

Steel Magnolias

Breast Cancer Support Group, Inc.

Of Seasons and Times

September 16, 2019

September is an introduction month, doesn't feel like it in the heat of the day, but the early morning chill, when I walk Abby and Dallas lets me know that summer is slipping away. The first day of Fall is September 23; I was in my early 20's when I first made Calhoun County my home. The changing seasons, I experienced in 1963, set my creative mind to comparing the stages of our lives from early childhood until we become old and frail. I hope everyone enjoys and can relate to my poem:



Sharing love through support

Seasons of Life
Oh, Life! So full, so rich so sweet;
From which there is but one retreat.
So like the seasons of the year;
You bring laughter, sadness, joy and fear.
Oh, Spring of Life! So sweet and pure;
Reaching out with your beckoning lure.
Walk among the trees and calm brooks of life;
Where gentle winds erase all sadness and strife.
Come sit in the sunshine of a sultry day;
As life moves to Summer, with fickleness and play.
Like waves of the ocean that roars and break;
Youth walks tall, and spirited, and brave.
Shadows are gathering across endless skies;
As Autumn approaches and Summer dies.
Like the parching of leaves in a cool dry breeze;
Life replaces youth with wisdom that old eyes see.
Oh! The darkness of a winter's night;
So like the retreat of a person's short life.
Stealing the Spring, the Summer, the Fall
To leave only darkness, without recall.
No sound of singing or drum and fife
To announce the abandon of mortal life.
Just the bidding of our risen King,
"Come my child, spend eternity with me."

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Lenora Washington Johnson (1963)

When I first wrote this poem in 1963, I could not image the wonderful life God had in store for me or how rapidly the years would pass. I love the book of proverbs and Ecclesiastes. We read in Ecclesiastes chapter 1, verse 9: “There is nothing new under the sun.” When Hurricane Dorian became a category 5 hurricane, nearing the southern USA, everyone was amazed at how it slowed and held CAT 5 so long. Thank God, for the most part, Florida was spared the horrors that were reality for Abaco Island, the Freeport area of the Grand Bahamas.

However, I recently learned from the granddaughter of my Dad’s half brother, who lived his entire life in South Florida, about another hurricane, known only as “The 1935 Labor Day Hurricane,” that hit the Florida Keys in 1935, before storms were named. It was in the depth of the depression and people worked for almost no pay. Over 400 people were killed. As they always do, NationalGeographic.com has done a remarkable job of recording the facts concerning The Labor Day Hurricane and how so many people lost their lives.

Back to Ecclesiastes: Chapter 12: verse 1, reads “Remember your creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you say, “I find no pleasure in them.” None of us can stop the clock, or prevent growing old but we can find joy at every age, but joy comes from our God and is not dependent on circumstances. As so many of us are entering the winter of our lives, let’s be an example to our children and grandchildren of “Amazing Grace!” Not everyone has the luxury of growing old and getting to know grands and great grands. Give thanks for all your days and find a place and a way to use your God given gifts!

Submitted by Lenora Johnson, Founder
Steel Magnolias Breast Cancer Support Group, Inc.

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STEEL MAGNOLIAS/MEN OF STEEL MEETING
AUGUST 27, 2019

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

Minutes from the June meeting were read and motion made by Roger Ziemet and seconded by Judy Elders that minutes be adopted as read.

Steve Stephens gave the Treasurer’s Report for Chuck. Beginning balance for July was \$22,730.92 and ending balance was \$19,968.43. Beginning balance for August was \$19,968.43 and ending balance of \$17,547.62.

Elaine talked about upcoming events. October 5th is Oxfordfest and October 6th is TuTu for TaTas at the Harley Davidson Store. She also reminded the members that Sunny King Cars would donate \$50.00 for every car sold during the month of October. October, of course, is Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Marti Warren talked about the success of the CP Telethon and thanked everybody who volunteered to help.

Nancy Burnell gave us a report on the banquet held in July. We had 88 people in attendance and actually broke even this year. Everybody was in agreement that it was the best banquet we had ever had. She also told us that December 7th would be our Christmas Brunch at Alexander’s on Noble.

