

# Steel Magnolias

Breast Cancer Support Group, Inc.

September 16, 2006

## Wearing—Rusting—Remembering

### Use IT or Lose IT

For a great many Steel Magnolias, the only question is, "What is the IT?"

Because I was left with no recourse, after receiving periodic cortisone shots and physical therapy, in hopes of avoiding IT, I, on August 23, had surgery on the shoulder of my lymphedema arm.

Now, like Debbie Barano, Jo Ann Taylor, Marti Warren, Gladys Denizard, Janet Reese, etc. etc., I am, once again, in rehab and recovery.

Because everything I do is painful, this letter will be shorter than usual, being careful not to exclude the absolutely necessary JOKE PAGE.

9-11-2001

September 11, 2001, like many other historical dates, was a date of such infamy

that we can remember where we were and what we were doing at the moment.

Kathy Taylor, Jo Ann Taylor's daughter-in-law, marked this date with a poem. It is with great respect and gratitude that I share Kathy's poem.

### September 11, 2001 To Honor Those Who Were Lost.

On September 11, 2001, a tragedy in New York had begun,

And then, in shock, we saw the strike on the Pentagon

In shock,, horror, fear, we now are all as one.

The pictures, the stories, the tears in our minds, Left us all void, the day forever stood still in time.

The brave, the brothers frantically started the search,

While pictures of mad men, evil doers, started to launch.

The numbers of the innocent, stories of the brave;

Timeless heroes, passengers on the fated planes; Gave up their lives, not by their own hands, None others so brave, gave their lives over our land.

Out of the ruins, the fire and smoke still burns on...

But in our hearts and lives, we are united as one. Prayers of sadness, but hope on our lips; God bless those Americans on land, air and ships.

Army, Navy, Air Force and the proud Marines, Your service, dedication and sacrifice are the means;

Of the only way we continue to carry on... Praying to God that the war will be won!

Each one of us have an empty place in our hearts, Of fears, uncertainty-yet justice in part, Thank you for protecting us, you all are the best. For America has raised her flag over all the rest.

In God's name we pray



Sharing love through support

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.....  
For your strength and safety,  
For everywhere we see and go, we are proud to say...

The Stars and Stripes mean more than ever before,  
We know our victory over evil, justice and good will score.

I am proud to be an American, proud of my fellow Americans!  
For thru all this; the tears and pride, will be our win.  
Stay strong and true, God Bless  
You thru to the end.

Our gratitude is immense, our hope will never fail,  
Know in your hearts our love for you prevails.  
Whatever your mission, whatever your call,  
America loves each of you, one in all.

So wave on, dear Flag, the Stars and Stripes forever!  
That represents freedom, lives lost together...  
Never give up, oh no, not even yet...  
For September 11, We will NEVER forget!!!

Written by Kathy Taylor  
October 27, 2001  
God Bless America!

### Community

Rose Lawley, Parrish Nurse for Sacred Heart Catholic Church, will be working with Spanish members of the congregation. Gladys Denizard, some months ago, translated the Steel Magnolias brochure into Spanish. Steel Magnolias, through Gladys Denizard, will lend our support as we provide Spanish translation of breast cancer related materials.

### Greenbrier Church of Christ

Lenora Johnson, on Thursday, August 17, spoke to a ladies group about breast cancer and the work of Steel Magnolias. There were about fifteen ladies present, each one laden with the most delicious salad or dessert. The group was very attentive and asked many questions. Near the end of my presentation, Jerice Talley, who sat next to me said, "Don't forget the jokes!" I was very happy to see Lynn Luke, who before her surgery attended a meeting and received a care package to help with her recovery. I'm pleased to report that Lynn is doing well and deeply appreciates Steel Magnolias.

### First United Methodist Church

Gloria Woosley, on Thursday, September 7, spoke to a ladies' group in Piedmont. Gloria reported that these members of the First United Methodist Church of Piedmont were appreciative of the ink pens and note pads as well as the educational and inspirational Steel Magnolias' literature. Gloria went prepared to discuss the symptoms of Inflammatory Breast Cancer and the importance of finding a doctor who will take your concerns seriously. In honor of Gloria's visit the ladies had prepared a red velvet cake and decorated it with pink ribbons.

