

# Steel Magnolias

Breast Cancer Support Group, Inc.

## A Song, A Flower, A Smell

June 16, 2014

### Heart-prints

Whatever our hands touch---  
We leave fingerprints!  
On walls, on furniture,  
On doorknobs, dishes, books,  
As we touch we leave our identity.  
Oh please where ever I go today,  
Help me leave heart-prints!  
Heart-prints of compassion  
Of understanding and love.  
Heart-prints of kindness  
and genuine concern.  
May my heart touch a lonely neighbor  
Or a runaway daughter,  
Or an anxious mother,  
Or, perhaps, a dear friend!  
I shall go out today  
To leave heart-prints,  
And if someone should say  
"I felt your touch,"  
May that one sense be...YOUR LOVE  
Touching through ME...  
---Author Unknown



### Sharing love through support

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*May, June, July  
Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Father's Day,  
Independence Day. These days that provoke  
memories and evoke emotions that are height-  
ened by sounds, smells and images, stir the  
hearts of even the most stoic among us.*

*The magnolia was a gift, in memory of my late  
husband, Prentiss, from Wendy Watson and  
the Cancer Registry. My son, Bill planted it in  
May of 2013. On Memorial Day, 2014, I made  
a picture of it's first blossom.*

### **Days of Remembrance**

Whether it be Mother's Day, Father's Day, Memorial Day or the 4th of July, very few can participate in yearly observances without an emotional response. Each of these elicit memories, some sweet and some more poignant. Memorial Day is set aside to honor those who gave their life in defense of the freedoms we hold so dear, however many churches also claim the day to take care of the grounds where their loved ones have been laid to rest. We don't need to live in the past but it is important to honor the lives lived by those who went before us, who nurtured us. We must never forget that freedom is not free. The 2014 National Memorial Day Concert, broadcast live from Washington, D.C., was more than good viewing, it was an event that I'm sure lives on in the hearts of those of us who watched. General Colin Powell said, "We never forget those we've lost, a song, a smell a place can instantly transport us back to the day."

### **From Remembrance to New Beginnings**

On July 22nd, Steel Magnolias and faithful supporters will gather at Classic on Noble for the 11th annual New Beginnings Banquet. We chose the month of July because it is the month we, as a nation, celebrate Independence Day. Declaring independence begins the process of a new beginning. After completing surgeries and treatments for breast cancer, it is necessary to acknowledge how the journey has changed who we are. Make no mistake, the "C" word used in the same sentence with our name changes how we think about ourselves. What I hear from most survivors is the statement, "I would never wish cancer on anyone but the journey has made me a more thoughtful, caring and stronger person. Invitations will be mailed for this event. Invited are the people who attended a group meeting since last year's banquet and those who actively help Steel Magnolias with events and fundraisers.

### **Remembering our caretakers: Families and Friends**

As breast cancer survivors, from experience, Steel Magnolias know how essential a strong support system is to a cancer patient. Our friends and devoted family members are heroes and deserve to be shown appreciation. For that reason Steel Magnolias established the Dining Voucher program and established an account with the RMC Foundation, where 100% of proceeds from our July bazaar is deposited into that account. The Dining voucher Bazaar is a July fund raiser, exclusively for the purpose of paying the RMC Cafeteria for food eaten by family or friends, while their loved one is in cancer surgery at RMC. This years bazaar is scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, July 16 and 17, in the 3rd floor main lobby of RMC, 9 am —5 pm.

Courtesy of Lenora Johnson, Founder

### **Results from May Events**

The Steel Magnolias were invited to attend the Grand Opening of Between Cities, one of our golf tournament sponsors, on May 17<sup>th</sup>. We showed up with our new Pink Tent and all our paraphernalia to give out to the patrons, Gloria Woolsey, Nancy and Lawrence Gillespie and Jimmy and Margaret Taylor spoke to several people about Steel Magnolias. We met a few women with breast cancer and encouraged them to attend our meetings. We were there along with one of the local radio stations who provided lunch for us. We had Dad's BBQ, cole slaw and drinks and of course sweets. We enjoyed meeting them and we were given an opportunity to speak about Steel Magnolias on the radio. It was a lovely, windy day with much fun and laughter.

Submitted by: Margaret Taylor

By request of Jacksonville State University, we were asked to participate in their Professional Assistant's Conference. Approximately 150 people attended the conference. Our volunteers were able to discuss our organization and the services provided with the majority of the attendees.

Due to success of the Conference the University has asked that we consider participating next year.

Submitted by: Nancy Gillespie

## Survivor of the Month

In 2003, Keither Ziemet had a mammogram as regularly scheduled since her late 30's. This time, the review indicated some abnormalities. She was sent to RMC for a second mammogram, which revealed a lump in one breast. RMC doctors performed a biopsy, which did show the cells to be malignant. A lumpectomy was immediately performed, followed by six weeks of radiation treatment.

