

Steel Magnolias

Breast Cancer Support Group, Inc.

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas

November 21, 2016



"Giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,"
Ephesians 5:20 ESV



It is in the air, can't you feel it! Thanksgiving is here! Christmas is right around the corner. There is cooking to be done and gifts to be bought. If we don't watch out we will miss the reasons for both seasons. Slow down and gather your thoughts and try and put some thanks in Thanksgiving and Jesus in your Christmas.

One way of being thankful as your friends and family gather around for Thanksgiving dinner, is to think of all the wonderful times spent together. Remember all the fun times from your past, of your childhood, your loved ones, your parents, your grandparents and all the countless times you have gathered around the dinner table. The dinner table connected our daily lives. Our lives seem to be so busy that we have gotten away from the dinner table, from connecting with family and loved ones. Thanksgiving is one day that we all gather together. So, make the effort to spend this time with loved ones because they may not always be there.

Christmas is a joyous time that brings out the love we have for one another. It can be a stressful time also trying to buy gifts, getting everything decorated and preparing a big meal. I love the look on a child's face at Christmas with the surprise of getting that favorite toy. It is a fun time of the year, but we need to make sure not to forget the reason for the season. We need to make sure all of our loved ones know Jesus and the true gift we all can have. Put Jesus first this Christmas and praise his name. He is where our blessings come from.



We can count our blessings, for we have the gift of love and companionship. It is something so precious and something we should be so thankful for!



Sharing love through support

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Steel Magnolias & Men of Steel Meeting
October 25, 2016

The Steel Magnolias Breast Cancer Support Group Inc. met on Tuesday, October 25th in the private dining room of RMC.

The meeting was called to order by President Elaine Johns. We had several visitors who were introduced and welcomed by Elaine and Margaret Taylor.

Gloria Woosley gave the blessing before our meal of pizza provided by RMC and desserts provided by Alabama Hospice Care.

Our speaker was our very own Marti Warren. Marti is a 31 year breast cancer survivor. Marti spoke to us about her life married to Pokey and raising four daughters while dealing with many challenges including Pokey's health issues, the lost of jobs and relocating their home numerous times before settling in Anniston. She talked about how she was in disbelief when told that she had breast cancer and asked God "why me". She soon got involved with Steel Magnolia's after receiving a phone call from our founder, Lenora Johnson. Due to Lenora and Marti's efforts we are fortunate to have the wonderful group of ladies we now have known as the Steel Magnolias Breast Cancer Support Group, Inc.

BUSINESS MEETING:

Secretary Connie Stephens read the minutes from the September meeting. Linda Barton made the motion to accept the minutes as read and Roger Zeimet 2nd the motion. The meeting minutes were accepted.

In the absence of Treasurer Chuck Trull due to foot surgery, Margaret Taylor gave the financial report. Steve Stephens made the motion to accept the report and Roger Zeimet 2nd the motion. The financial report was accepted.

Executive Director Nancy Burnell told group that the Christmas Brunch will be at Classic on Noble on Saturday Dec. 3rd at 10:00 a.m. She gave out invitations to those who signed up to attend. Nancy will mail the remaining invitations to those who were not at the meeting. The brunch is free to invitees and one guest, but Nancy again stressed that if you RSVP that you are attending or add a guest to attend and either you or your guest does not attend you will be responsible to pay the cost of the meal.

Elaine reminded everyone that we will not have a meeting in either November or December due to the holidays. Our next meeting will be the 4th Tuesday in January 2017.

Steve Stephens, Chairman of the nominating committee for new officers in 2017, provided the names of the persons the committee recommended for officers in 2017 as follows:

President	Elaine Johns
1 st Vice-President/Parliamentarian	Margaret Taylor
2 nd Vice-President/Program Chairman & Menu Planner	Keither Zeimet
Secretary	Connie Stephens
Treasurer	Chuck Trull
Historian/Photographer	Elizabeth McCabe

After receiving no additional nominations from the floor, Marti Warren made a motion that all the persons recommended by the nominating committee as officers be accepted as our officers in 2017. Linda Barton 2nd the motion and the list of recommended officers was approved.

Sherry gave a short devotional about Satan's Tricks and Jesus Treats and went over the prayer list. Afterwards, she passed out treats to all the members. Steve Stephens made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Roger Zeimet 2nd the motion. Meeting was adjourned.

SUBMITTED BY:

Connie Stephens
Secretary





Update from last October events

October 23, 2016 was a beautiful day of the Second Annual TUTU'S FOR TATA'S sponsored by the Mt. Cheaha Harley Davidson "Hog Chapter No. 3476". Everybody looked great in their TUTU'S, even some of the men (Courageous Souls). It was a fun day meeting the riders and having an opportunity to speak to them about Steel Magnolias and to thank them for their support.

Everyone had an opportunity to purchase a balloon in memory or honor of someone with cancer. The balloons were then released in the air. Prior to the release Nancy Burnell spoke to the group about the work of Steel Magnolias and to thank everyone participating. The balloons were then released. What a beautiful sight! It was a very emotional time remembering those that lost their life to cancer and being thankful for those that have survived.

Steel Magnolias sold several t-shirts and passed out literature as well as being able to share the work of Steel Magnolias with everyone that stopped at our table. We also provided a corn hole game for anyone wishing to play. The bean bags for the toss were provided by our own "knitted knockers". They knitted several different colors because breast cancer strikes all races and ethnicities. It shows no favoritism.