Margaret Taylor gave us an update on the Pink Firetruck. We now have one available in our area to visit cancer patients.

Sherry gave us a great devotion about Second Chances. God is always willing to give second chances. She mentioned several individuals in the Bible that God gave second chances. People like Moses, David, Jonah, Ruth and Naomi, Paul, Rahab, and Nehemiah. She reminded us that with God there is hope for every situation.

Door prizes were won by the following people: Nancy Burnell, Kenny, Buddy and Keith.

No further business; motion made by Kenny Guldin and seconded by Nancy Burnell that meeting be adjourned.

Submitted by Brenda Parker
Secretary

PS: We then wrote notes to some of the folks we have helped and stuffed pillows.

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RMC's 27th Annual Cancer Survivor's Celebration

RMC along with Anniston Oncology and Rick Bragg provided a delightful evening for cancer survivors and their caregivers. We had ham and turkey sandwiches, pasta salad, chips and a drink for our meal. Rick Bragg shared some of his memories that were the basis for his stories in his books. He is a very down to earth guy, a true "southerner" in every sense of the word. We played bingo and our very own Jimmy Taylor won a game. There were around 25 Steel Magnolias and Men of Steel at the event and we had a wonderful time. Thanks to all involved with putting on this evening for cancer survivors!





While we all celebrated this night we had no idea the struggle Doris was going through. On September 2, 2019 we lost one of our own. Doris Nell McWhorter passed away. Doris and Robert were always at our meetings and at events. Though she was very quiet and she kept to herself, I've learned things about Doris I never knew. Talking with Robert, her companion for seven years, I found out quiet a bit about Doris' life. Doris was a member of the Muscadine Baptist Church for over 50 years where she led the choir. She also fostered children, though she never had any of her own. Robert said she fostered around 13 or 14 kids. After she retired she took in handicapped children trying to help them and their families. Doris was a member of the Steel Magnolias when I joined the group in 2012 and she also was a member of the Ft. McClellan Senior Citizen Group. What a great way to keep yourself busy and have fun at the same time. We will miss you!

Submitted by Elaine



Doris Nell McWhorter

Born 12/17/1945

Passed Away 9/2/2019

Rest In Peace

Sunday The October 6th

5th Annual Tu Tus for Ta Tas

Registration
(Donation)
12:00-1:30

Kick
Stands Up
2:00

Door
Prizes

Food
Available
For Purchase

Police
Escorted

All proceeds go to Steel Magnolias



Mt. Cheaha Harley-Davidson
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Birthdays and Survivor Years!

September 20th is Steve Stephens' birthday and he is a Man of Steel

September 21st is Jimmy Taylor's birthday and he is a Man of Steel

September 24th is Pat Yates' birthday and she is a volunteer

October 6th is Linda Barton's birthday and she is a volunteer

October 11th is Margaret Martin's birthday and she is a 32 year Survivor!

October 13th is Karen Davis' birthday and she is a volunteer

Upcoming Events

September 24th will be our next Steel Magnolias meeting. We will meet in the private dining room at RMC. RMC will provide Turkey and Ham croissants, Steel Magnolias please bring side dishes and deserts. Winter Triplett will be our guest speaker. She is a lymphedema therapist. If you have lymphedema, please come and join us. We will make plans for events in October at our meeting.