### Communications

Steel Magnolia Sisters, Thank you so very much for the gift and card received. What a wonderful "Ministry" you all have and such a kind and considerate gesture. I don't know how to get in touch with Nancy Burnell to tell her thanks again for her help! I know God is with me and everything is going to be alright!  
Thanks Again, Vickie Bryant....Union Springs, AL

### Treasurer's Report

| August 2006 |           | Beginning Balance   | \$4,229.74 |
|-------------|-----------|---|------------|
| 01          | —171.06   | Lenora Johnson:Mo. Expense & Banquet                        | 4,058.13   |
| 09          | —975.00   | Deposit to Anniston Country Club                            | 3,083.13   |
| 09          | — 39.00   | Jo Ann Taylor (roll of Stamps)                              | 3,044.13   |
| 17          | +2,680.00 | Swinging Star's Benefit                                     | 5,724.13   |
| 25+         | 125.00    | (Juanita Smith, Keith Clark, Sue McGathy, Jewelry, Banquet) | 5,849.13   |

### Celebration of Life Picnic

Participation in this year's picnic was less than we had planned, however those of us who attended had a wonderful time. The best ever barbecue sandwiches were made possible because of the generosity of Bama Grill. I encourage everyone who hasn't already tasted this mouth watering barbecue, plan a trip to Jacksonville! Should your taste turn to chicken, order Bama Grill's Chicken Melt with Swiss Cheese. Mr. Harold Smith contributed buns for the barbecue as well as for the hot dogs. Linda and Larry Morris brought tables and chairs from their church, Weaver Congregational Methodist Church. To everyone who made our annual picnic so very enjoyable, THANK YOU!

**\*\*\*\*\*Mountain Echoes Festival\*\*\*\*\***

Saturday, September 23, 2006, On the square in Jacksonville, TV 40, News-Anchor, Brenda Ladun, will be at the festival in Jacksonville, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. She will be available to sign her book, "Getting Better Not Bitter." If you have bought her book, you are invited to bring it for signing. For Info: Call (256) 435-9386.

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**October Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Calendar**

06....National Lee Denim Day....RMC 3rd floor lobby, Proceeds go to the Susan G Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Volunteers needed.....Call Susan Williamson (256) 235-5885

07...Pink Ribbon Ball, Anniston Country Club, 6:00 p.m. Fine dining and dancing to the sounds of Sundance band. \$50 tickets can be purchased at both the Anniston and Oxford locations of BB&T Bank, RMC Cashiers and Marti Warren (256) 237-0206. Silent Auction in the foyer. Proceeds from this elegant evening of food and fun go to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. For more information call Jo Ann Taylor (256) 237-4373

14...Susan G. Komen Race For the Cure, Linn Park, Birmingham, AL....Kathy Evans is once again providing transportation for Steel Magnolias. The van will be behind Chick Filet in the Oxford Wal-Mart parking lot at 6:00 AM on the morning of Oct. 14. We will eat a light breakfast when we arrive at Linn Park. Following the race we will eat lunch before returning to the Oxford parking lot. Everyone needs money for lunch and for anything they might want to buy from vendors at the park.

19...Ladies Night Out will be held again at the Anniston City Meeting Center. Doors for the Booths open at 5:00 p.m....into the Dining Room at 6:00 p.m....Dinner will be served at 6:15 p.m. Tickets for survivors \$15...Everyone else \$25. Classic on Noble will cater the meal and entertainment will be Mickey Dean. For ticket information call Jane Taylor (256) 236-1500

24...Monthly meeting of Steel Magnolias. Election of officers.

