

Steel Magnolias

Breast Cancer Support Group, Inc.

The Ties That Bind

May 18, 2015

The past month has been a most satisfying time for me. I have never been prouder of my precious Steel Magnolias than when I read Gloria Woosley's letter to the editor on May 7 in the Anniston Star. It is hard to believe that it was six years ago when everything finally came together for the first annual Lea Fite Memorial Golf Tournament.

As I read Gloria's article, my mind was flooded with memories of the pleas made to Marti Warren and me by a dear uninsured woman in Heflin that started the process of unraveling the inequity of the Medicaid Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment Act. It took over two years and contacts with several people who had information that over time placed Steel Magnolias on the path of lodging a campaign to change the law in the state of Alabama, making it possible for newly diagnosed women who qualify financially, regardless of where they are diagnosed to have access to treatment.

The day would never have come for Steel Magnolias and supporters to make the exciting trip to Montgomery, for a photo shoot with the governor, had it not been for Steel Magnolias united behind Representative Lea Fite, who introduced HB147 in the 2009 Alabama General Session.

Picture of Steel Magnolias with Rep. Fite, Gov. Riley and Sen. Benefield was made in



Sharing love through support

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July, 2009. Later that month, Rep. Lea Fite and Sen. Kim Benefield spoke at the New Beginnings Banquet. Rep. Fite passed away in October 2009. Steel Magnolias honors his memory each year with the Lea Fite Memorial Golf Tournament

Survivorship

Regardless of the event, anyone who survives anything where others have lost their lives, almost everyone, whether publically or privately, ponders the question, "Why am I a survivor?" Members of Steel Magnolias believe that our survival is a calling to provide hope and comfort to newly diagnosed cancer patients.

When treatments and surgeries are complete, some patients who had little surgery, no mastectomy and only radiation treatments, say they don't think they have anything to offer as part of a support group. The most emotionally painful part of diagnosis is hearing one's name used in the same sentence with the "C" word. At that time, none of us knew what the future held for us or even if we had a future. Becoming part of a group like Steel Magnolias is beneficial for the survivor and because of our differing personalities, newly diagnosed patients feel comfortable reaching out to us.

I am sharing this picture of the first Lea Fite Memorial Golf Tournament just as a reminder to long time members and an update to new members. God has blessed the work of Steel Magnolias because our foundation is the Prayer of Jabez. We measure every activity by that prayer.

Courtesy of Lenora Johnson, Founder

Thank you from Steel Magnolias and Men of Steel

The sixth-annual Lea Fite Memorial Golf Tournament was held April 25 at Pine Hill country Club. Our group would like to thank the ones who helped make it a success.



1st Annual Lea Fite Memorial Golf Tournament (2010)

We thank God for holding back the rain until the tournament was over. Many people prayed for this to happen.

Thank you to Jimmy and Margaret Taylor for all the work that you did. The Men of Steel are the husbands of the wives in the group.

Thank you Lenora Johnson for starting this group. Elaine Johns is our new president and is doing a wonderful job.

Thanks Steel Magnolias for all the hard work you did at the tournament.

Thank you, Cory Etter, for closing Pine Hill for our fundraiser. The ones who sponsored a hole at our tournament, thank you. We had more than a hundred sponsors.

Winn Dixie in Golden Springs donated all the food for the golfers and volunteers. The sandwiches were wonderful. Many businesses in our community gave door prizes for the golfers. Thank you so much.

Trey Fite was there to support our group in memory of his father, Lea Fite.

Jacksonville State University sent volunteers to help us out. We don't want to leave anyone out.

If you had even a small part of this golf tournament, we thank you. All the money that was raised will stay locally to help breast-cancer patients in Calhoun and surrounding counties.

If you would like to know more about Steel Magnolias, our website is www.steelmagnoliasinc.org.

Like us on Facebook.

Jesus loves you.

Gloria Woosley, Anniston

Anniston Star-Speak Out

Steel Magnolias & Men of Steel Meeting

April 28, 2015

The Steel Magnolias Breast Cancer Support Group Inc. met on Tuesday, April 28th in the private dining room of RMC.

