves and Cheryl Cotton came by and presented us with checks. She would be so proud of her sorority to keep supporting something she was so passionate about. Thank you ladies and it was nice meeting you!

We were invited to a walk in Ranburne Alabama and the walk was called off. The Church that was hosting the walk took donations and sent us a check for \$781. They are such a blessing to our group.



Golden Springs WMU donated \$500 to the Steel Magnolias. They too know the importance of our group.

Matthews Screen Printing made and sold tee-shirts in honor of Teresa's mother who is going through breast cancer. She sent us a check for \$250! Thank you Teresa!

Sunny King Automotive Group which consists of Sunny King Ford, Sunny King Honda and Sunny King Toyota, led by Patty King and John Bryan. During the month of October they donate \$50 for each new or used car sold at these three dealerships. They presented us with checks for \$5,000 from Toyota, \$3,650 from Ford and \$2,150 from Honda. We can not thank them enough for their support. Mrs. King also knows the importance of this support group. This company supports so much in our community and we need to support them. Remember to shop local.



We had many other donors during October and many supported us by buying our shirts, but most of all it came from the heart. Thank you all who help us meet the needs of cancer patients who come to us for help. As my friend Gloria reminds me.....

Jesus Loves You!

After being married for thirty years, a wife asked her husband to describe her.

He looked at her for a while, then said, "You're A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K."

She asks ... "What does that mean?"

He said, "Adorable, Beautiful, Cute, Delightful, Elegant, Foxy, Gorgeous, Hot."



She smiled happily and said ... "Oh, that's so lovely ... What about I, J, K?"

He said, "I'm Just Kidding!"

The swelling in his eye is going down and the doctor is fairly optimistic about saving his family jewels.

Research has shown that laughing for 2 minutes is just as healthy as a 20 minute jog. So now I'm sitting in the park laughing at all the joggers.

My husband and I were doing a yard work but I started a fight so I could storm off into the air conditioning

THINGS TO PONDER:

- What if my dog only brings the ball back because he thinks I like throwing it?
- If the poison expiration date is past does that mean it's less or more poisonous?
- Which letter in "Scent" is silent...is the S or the C?
- Do twins ever realize that one of them is unplanned?
- Why is W pronounced "double U" instead of "double V"?
- What if oxygen is killing you & it just takes 75 to 100 years to work?
- Everytime you clean, you make something else dirty.
- 100 years ago, everyone had a horse, only the rich had a car. Today everyone has cars & only the rich have horses.
- If you replace the "W" with a "T" in "What, Where & When", you would have the answer to each one.
- If you rip a hole in a net, you have less holes than you started with.

Sister Smith was always saying, "Praise the LORD. "Her atheist neighbor kept telling her, "Stop saying that, there is no God. "One day he walked past her house and heard her praying for the LORD to send her some food because she had nothing in the house. He decided to teach her a lesson. He went to the store, bought her four bags of groceries, sat them on her front porch, rang her door bell and hid in the bushes to watch her reaction. When she opened the door and saw the groceries she said aloud, "Thank you LORD, you sent me some groceries. "Upon hearing that her neighbor jumped out from the bushes and said, "No he didn't, I did, where's your God now? "Sister Smith jumped up and down and said, "Thank you LORD, not only did you send the groceries, you made the devil pay for them!"

You know the older you get the tougher it is to lose weight because by then your body and your fat have gotten to be really good friends.

GIVE US A VISION BY CHOPLIN

Donna Houston

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Find the words in bold:

Come , O **LORD**, **LOOK** on Your people;
WANDERING and **LOST** with no **SHEPHERD BUT** You.
WITHOUT Your **LIGHT** Your people will **PERISH**,
LIFT us **AGAIN** and make our **HEARTS NEW**.

GIVE us a **VISION**, vision of You.
MOLD us and make us a **PEOPLE** of **TRUTH**.
COME SPIRIT, **FEED** us and **LEAD** us to do
Your **HOLY MISSION**, O give us a vision of You.

We **BRING THANKFULNESS** for **YESTERDAY'S BLESSINGS**;
We have **HOPE**s and **DREAMS** of **DAYS** yet to be.
So **GOD** of **LIGHT**, come lift all our **BLINDNESS**,
MAKE Your **WAY PLAIN UNTIL** we can see.