

Steel Magnolias

Breast Cancer Support Group, Inc.

2017, What Will The New Year Bring?

2017.... can you believe it? New Year's resolutions, exercise, new diet, new budget and the list goes on. We all have so much to be thankful for, even in lives affected by cancer. We find ourselves being thankful not just for a new year, but for every day we are blessed with. Each day gives us the opportunity to realize what is really important, praising the Lord for a new day, helping someone in need, seeing another birthday, spending time with loved ones and friends and leaving the petty stuff behind.

We have a new year in front of us and we need to decide how we are going use our gift of time. Imagine if we did everything to the Glory to God!

There was a post on face book about 6 things Jesus said that could change your life:

Prioritize the Kingdom and God will take care of the rest. Matthew 6:33.

God is ready to bless you, just ask. Luke 11:9

Love because he first loved us. Matthew 5:44

Learn to forgive and let things go. Luke 6:37

It's better to serve than to be served. Mark 10:31

Don't worry. Trust that God will take care of you. Matthew 10:19

As you contemplate your New Year's resolution, think about the things that really matter. We all need to find a way to love God, to love people and to look like Jesus.

What will you do to glorify God this year?

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Sharing love through support

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Steel Magnolias and Men of Steel
Christmas Brunch 12/3/2016
Classic On Noble

Classic on Noble once again provided the Steel Magnolias with a beautiful Christmas setting and delicious food for our annual Christmas Brunch on December 3rd. The brunch was attended by many Steel Magnolia members, Men of Steel, family members and guests. President Elaine Johns welcomed everyone to the brunch and Chaplain Jim Wilson blessed the food. After everyone had finished enjoying all the wonderful food, Executive Director Nancy Burnell introduced our guest soloist Nadia East. Nadia is a beautiful 4th grader with an infectious smile and a wonderful voice. Nadia got us all in the Christmas spirit by singing "Christmas Time is Coming" and ended by singing "Away in the Manger".

Dr. Dave Roberts then spoke to the group about The Star, Wise Men and Christmas telling us to follow the star in our journey of life and it will always lead us to where we need to be.

We then had a time of remembrance and prayer as Nancy Burnell lighted a candle in remembrance of Elaine Cole and Janie Hendrix. Nancy then asked the family of Elaine Mundy to light a candle in her memory. Dave Roberts then said a prayer for the families.

Our guest soloist Nadia East sang "Happy Birthday Jesus" and Dave Roberts ended our program with a prayer. Nancy Burnell presented Nadia with several Christmas gifts for being our guest soloist and Nadia's excitement reminded us all of the joy of Christmas as we were entertained by the school bands that were marching down Noble Street in the Anniston Christmas parade.

Everyone left the brunch in the Christmas spirit and feeling very blessed!

SUBMITTED BY:

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Merry Christmas!





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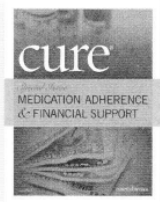
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I received my first quarter Cure magazine the first week of January. It included two other issues of Cure, one was a special issue on medication adherence and financial support and the other one was the 9th annual Cancer Guide for newly diagnosed. The guide for newly diagnosed was very informative and I would have loved to have had it when I was first told those frightening words, you have cancer.

This magazine is free to cancer patients of any type of cancer and caregivers. You can see from the mail in postcard that it is tailored to your type of cancer.

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I want to encourage everyone to either get this by mail or through the internet. It offers helpful ways to cope with cancer both physically and mentally.

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\$50 from Brenda Bryant and Aunt J. for the Knitted Knockers program.

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Up Coming Events

January 24th is our next Steel Magnolias / Men of Steel Meeting in the private dining room at RMC. Chaplin Wilson will be our guest speaker. We will have baked sweet and Irish potatoes provided by the Chaplin's Office. Steel Magnolias please bring side dishes and deserts.

January 28th Margaret Taylor will be speaking at Saks' Baptist Church at the Wiggs Celebration. Speakers are from 5pm to 6pm and supper is from 6pm to 7pm. Anyone that wants to attend supper will be \$12. Let Margaret know by Monday the 23rd.

February 20th will be the next newsletter mailing day. If you have anything to go into the newsletter please have it to Elaine no later than February 15th.