Chaplain Sherry Grinstead gave the blessing before our meal of chicken tenders provided by RMC. Side dishes and desserts were provided by Steel Magnolias members.

We did not have a guest speaker at this meeting.

BUSINESS MEETING:

Minutes from the March 24, 2015 meeting were read by Secretary Connie Stephens. Carriotta Davis made a motion to accept the minutes as read and Linda Barton 2nd the motion. The minutes were accepted as read.

Treasurer Chuck Trull gave the Financial Report and Steve Stephens made a motion to accept the Financial Report. Linda Barton 2nd the motion and the financial report was accepted.

Vice President Nancy Gillespie thanked all the volunteers that helped with our Steel Magnolia table that was set up at the Oxford Civic Center for the JSU Professional Development Seminar. Nancy said that contacts were made with several breast cancer patients/survivors.

President Elaine Johns thanked everyone that helped with the annual bake sale at the Quintard Mall by either donating baked goods and/or working at the mall the day of the sale. Chuck Trull said we raised \$2,122 at the sale.

Jimmy Taylor thanked everyone that worked on the golf tournament and stated that he would report the total made from the tournament at the May meeting. Jimmy said that we received many compliments from the golfers on how well the tournament was run.

Elaine passed around what seemed to be "hundreds" of thank you cards for us all to sign to be sent to the sponsors and supporters of the golf tournament.

After a short devotional, Chaplain Sherry Grinstead went over the prayer list and ended the meeting with a prayer.

Steve Stephens made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Linda Barton 2nd the motion. Meeting was adjourned.

SUBMITTED BY:

Connie Stephens
Secretary

President's Corner

I want to thank everyone that helped this year with the golf tournament. It takes a tremendous amount of time and effort to pull this off every year. The support from our community coming together to support us makes it worth it. We had a very successful tournament! THANK YOU!

We are trying to get our news letter to as many people as we can, but we are limited to the amount of mail we can send out. If you would like to receive your copy by email please let us know. If you no longer wish to receive it at all let me know. Just contact us at elaine@steelmagnoliasinc.org or beckathome@att.net and we will remove you from the mailing list and add you to the email list. If you are not getting the news letter and would like to receive it, call the office or send us an email.

Submitted by: Elaine Johns

Up Coming Events

May 26th: Our next meeting of the Steel Magnolias and the Men of Steel. Dr. Chandler is returning as our guest speaker this month. We will be having meat loaf and creamed potatoes. Steel Magnolias please bring side dishes and deserts. The meeting will be at 5pm in the private dining room at RMC. If you would like to join us and don't know where to go, give us a call in the office after 12 at 256-231-8827 and we will give you directions.

June 15th is the next mailing day. If you have information or jokes for the news letter please send it to beckyathome@att.net or elaine@steelmagnoliasinc.org before or by June 9th.

June 23rd will be our next meeting. More info in next months news letter.

July 16th and 17th: Mark your calendars! The 2015 Dining Voucher Bazaar in the lobby at RMC. Please get all jewelry to Marti Warren or bring your items to the office. Please start collecting items to sell. We will have sign up sheets at the monthly meeting. We will need everyone's help for this event.

Honorable Mention

I would like to recognize Elizabeth McCabe. I have heard many of our members talk about the effort, time and money that Elizabeth puts into being our photographer and historian. She does an outstanding job in keeping up with all of our events and keeping the pictures together from year to year. Thank you Elizabeth for all you do!



Joggin' Inside

The Vacuum Cleaner Salesman

The new salesman had just completed his training and was anxious to put his skills to work. He took his Hoover vacuum cleaner to the front door of a house and rang the bell. A rather unpleasant woman answered. Before she could say anything he threw a pile of cow patties in the door behind her onto the rug. "Lady," he said, "If this vacuum cleaner doesn't clean up all those cow patties, I'll eat them myself." "I'll get you a spoon," scowled the lady. "Our electricity hasn't been turned on, yet."

The Water Pistol

My five year old son squealed with delight when he opened his birthday present from his grandmother. It was a water pistol. He promptly ran to the sink to fill it. "Mom," I said. "I'm surprised at you. Don't you remember how we used to drive you crazy with water pistols?" My mom smiled and said, "Yes, I remember."