Elaine Johns and Faye Roberts served as judges for the best costume and best decorated bike. These awards were presented following the ride. If you weren't there you missed the winner of the best costume HOOHOO. There really was no contest; He was either very brave or just plain CRAZY. It was all in fun and both he and the best decorated bike received a \$25 gift card. Better start thinking about next year. WHAT WILL U WEAR?

Several door prizes were given out and a few Steel Magnolias won. YAA! The end of a wonderful day. Many, many thanks to Linda Green and the Hog Chapter for a fun day. Steel Magnolias reaped the reward for all their hard work. We walked away with \$938.17 for the day. YAAA!!!

Happy TUTU'S everybody until next year!

Submitted by: Margaret Taylor



Continued events from October

Jimmy and Margaret Taylor were blessed to share the story of Steel Magnolias with the seniors of Parker Memorial Baptist Church on October 18th, 2016. There were about 50 men and women present.

We were warmly welcomed and following a time of music we shared the history of Steel Magnolias, all the service that we are privileged to offer, showed our car package that is given to breast cancer patients. Margaret shared the story of her journey with breast cancer and how she came to be part of Steel Magnolias. Following her presentation Jimmy shared with the group about how he became involved as a Man of Steel and the beginning of the golf tournament that funds a large part of our services. We told the story of why the tournament is named for Lea Fite, a former State Representative.

We were served a delicious lunch of chicken and dumplings, peas, salad and desert. We had a great time with everyone and enjoyed meeting new people and helping them learn about Steel Magnolias.

Submitted by: Margaret Taylor

October 18th and 25th Margaret Taylor and Nancy Burnell took the School Girl Awareness Program to Donoho School. We shared the program with approximately 31 11th and 12th grade girls on October 18th and about the same number of 9th and 10th graders on the 25th. We had a great time with these girls showing them a video of how to perform a self breast exam and giving them the opportunity to feel the breast forms that show them the difference in how normal breast tissue feels and breast tissue that is abnormal. They were very attentive and asked several questions. Our time was very limited so the program was quite rushed, but each girl was given attention. Nancy did a fabulous job of showing the girls how to feel the forms. We were excited to have this opportunity and look forward to many in the future.

Submitted by: Margaret Taylor

Upcoming Events

November 24th is Thanksgiving and the Steel Magnolias office will be closed on the 24th and the 25th for Thanksgiving.

December 3rd is our Christmas Brunch at Classic on Noble. Be sure to RSVP Nancy by November 28th. If you are an active member and received an invitation it is no cost for you and one guest. If you want to bring other guest it will be \$14 per each additional guest. Please let Nancy know by the 28th.

December 25th is Christmas and the office will be closed on Monday December 26th

January 1st is New Years Day and the office will be closed on Monday January 2nd

January 16 is the next news letter mailing day

January 24th will be our next meeting. Chaplin Wilson will be our guest speaker and we will have baked Irish and Sweet potatoes, Steel Magnolias please bring side dishes.

November and December Prayer List

Linda	Stomach	Nancy	Breast	Please Pray For Everyone On Our Prayer List!
Richard	Prostate	April	Breast	
Tammy	Cervical	Brenda	Breast	
Marinda	Breast	Mary H.	Breast	
Mary M.	Breast	Christie	Breast	
Rosalinda	Breast	Kimberly	Waiting on results From Mammogram	
Becky	Treatments	Brenda	Insurance Issues	
Roger	Test Results	Chuck	Foot issues	
Gina	Breast and Lung	Marilyn	Lung and Brain	

Joggin' Inside

Just before Thanksgiving, the holding pen was abuzz as Mother Turkey scolded her younger birds. "You turkeys are always into mischief," she gobbled. "If your grandfather could see the things you do, he'd turn over in his gravy."

Divorce

An elderly man in Phoenix calls his son in New York and says, "I hate to ruin your day, but I have to tell you that your mother and I are divorcing, forty-five years of misery is enough."

"Pop, what are you talking about?" the son screams.

"We can't stand the sight of each other any longer," the old man says.

"We're sick of each other, and I'm sick of talking about this, so you call your sister in Chicago and tell her," and he hangs up.

Frantic, the son calls his sister, who explodes on the phone. "Like heck they're getting divorced," she shouts, "I'll take care of this." She calls Phoenix immediately, and screams at the old man, "You are NOT getting

divorced. Don't do a single thing until I get there. I'm calling my brother back, and we'll both be there tomorrow. Until then, don't do a thing, DO YOU HEAR ME?" and hangs up.

The old man hangs up his phone and turns to his wife. "Okay," he says, "They're coming for Thanksgiving and paying their own fares Now what do we tell them for Christmas?"

Pearly Gates

Three men die and meet Peter at the pearly gates. "In honor of this holy season," Saint Peter said, "you must each possess something that symbolizes Christmas to get into heaven."

The first man fumbled through his pockets and pulled out a lighter. He flicked it on. It represents a candle, he said. You may pass through the pearly gates Saint Peter said.

The second man reached into his pocket and pulled out a set of keys. He shook them and said, "They're bells." Saint Peter said you may pass through the pearly gates.

The third man started searching desperately through his pockets and finally pulled out a pair of women's panties. St. Peter looked at the man with a raised eyebrow and asked, "And just what do those Symbolize?" The man replied, "They're Carols".

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DOVE	KING	OMEGA	STRENGTH
FAITHFUL	LAMB OF GOD	POWER	TRINITY
FIRE	LIFE	PRINCE OF PEACE	TRUTH

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