Keither was able to tolerate the treatments and continue to work as a hairstylist, a profession she has enjoyed for more than 40 years. The wife of a teacher and retired military historian, she also has a daughter.

Today, Keither is cancer free. She attributes her good health to the treatment plan and highly commends RMC staff.

**“Everyone was so nice, kind and understanding during the whole situation. The nurses and techs made the treatment time actually seem to go by very fast.”** she says.

As part of her personal commitment to fighting cancer, Keither is using her professional talents to help make wigs and style hair for cancer victims. In addition, she is active in the volunteer support group “Steel Magnolias”, that works to raise money to help area cancer victims.

## Mark Your Calendar

**June 24, 2014:** Steel Magnolias & Men of Steel Meeting, 5:00 pm, in the RMC Private Dining Room. RMC Cafeteria will provide Potato Bar: Irish and Sweet with condiments. Steel Magnolias bring side dishes and light desserts. Special Guest speaker will be Adam Portwood, Walgreen Manager.

**July 14, 2014:** Newsletter Mailing Day—12:30 pm in RMC Physicians Center, STE. 406

**Wednesday & Thursday, July 16 & 17:** Dining Voucher Bazaar. RMC 3rd floor Main Lobby.

**July 22, 2014:** New Beginnings Banquet, at Classic on Noble. Master of Ceremonies, Dr. Dave Roberts, Keynote Speaker, Claudia Johnson from QOLHS in Tuskegee. **Invitations will be mailed.**

### Looking for a Place to Volunteer?

*Steel Magnolias*

NEED YOU!

Please email <Elainejohns@steelmagnoliasinc.org> about spending a few hours each week in the Steel Magnolias office. Some computer skills would be desirable. A time will be set to meet you at the RMC Physicians Center, Suite 406.

**Please continue bringing contributions of jewelry and other items of value to suite 406 of the Physicians Center. We are looking forward to having a great selection at the Dining Voucher Bazaar, Wednesday and Thursday, July 16 & 17, in the RMC 3rd floor main lobby.**

### August Event

RMC is sponsoring a Health Fair at the Quintard Mall Saturday, August 2 - 10am to 4pm - We need like to schedule people to work 2 hours shifts. We can set up between 8am and 10 am. Contact Nancy Gillespie @ [nancy@steelmagnoliasinc.org](mailto:nancy@steelmagnoliasinc.org) and we will have sign up sheets at the June meeting.

# Bible Word Search: Women of the Bible

contributed by Pastor Vee

All the words listed below are in the puzzle - left, right, up, down or diagonally. Find each word and click its first letter then its last letter to highlight it. After you have found all the words, click the leftover letters in the correct order to form the *mystery answer*. To work the puzzle on paper instead: Print this page and circle each letter of the words you find.

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

Abigail, Ashtoreth, Athaliah, Bathsheba,  
Concubine, Deborah, Dinah, Elizabeth,  
Esther, Hadassah, Handmaid, Issue of  
Blood, Jael, Jezebel, Judith, Leah, Lois,  
Lydia, Martha, Mary of Nazareth, Miriam,  
Naomi, Orpah, Peninnah, Priscilla, Prostitute,  
Queen Vashti, Rebecca, Rebekah, Ruth,  
Samaritan Women, Sapphira, Sarai,  
Shulamite Woman

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## 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Lea Fite Golf Tournament results. Provided by Margaret Taylor

Believe it or not we actually played the tournament on the scheduled day!!!! It was a beautiful day and everyone was out bright and early to help. We had a lot of help from the White Plains Cheerleaders. These beautiful girls and their sponsors were available to help wherever they were asked. Sunny King Automotive were there with their giveaways including tote bags, caps, chap stick and other tokens. Walgreen gave out tee shirts and water. Sam's Club, CVS and Rite-Aid also donated water. The cheerleaders helped distribute water to the players as they turned the corner at the 9<sup>th</sup> hole and the Rehab department from the Tyler Center distributed cold cloths for the players. One of our largest contributors this year was Sam's Club. They not only provided water and were on site at the tournament, they also donated a 50 inch LG Smart TV. Sam's Club's Grand Opening will be July 24<sup>th</sup> and they will present Steel Magnolias with a \$2500 check at that time. We encourage every Steel Magnolia and Men Of Steel that can, be there for this presentation.

We had 15 teams to play this year, a few less than any year to date. That did not hurt either our joy or our revenue. God has blessed this tournament more and more each year. All the players seemed to enjoy being there and we had many players returning for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year. That says a lot for how much they enjoy playing in our tournament.