28...Jacksonville Medical Center Walk for Breast Cancer....Registration for 3K walk \$15 to cover cost of shirt. Those registering will receive a ticket for door prizes. Registration at Jacksonville Medical Center at 8:00 a.m. Walk begins at 9:00 a.m. Pre-register **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE** to ensure your shirt size. Steel Magnolias will once again be leading the walk. All proceeds go to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. For more information call Ashley Downing (256) 782-4366 or Mandy McFall (256) 782-4606

**Quilt Raffle**

Accomplished quilter, Aline Gardner, a quilter with the famed, Alabama Bells Quilting Club, has made and contributed to Steel Magnolias, in memory of her sister-in-law, Barbara Pellitere, a

beautiful, Eleanor Burns' "Dresden Plate" full size quilt. The quilt is made with mostly 1930's reproduction, all cotton, quilting fabric. The quilt is cotton throughout. This beautiful, mitered corner work of art will fit any décor. \$1 tickets or books of 6 tickets for \$5 are now available from Steel Magnolias. The quilt will be on display at Oxford-fest on October 7 and that same evening at the Anniston Country Club, Pink Ribbon Ball. Winner will be announced at the Steel Magnolias Christmas Party. You do not have to be present to win. All proceeds go to fund the ministries of Steel Magnolias.

### **Barbara Pelletier....My Mother—February 17, 1947—March 3, 2003**

At a routine mammogram in late fall of 2001, a small mass (0.8 cm) was found in mom's left breast. She was diagnosed with invasive ductal carcinoma. A lumpectomy followed shortly after with no further treatment. A few months later a lump surfaced in her right breast—this was confirmed to be inflammatory breast cancer. This cancer was unrelated to the first cancer. A bilateral mastectomy was performed, followed by 26 treatments of radiation and 3 rounds of chemotherapy. Mom's battle lasted 14 months before she passed away. Through it all, she remained strong in courage and in faith. She was a vibrant woman who loved life, her friends and her family. She was loving, caring, and a giving person and is truly missed by many. To her friends she has left a legacy of love and faith, and will always be an inspiration to us all! Barbara was 56 when the Lord called her home.

Dawn Pelletier—Rhode Island

### **Barbara Pelletier....My Sister-in-law**

I would like to add that Barbara, our sister-in-law, was the life of every family function. She could make you laugh when you were sad, and she would cry with you if you were sad. I remember on a beautiful New England, Fall day, we were talking and I was amazed at what she said to me. Her daughter had gone for a mammogram, and she told me, "I asked God to please let Dawn be free of cancer. I would rather He give me the burden than see a love one have it." Her grandchildren came a little later for her than mine did and she only had them a short time but she made every minute count. Barbara loved the Lord and we loved her. I know she would really be happy to know that Steel Magnolias are sharing her memory. For this I thank you all from the bottom of my heart. God Bless, Aline Gardner—Anniston, Alabama

Aline and some of her sister quilters are going to help with the sale of raffle tickets for this beautiful memorial gift that Aline has given to Steel Magnolias. We have the tickets, we need volunteers to make Aline's memorial gift, in honor of this precious mother, grandmother, sister, wife, sister-in-law and friend, Barbara Pelletier, a reality. Please call (256) 231-8827 if you can serve at the Steel Magnolias table for a few hours, at Oxfordfest, on Saturday, Oct. 7. Many Steel Magnolias will be at the Anniston Country Club, decorating for the Pink Ribbon Ball or setting up the Silent Auction. Not every Steel Magnolia plans to attend the ball, please consider helping Aline at Oxfordfest.

## **Don't Miss An Evening To Take Your Breath Away**

**Join us in kicking off Breast Cancer Awareness Month**

**Saturday, October 7**

**Anniston Country Club: Doors open 6 p.m....Dinner 7 p.m.**

**(256) 237-4373 Get your tickets and join the fun at the:**

**Pink Ribbon Ball**

## **Jo Ann, Here Goes!**

### **Where Ya From**

A drunken cowboy lay sprawled across three entire seats in the posh Amarillo Theatre. When the usher came by and noticed this, he whispered to the cowboy, "Sorry, sir, but you're only allowed one seat." The cowboy groaned but didn't budge. The usher became more impatient: "Sir, if you don't get up from there I'm going to have to call the manager." Once again, the cowboy just groaned. The usher marched briskly back up the aisle, and in a moment he returned with the manager. Together the two of them tried repeatedly to move the cowboy, but with no success. Finally they summoned the police. The Texas Ranger surveyed the situation briefly then asked, "All right buddy, what's your name?" "Sam," the cowboy moaned. "Where y'all from, Sam?" asked the ranger. With terrible pain in his voice, and without moving a muscle, Sam replied, "the balcony."

