

Steel Magnolias

Breast Cancer Support Group, Inc.

Valuing, Supporting and Directing.....Education 2017

August 14, 2017

As a mother of three sons now with three granddaughters who just Monday, August 7th, started classes, one a senior, one just starting high school and one just entering junior high, I am reminded of both the blessings and the responsibilities that all parents and teachers face in preparing our children to take on the challenges they will face as adults.



Sharing love through support

At Leatherwood Baptist Church on Sunday morning, August 6, Youth Director, Bray McCormick talked about this subject. As he discussed Jesus's command in Matthew 19: 13-15 and Mark 10: 13-16, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these;" Bray also stressed the importance of showing appreciation of good teachers. Responsible parenting prepares children to learn from valuable teachers.

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My first knowledge that there was a God and He loved me as is taught in Matthew 6:25-29 came from a school teacher, Mrs. Longmire, who also taught Sunday school. I will never forget her. As adults, we all face so many unknown challenges and values we learn in childhood many times strengthens us to be positive in the face of illness, especially a diagnosis of cancer or some other life altering disease.

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RMC Chaplain, Jim Wilson
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Bro. Bray closed out his message by asking children, high school and college age children, as well as teachers, parents and grandparents of these children to come to the front of the church. I was moved to tears as I gave thanks for those who prepared me for the future.

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STE 407, 901 Leighton Ave
Anniston, AL 36207
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I was blessed to be asked by year book sponsor, Veronica Hardy to write a poem for Pleasant Valley's first year book. In honor of today's children, teachers, parents and grandparents, my poem:

Email any officer by typing
Their—first name
@steelmagnoliasinc.org

Treasures....1982..... Lenora Washington Johnson

**As Sunlight awakens earth with the kiss of spring
So treasures touch our lives kindling vibrance to sing.
Fleeting are the days since our walk in school began
Treasured are the memories to enliven again and again.**

**At times we ached for losing games we fought to win.
At times we wept for losing the presence of a friend.
And yet, in our trophy case proudly postured, more and more,
Trophies shout of victory in competing for score.**

**Evenings filled with laughter, in our faded cotton suede;
We played games of skill at the Cinema Arcade.
The daring of Travolta; the beauty of Brooke Shields
Hours consumed in adventures; our fantasies fulfilled.**

**Emotions stir within us like moving shifting sand
The future looms before us; as a vast untraveled land.
Careful rearing by our parents, and our teachers' skillful hand;
Promises introduction to treasures, in our yet untraveled land.**

Lets keep our kids, their parents and teachers in our prayers. Before school started there were Christian groups that had a prayer march around different schools. I am not sure of all the schools or of the churches involved. I do know that Leatherwood participated in prayer marches at Jacksonville, Weaver, Alexandria, Wellborn, Ohatchee and Saks.

Let us always remember to pray for our schools! To pray God's hand of protection over our children, our teachers and God's guidance in identifying students who have special needs and those who need more emotional and moral support.

Remember: "This is the day the Lord has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it!"

**Submitted by
Lenora Johnson, Founder**

New Beginnings Banquet 2017

The Steel Magnolias 14th Annual New Beginnings Banquet was held on July 25th at Classic on Noble. As usual, all enjoyed the delicious 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 in 2017 which had more then tripled! Since January we have served 102 cancer patients by providing wigs/bras/prosthesis, given 376 meal vouchers to families of patients and given out 40 care packages. We also donated \$2,000 to HEART.S of Cleburne County.

Jimmy and Margaret Taylor gave a report on the 8th Annual Lea Fite Golf Tournament recognizing the sponsors who were represented at the banquet and thanking the committee members. Jimmy also gave a heartfelt thank you to Margaret for all her hard work on the tournament.

Our soloist for the night, Tiffany Hamilton, was introduced by Executive Director Nancy Burnell. Tiffany sang a passionate rendition of “We Shall Behold Him”.

Nancy then introduced our guest speaker Edie Hand. Edie is a business woman, inspirational speaker, television/radio personality, celebrity chef, best selling author and Mom; as well as, Elvis’ cousin. She is the founder of Genuine Pearl Girls Society who promotes acts of kindness to make the lives of women and children better. Edie is also a four time cancer survivor. Edie delighted us with her stories of life growing up in Burnout, AL and spending time at Graceland with her cousin Elvis. Everyone especially enjoyed her story of meeting Phyllis Diller. Edie’s message to us was that it is important to do what you feel you should do and don’t wait. She also discussed getting through the hard times of your life.

Edie was followed by Tiffany who sang “He’ll Do It Again”.

Dr. Roberts followed by giving special recognition to our numerous sponsors, partners and volunteers. The banquet came to a close as the Men of Steel gave out roses to the Steel Magnolias and Dave sang “I Hope You Dance”.