Day After Christmas

The pastor was looking over the crèche the day after Christmas when he noticed that the baby Jesus was missing. He went outside and saw a little boy pulling a new red wagon. In the wagon was Jesus. We walked up to the boy and said, "Hi, there. Where did you get the baby Jesus?" The boy answered honestly, "In the church." "Why did you take him?" the pastor asked. "Well," said the boy, "I prayed to the Lord Jesus and asked him for a wagon for Christmas. I told Him that if He gave me one, I'd take Him for a ride in it."

Submitted by Elaine Johns

6th Annual Lea Fite Golf Tournament Results

Can you believe that we just finished our 6th!!!! Golf Tournament? Who would have thought that we would be doing this for 6 years. It was a beautiful day despite the threatened weather. GOD is so good! We were so blessed to have some special help this year. We want to thank Kabel Hearing who brought their 40 foot bus and gave free hearing screenings throughout the day and at the end of the day they drew for a free pair of hearing aids. The winner of the hearing aids was Terry Parris. We had the help of girls from the Zetas Sorority in Jacksonville State and of course many from Steel Magnolias. Once again (for 3 years) we want to give a HUGE THANK YOU to **Winn Dixie in Golden Springs** and manager **Mark Junior** for the delicious sub sandwiches, chips, cookies and drinks that they provided for everyone.



Thank you to Sunny King for caps, bags etc. given to each player. We can't thank all of our sponsors enough for the support they have given us through the years. Thank you Corey Etter and Pine Hill Golf Course for your help throughout the last 6 years. The course was a little wet but the players didn't seem to mind. We were so honored to have Trey Fite in attendance and he thanked everyone on behalf of his father, Lea Fite, for their attendance and for all those that have worked so hard to make the tournament a success. He said his father would have been so proud. We had 20 teams participating this year and all we heard was positive response about the tournament. We heard from more than one that it was the best tournament they have ever played. It was a great day for Steel Magnolias and Men of Steel. All the hard work resulted in a successful tournament and the day was enjoyed by all.

Following is a list of tournament winners:

1st Place, 1st Flight:

Ron McClellan, David Martin, Vernon Marcoullier, Norris Ray

2nd Place, 1st Flight:

Steve Borrelli, Ray Stover, Rick Okins, Brad Baird

3rd Place, 1st Flight:

Greg Brannon, Leon Harry, Terry Parris, Jamie Hardy

1st Place, 2nd Flight:

Andy Methvin, Perry Reynolds, Jim Tyson, Andrew Tyson

2nd Place, 2nd Flight:

David S. Lewis MD, Wes Couch, Scott Roberts

Longest Drive:

David Martin

Closest TO Pin:

Andy Jenkins

Submitted by:

Margaret Taylor







TEMPTATION

Donna Houston

A	W	R	E	D	N	E	R	R	U	S	N	K	M
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P	P	E	Z	S	E	L	C	A	H	A	A	E	E
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Find the words in bold:

As you **LOOK** at the **TANTALIZING** piece of chocolate, you can't **HELP** but **THINK** about the smooth **RICH FLAVOR** that **SOON** will overwhelm your **TASTE BUDS**. After popping the **CHOCOLATE** into your mouth, however, you **DISCOVER** looks aren't everything. What appeared so scrumptious moments **AGO** has left a **BITTER** taste in your **MOUTH**. You've **BEEN FOOLED** by baking chocolate, and you can't get it out of your mouth **FAST ENOUGH**.

Sin **ALSO** tantalized us, **LURING** us to **INDULGE** ourselves and **SURRENDER** to its temptations. We fight **HARD**, or we don't **FIGHT** it at all. And before we **KNOW** it, we've surrendered to sin's wishes. The fulfillment and **JOY** that came with sinning was **MOMENTARY** as the **TRUTH** about sin is **REVEALED** to us.

We must always remember to be on **GUARD** against **TEMPTATION** to sin (1 Peter 5:8-9). And we must remember that the truth about sin is that it **NEVER SATISFIES** the way God can.