**The winners of the 1<sup>st</sup> Flight and prizes were as follows:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Rothwell, Svenson, Pritchett, Cannington- \$100 each

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Etter, Doss, Taylor, Viche- \$75 each

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Stover, Borrelli, Rich, Dopson- A round of golf

**The winners of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Flight and prizes were as follows:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Jacks, Doyle, Doyle, Poland- \$75 each

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Jacobs, Jacobs, Davis, Davis- \$50 each

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Hayes, Hayes, Hayes, Winfrey- \$20 each

**The Closest to the Pin winners and prizes were as follows:**

#1: Bob Svenson: Golf Bag

#2: Roger Hayes: Dozen Titlist Golf Balls

#3: Phil Griguhn: Dozen Nike Golf Balls

#4: Corey Etter: Basket of balls

**The Longest Drive winner and prize was:**

Eric Cannington: Golf Bag

Golf Bags were donated by Supreme Beverage.



The Food for this year's event was provided by Golden Springs Winn Dixie. Thank you, **Mark Junior**, Store Manager.

We had so many sponsors this year and we want to thank each of them and encourage everyone to thank them when the opportunity arises, without them our tournament would not be possible.

Chances were sold for the TV and several other donated items and the winners were announced at the end of the tournament. It was a great day and we thank everyone that had a part in making the tournament such a Great Success!!!!!!!

Now it is time to start all over again, get ready!

Everyone hold on to your hats! The GRAND TOTAL for the tournament was \$26,283.01 minus expenses of \$3908.38 leaving us with \$22874.63. Yah, yah, yah!!!!!!!



Steel Magnolias & Men of Steel Meeting  
May 27, 2014

The Steel Magnolias Breast Cancer Support Group, Inc. met on Tuesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, in the private dining room of RMC. President Elaine Johns welcomed our new member, Cindy Sanders, and several visitors to our meeting and invited them to be first in line to prepare their dinner plates. All enjoyed the meatloaf and mashed potatoes provided by RMC, as well as the side dishes and desserts provided by the Steel Magnolias members.

Chaplain Jim Wilson introduced our speaker Franklin McGee after dinner. Mr. McGee entertained us with his many humorous stories while telling us to not take ourselves too seriously. Mr. McGee's message to us was that we all have diversities, but we must always keep moving. Vice-president, Nancy Gillespie thanked Mr. McGee for speaking to our group and presented him with the devotional book "Jesus Calling".

**BUSINESS MEETING:**

Secretary Connie Stephens read the minutes from the April 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Marty Warren requested that the minutes be amended to reflect that the printer which is being purchased is for the Pinks Boutique Office as opposed to the Pinks Boutique. Executive Director, Nancy Burnell, made the motion to accept the minutes as read with the one amendment and Marty Warren seconded the motion.

Treasurer Chuck Trull gave the Financial Report and Steve Stephens made the motion to accept the report. Linda Barton seconded the motion and the Financial Report was accepted. Chaplain Sherry Grinstead gave a short devotional on 2 Corinthians 2:15 and concluded with a prayer after going over the prayer list.

Jimmy Taylor recognized members that helped with the golf tournament and then gave a short briefing announcing that we cleared \$23,220.36 on the tournament. Jimmy asked that we all wear pink and go out to the grand opening of Sam's at the Oxford Exchange on July 24th to show our gratitude for the \$2,500 grant and 50" television that Sam's donated to our golf tournament.

Margaret Taylor asked for help addressing Thank You notes to the persons/businesses that donated to the golf tournament. Margaret also needs volunteers to help her with the school girl program. There was a discussion about purchasing a shredder for the Pinks Boutique Office; however, Marilyn Lawson, offered to donate a shredder.

Marty Warren requested that she be able to purchase wigs, bras and prostheses' as needed for the Pinks Boutique. Linda Barton made a motion that Marty be able to make the purchases as needed and Steve Stephens seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Steve Stephens made the motion that the meeting be adjourned and Jimmy Taylor seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned.  
Connie Stephens, Secretary

## Financial Report

May / June 2014	Balance Brought Forward to June 2014	\$29,338.97
5-27 (-) #1642 \$115.50	Evans Flowers and Gifts (Estelle Robertson)	29,223.37
5-27 (-) #1643 188.46	Reimbursement to Margaret Taylor for Oncology Snacks Purchase	29,034.91



## Joggin' Inside

### The ever-nagging wife

A man and his ever-nagging wife went on vacation to Jerusalem. And while they were there, the wife passed away.

The undertaker told the husband, "You can have her shipped home for \$5,000 or you can bury her here, in the Holy Land, for \$150."

The man thought about it and told him he'd just have her shipped home.

The undertaker asked, "Why would you spend \$5,000 to ship your wife home, when it would be wonderful to be buried here and you would spend only \$150?"

The man replied, "Long ago a man died here, was buried here, and three days later he rose from the dead. I just can't take that chance."