April 15th is our annual Bake and Jewelry sale at the Quintard Mall. We will have more information at a later date.

April 22nd is the date for the Lea Fite Golf Tournament to be held at Pine Hill Golf Course. More info to follow.

President's Corner

We still need volunteers to help in the office. If you feel you could help out for a day or be a fill in when someone is out please contact Margaret Taylor.

You can call and leave a message at the office at 256-231-8827.

I will have postcards for the CURE magazine at our meeting on the 24th.

If there is something you would like to see in the news letter please send request to the office at PO Box 2208 Anniston, AL 36202 or by email at info@steelmagnoliasinc.org. We will do our best to include it in a future newsletter. If you would like to share your story we would love to put it in the newsletter. You never know how you may inspire, uplift or help someone in their own struggle with cancer by sharing yours.

If you have someone you would like to add to our prayer list please call the office and leave a message. All we need is a first name and the prayer need. If you are a prayer warrior please add the work of the Steel Magnolias to your prayer list. The power of prayer is a way everyone can help.

We want our newsletter to be a source of inspiration and information. We also want to bring a little cheer and laughter to someone's day! So help us make this newsletter better and brighter. I would appreciate some good clean jokes! We all know that laughter is the best medicine. Please send in your jokes to the same address and email above.

I want to thank Donna Houston for her homemade word search puzzles. She puts a lot of work into them and really enjoys doing them. She says it helps her learn more about the topic she has chosen when she researches it for her key words.

See you at our next meeting on January 24th in the private dining room at RMC!

Submitted by: Elaine Johns

Joggin' Inside

Karl and Milly were lying in bed one night. Carl 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.

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When I went to lunch today, I noticed an old man sitting on a park bench sobbing his eyes out. I stopped and asked him what was wrong. He said, "I have a 22 year old wife at home. She rubs my back every morning and then gets up and makes me pancakes, sausage, fresh fruit and freshly ground coffee."

I said, "Well, then why are you crying?"

He said, "She makes me homemade soup for lunch and my favorite brownies, cleans the house and then watches sports TV with me for the rest of the afternoon."

I said, "Well, why are you crying?"

He said, "For dinner she makes me a gourmet meal with wine and my favorite dessert and then makes love with me until the wee hours"

I said, "Well, why in the world would you be crying?"

He said, "I can't remember where I live!"

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Several children found a dead robin. Feeling that a proper burial should be performed, they secured a small box and some cotton batting, dug a hole in the back yard, and made ready to dispose of the deceased. The minister's 5-year-old son was chosen to say the prayer. And so with great dignity, he intoned, "Glory be to the Father...and unto the Son...and into the hole he goes."

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A country preacher decided to skip services one Sunday to spend the day hiking in the wilderness.

Rounding a sharp bend in the trail, he collided with a bear and was sent tumbling down a steep grade.

He landed on a rock and broke both legs. With the ferocious bear charging at him from a distance, the preacher prayed, "O Lord, I'm so sorry for skipping services today. Please forgive me and grant me just one wish—make a Christian out of that bear that's coming at me!"

At that very instant, the bear skidded to a halt, fell to his knees, clasped his paws together, and began to pray aloud at the preacher's feet: "Dear God, please bless this food I am about to receive."

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A few minutes before the services started, the townspeople were sitting in their pews and talking.

Suddenly, Satan appeared at the front of the church. Everyone started screaming and running for the front entrance, trampling each other in a frantic effort to get away from evil incarnate.

Soon everyone had exited the church except for one elderly gentleman who sat calmly in his pew without moving, seeming oblivious to the fact that God's ultimate enemy was in his presence. So Satan walked up to the old man and said, "Don't you know who I am?" The man replied, "Yep, sure do."

"Aren't you afraid of me?" Satan asked. "Nope, sure ain't," said the man.

"Don't you realize I can kill you with a word?" asked Satan. "Don't doubt it for a minute," returned the old man, in an even tone. "Did you know that I could cause you profound, horrifying, physical AGONY... for all eternity?" persisted Satan. "Yep," was the calm reply.

"And you're still not afraid?" asked Satan. "Nope."

More than a little perturbed, Satan asked, "Well, why aren't you afraid of me?"

The man calmly replied, "Been married to your sister for the last 48 years."

WHO I AM IN CHRIST

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