### **Why we Split Up**

She told me we couldn't afford \$20 per week for beer anymore and I'd have to quit. Then I caught her spending: \$65 on make-up, \$150 for a cut & color, \$30 for a manicure, \$40 for a pedicure, \$50 on vitamins, \$300 on clothes and \$600 for a gym membership. I asked how come I had to give up stuff and not her. She said she needed it to look pretty for me. I told her that was what the beer was for. I don't think she's coming back.

### **Joe Died**

Joe died. His will provided \$30,000 for an elaborate funeral. As the last guests departed the affair, his wife, Helen turned to her oldest friend. "well, I'm sure Joe would be pleased," she said. "I'm sure you're right," replied Jody, who lowered her voice and leaned in close. "How much did this really cost?" "All of it," said Helen. "Thirty-Thousand." "No!" Jody exclaimed. "I mean it was very nice, but \$30,000?" Helen answered, "The funeral was \$6,500. I donated \$500 to the church. The wake, food and drinks were another \$500. The rest went for the memorial stone." Jody computed quickly. "22,500 for a memorial stone? My God, how big is it?" "Two and a half carats."

### **Forgive Your Enemies**

Toward the end of the service, the minister asked, "How many of you have forgiven your enemies?" 80 percent of the congregation held up their hands. The minister then repeated his question. All responded this time except one small elderly lady. "Mrs. Jones, are you not willing to forgive your enemies?" the minister asked. "I don't have any." she replied, smiling sweetly. "Mrs. Jones, that is very unusual. How old are you?" "Ninety-Eight." she replied. "Oh, Mrs. Jones, would you please come down in front and tell us all how a person can live ninety-eight years and not have an enemy in the world." The little sweetheart of a lady tottered down the aisle, faced the congregation, and said: "I outlived the Witches."

### **Mechanics**

A mechanic was removing a cylinder-head from the motor of a Harley motorcycle when he spotted a well known cardiologist in his shop. The cardiologist was there waiting for the service manager to come take a look at his bike when the mechanic shouted across the garage, "Hey Doc, want to take a look at this?" The cardiologist, a bit surprised, walked over to where the mechanic was working on the motorcycle. The mechanic straightened up, wiped his hands on a rag and asked, "So doc, look at this engine. I open its heart, take the valves out, repair any damage, and then put them back in, and when I finish, it works just like new. So how come I make \$39,675 a year (a pretty small salary) and you get really big bucks (\$1,695,759) when you and I are doing basically the same work?" The cardiologist paused, smiled and leaned over, then whispered to the mechanic..... "Try doing it with the engine running."

### **The Perfect Husband**

Several men are in the locker room of a golf country club. A cell phone on a bench rings and a man engages the hands free speaker-function and begins to talk. Everyone else in the room stop to listen. MAN: "Hello" WOMAN: "Honey, it's me. Are you at the club?" MAN: "Yes" WOMAN: "I am at the mall now and found this beautiful leather coat. It's only \$1000. Is it OK if I buy it?" MAN: Sure, go ahead if you like it that much." WOMAN: "I stopped by the Mercedes dealership and saw the new 2006 models. I saw one I really liked." MAN: "How much?" WOMAN: "\$90,000." MAN: "OK, but for that price I want all the options." WOMAN: "Great! Oh, and one more thing. The house I wanted last year is back on the market. They're only asking \$950,000." MAN: Well, go ahead and make them an offer of \$900,000. They will probably take it, if not we can go the extra 50 thousand." WOMAN: "OK. I'll see you later! I love you so much!!" MAN: "Bye! I love you too." The man hangs up. The other men in the locker room are staring at him in astonishment...He smiles and asks, "Anyone know who this phone belongs to?"



Breast Cancer Awareness **5K** Walk  
Saturday, October 28, 2006  
Sponsored by Jacksonville Medical Center

**Registration Form**

Please complete the Following:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirts are \$15 each

\_\_\_\_\_small \_\_\_\_\_-medium \_\_\_\_\_large \_\_\_\_\_X-large

\_\_\_\_\_XX-large \_\_\_\_\_XXX-large

Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_Cash \_\_\_\_\_Check

Please return form **as soon as possible** to ensure your correct t-shirt size

Please remit to :

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