

Steel Magnolias

Breast Cancer Support Group, Inc.

New Beginnings

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Sharing love through support

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Throughout the year the ladies and men of the Steel Magnolias and the Men of Steel come together each month for a meeting and to enjoy a meal. At our meetings we also make plans for our annual events such as the Bake and Jewelry Sale and the Lea Fite Golf Tournament. Every year we are invited to more events than the year before and we try to make sure we can be represented at each one. We have members and volunteers that work in the office and they also assist cancer patients in the Pinks Boutique.

It takes everyone in our group and our volunteers to make this happen.

Each July we have our New Beginnings Banquet. The banquet is a night of celebration and fellowship. It is a night for our active members, volunteers and sponsors to get together and enjoy each others company. Classic on Noble provided us a wonderful meal again this year. Nancy Burnell put together a great evening of entertainment with our guest speaker "Brenda Ladun" and an awesome performance by singer Kristian Whittington. This year we had 150 guests.

We are definitely growing!

We have been blessed in so many ways in past couple of years. Two years ago the ladies in the Angel Ministry (from Iron City) had started helping us with bags for our care packages. This past month the ladies from the Tuesday Bear Huggers told us they would not be able to help us with the bags for the care packages due to health reasons. We have also partnered with the Knitted Knockers and the ladies from W.I.G.S.

God has a way of putting people in your life, God is good!

The Prayer of Jabez, I Chronicles 4:10: "Oh that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, that Your hand would be with me, and that You would keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain."

This prayer is the foundation of Steel Magnolias Breast Cancer Support Group, Inc.

**Every day can be a day of
New Beginnings!**

New Beginnings Banquet 2016

Everyone in attendance at the 13th Annual New Beginnings Banquet on July 26th had a wonderful evening. There were 150 members and guests who attended this year and as usual, all enjoyed the great meal provided by Classic on Noble. President Elaine Johns welcomed everyone to the banquet and our meal was blessed by Chaplain Jim Wilson. After dinner, Dr. Dave Roberts went over the accomplishments of the Steel Magnolias since January 2016 which included assisting 51 ladies in the Pinks Boutique, providing 56 meal vouchers to families and giving out 18 care packages. We also partnered with two new groups - Knitted Knockers (a group that provides an alternative to silicone prosthesis) and W.I.G.S (Women in God's Service). Steel Magnolias also donated \$5,000 to RMC for their new Cancer Center.

Our soloist for the night, Kristian Whittington, was introduced by Executive Director Nancy Burnell. Kristian sang a beautiful rendition of "My Anchor Holds". Nancy then introduced our guest speaker Brenda Ladun, News Anchor with ABC 33/40. Brenda is a five time winner of the Alabama Associated Press Awards for Best Investigative Reporter and Best Specialized Reporter. She also won the Associated Press Award of Best Anchor. Brenda spoke about her own personal journey with breast cancer and pointed to her faith as the foundation of her strength to fight the disease. She left us with the message to never give up. Brenda was followed by Krisitan who sang "Lord You're Holy". Dave Roberts ended with a prayer before intermission where members were given the opportunity to meet Brenda Ladun and purchase her book.

After intermission, Dr. Roberts gave special recognition to our numerous sponsors, partners and volunteers. Jimmy and Margaret Taylor gave a report on the 7th Annual Lea Fite Golf Tournament recognizing the sponsors who were represented at the banquet and thanking the committee members. Jimmy reported that our profit made from the golf tournament was \$21,501.28.

The banquet came to a close as the Men of Steel gave out roses to cancer survivors, our volunteers, and anyone who had lost a loved one to cancer as Dave sang "You Are So Beautiful".

SUBMITTED BY:

**Connie Stephens
Secretary**







Up Coming Events

August 23rd is our next meeting in the private dining room at RMC. Our speaker will be our very own Gloria Woosley. We will have ham and turkey croissants. Steel Magnolias please bring side dishes and deserts.

August 27th we have been invited by Brenda Parker from W.I.G.S. to have a booth at their arts and craft fair. It will be at their campgrounds on Turley Drive off of 431. You turn in front of the Seeds of Abraham Thrift store before Bynum Leatherwood road. You can call the office for directions and we will have a handout at the meeting on the 23rd. The event if from 9 till 2.

September 1st RMC survivor diner at the Anniston Meeting center at 6 pm, their flyer is on next page.