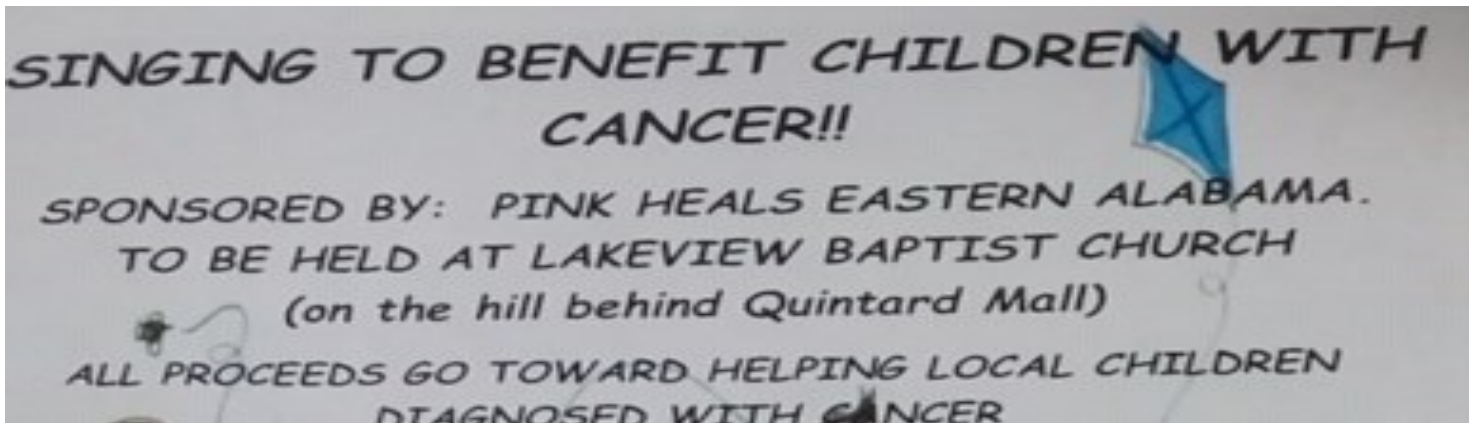
October 5th is Oxfordfest We will be in front of Cotton Antiques on the sidewalk. We will talk about what we will sell and there will be sign up sheets for the event. We will have to set up around 7 A.M.

October 6th is Tutus for TaTas at Mt. Cheaha Harley Davidson at noon. I have included a flyer for everyone to share. Registration is from noon till 1:30 and kick stands up at 2pm. Everyone come dressed in your TuTus!

October 14th is the next newsletter-mailing day. If you have anything you want to see in it contact Elaine. If you have anything to go into the newsletter, please send it in no later than October 10th.

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September 28th at P.M. Donations Accepted



October is coming fast and we will be involved in local events. Be ready Steel Magnolias! Sunny King Automotive Group will donate \$50 per new or used vehicles during the month of October. If you or anyone you know needs or wants to buy a car, please visit one of the Sunny King Dealerships.

Ford..... Honda..... Toyota

A fella once asked me what a hoedown was and I told him it's like a shindig but more like a hootenanny. I could tell he was still confused because his face went all cattywampus.

A girl was visiting her blonde friend, who had acquired two new dogs, and asked her what their names were. The blonde responded by saying that one was named Rolex and one was named Timex. Her friend said, 'Whoever heard of someone naming dogs like that?' 'HELLLOOOOOOOO.....,' answered the blonde. 'They're watch dogs'!

**Wife texts husband on a cold winter morning:
"Windows frozen, won't open."**

Husband texts back: "Gently pour some lukewarm water over it and then gently tap edges with hammer."

Wife texts back 10 minutes later: "Computer really messed up now."

HOW TO TELL YOU'RE AN ADULT:

- You gain 30 pounds overnight
- You'd rather sleep than go out
- Everything hurts
- Comfort before style
- You have a favorite spatula
- College students look like 12 year olds



"I have metal fillings in my teeth. My refrigerator magnets keep pulling me into the kitchen. That's why I can't lose weight!"

I went bald early in my life. But I still have my comb, just can't part with it 😂😂

SEASONS OF LIFE

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

AUTUMN	FEAR	LIFE	STORMS
BIRTH	FRAIL	LOVE	SUMMER
CHANGE	GROWTH	RENEW	SURVIVE
CYCLES	HAPPY	SAD	TRANSFORMATION
DARKNESS	HOPE	SEASONS	TRANSITION
DEATH	JOY	SHADOWS	WAITING
ECCLESIASTES	LAUGH	SPRING	WINTER
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