September 19th will be our next mailing day.

President's Corner

I hope everyone enjoyed the New Beginnings Banquet this year. It was so awesome that Brenda Ladun took time out of her busy schedule to come and speak to our group. Kristian Whittington can definitely sing! I can't wait till next year. It will be hard to top this year's guest.

Please don't forget that I need stories to share in the newsletter. I know reading someone's story or talking to someone that has been down the same path is a great help and comfort that lets you know that you can get through this and other challenges in life.

I read a passage in the bible that made me think of our group and our ministry: 2nd Corinthians 1 verse 3-4. Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. I see this in the ladies and men in our group!

We would love for anyone reading this to come to our meeting and be a part of our group. We meet the 4th Tuesday of every month except July, November and December at 5 p.m. in the private dining room at RMC. We will see you there!



GO ★ FIGHT ★ WIN

**Join us as we honor YOU at our
24th Annual
Cancer Survivor's Celebration**

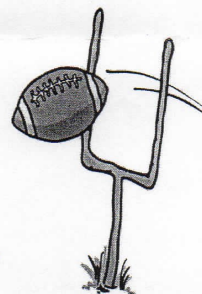
**Thursday
September 1, 2016
6:00pm**

Anniston City Meeting Center

**Please RSVP at 256-235-5084
By Thursday, August 25**



RMC
Regional Medical Center



Please bring this invitation to verify your address and make corrections, if needed.

This event is free to cancer survivors and up to 4 guests.

Dinner will be provided

To all the wonderful
Steel Magnolias,

I received my Knitted Knockers
just 3 days after talking with you.
They are wonderful - so light
and can be adjusted perfectly.
When you're 50 and diagnosed with
Stage 3 breast cancer it's hard to
take in, then when you're given
a wad of cotton + told to wear that
until you can get a (heavy) prosthesis
that's even harder. But, thank God
I found you. My Knitted Knocker(s)
is perfect and I have some of my
"normal" back. I am still in my
first phase of chemo so I have a
little bit more to go, but at least
I have a way to at least look
normal. Thank You - thank You -
to all the volunteers, the knitters,
the fund raisers and all involved.
You really do make a difference! →

Dear Friends,

The W.M.U. Bible Study Group
at Lakeview Baptist Church in
Oxford chose "Knitted Knockers" as
our Mission action for the month of
June.

Please accept our check in the
amount of \$56.00 for this worthy and
loving cause.

Thank each and everyone
of you for all you do.
Lakeview Baptist Bible Study
Group

Joggin' Inside

Pet Parrot

A man buys a pet parrot and brings him home. But the parrot starts insulting him and gets really nasty, so the man picks up the parrot and tosses him into the freezer to teach him a lesson. He hears the bird squawking for a few minutes, but all of a sudden the parrot is quiet. The man opens the freezer door, the parrot walks out, looks up at him and says, "I apologize for offending you, and I humbly ask your forgiveness."

The man says, "Well, thank you. I forgive you."

The parrot then says, "If you don't mind my asking, what did the chicken do?"

Romance?

Karl and Milly were lying in bed one night. Karl was falling asleep but Milly was in a romantic mood and wanted to talk. She said, "You used to hold my hand when we were courting."

Wearily Karl reached across, held her hand for a second, and rolled over to try to fall asleep.

A few moments later she said, "Then you used to kiss me."

Mildly irritated, he leaned across, gave her a peck on the cheek and settled back down to sleep.

Thirty seconds later she said, "Then you used to bite my neck."

Angrily, he threw back the bed clothes and got out of bed.

"Where are you going?" she asked.

"To the bathroom to get my teeth," he replied.

17 Days

Two young blonde women are sitting at a table in a Coffee Shoppe in such an obviously celebratory mood that a man drifts over intending to offer to buy them something to drink.

When he gets close he hears one say to the other "Here's to 17 days!"

Smiling, the man says,

"Congratulations! What's so special about 17 days?"

Eyes twinkling, one of the women explains, "Well, we've been spending our evenings working on a jigsaw puzzle!

And it said 3-5 years on the box, but we finished it in only 17 days!"

AN OUTSIDER'S CHALLENGE

(Matthew 15:21-28; Mark 7:24-30)

by Donna Houston

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EVIL SPIRIT
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JESUS
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MATTHEW
MERCY
MOTHER
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