**Submitted by: Connie Stephens
Secretary**







Up Coming Events

August 22nd is our next meeting in the private dining room at RMC. We will have Turkey and Ham croissants. Steel Magnolias please bring side dishes and deserts. Our guest speaker will be Ina Rooks. Please get all prayer request into the office by Friday the 18th for the meeting. Just call the office and leave it with whoever is in the office or on the answering machine.

August 24th last day to RSVP to the 25th Annual Cancer Survivor's Celebration at the Anniston City Meeting Center. RMC host this event and the number to call is 256-235-5084. This is free to cancer survivors and their guest with a limit of 3 quest. Don't forget the BINGO! I am taking my lucky ink pen.

August 26th is the "Rumble on the Loop" at Mt. Cheaha Harley Davidson. We will be with the Hog Chapter #3476 tent sharing our information and handing out flyers for Tutus for Tatas ride in October. We will talk about this in our meeting.

September 18th next newsletter mailing day.

Birthdays and Survivor Years

August 17th is Carol Chitwood's birthday and she is a 16 year survivor!

August 17th is Victoria Everett's birthday and she is a 10 year survivor!

August 18th is Teresa Tally's birthday and she is a 5 year survivor!

August 29th is Roger Zeimet's birthday!

September 9th is Becky Tiner's birthday!

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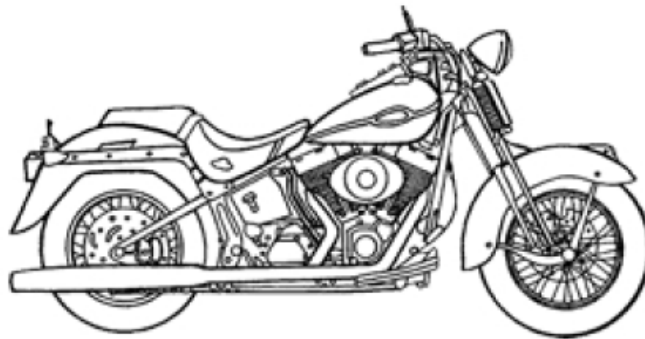
September 16th is Brenda Cospers Birthday!

Tutus for Tatas

PRESENTED BY MT. CHEAHA H-D HOG CHAPTER #3476
ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE STEEL MAGNOLIAS
BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

ALL BIKES WELCOME!

**There will be awards for
BEST COSTUME &
BEST DECORATED BIKE**



When: Sunday, October 8rd, 2017
Register from Noon-1:30pm
Kick Stands Up @ 2:00pm
Awards Ceremony @ 3:30pm

Where: Mt Cheaha Harley-Davidson
231 Davis Loop, Oxford, AL 36203

Ride: Police escorted ride through Calhoun Co.
to show off our costumes, bikes, & cause!

For more information, call Linda Green at (256) 283-5965
or Dianne Tidmore at (256) 390 6738

Services Offered By Steel Magnolias Breast Cancer Support Group, Inc.

1. Group Meetings

Steel Magnolias meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 5:00 p.m. in the 1st Floor Private Dining Room of RMC.

2. Steel Magnolias' Office

Our office is located in suite 407 of the Physicians Center in Anniston. Currently our office is staffed (part time) by Steel Magnolias volunteers Monday through Friday, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm. Every effort is made to have someone in the office when our staff is sick or on vacation. Phone (256) 231-8827

3. PINKS Boutique

Located in the Physicians' Center across from the Steel Magnolias Office, we are stocked with Mastectomy Bras, Breast Prosthesis, Wigs, Hats and Scarves. These items are of no cost to cancer patients.

4. Care Packages

Steel Magnolias provide a comfort package including inspirational and educational materials to breast cancer patients the day of surgery at Regional Medical Center. Packages are mailed or taken to newly diagnosed patients who do not receive them on day of surgery.

5. Dining Vouchers

Dining vouchers are provided for two family members of any patient, in surgery, at Regional Medical Center. Each provides a meal in the hospital cafeteria.

6. Snacks

Steel Magnolias provide the following: (1) snacks in Anniston Oncology chemo treatment room - Suite 602 Physician Center (2) chemo treatment room on the 4th floor of RMC and (3) the Radiation / Oncology Center on 2nd Floor of RMC.

7. Breast Cancer Awareness Program

Available to girls in grades 7-12, this program is taught in the school by a trained volunteer under the supervision of a Registered Nurse. Anyone interested in having our program presented, contact our office.


8. Speakers Bureau

Speakers are available to civic clubs and churches. To schedule, contact our office.

9. Steel Magnolias Newsletter

Our monthly newsletter is an informative and inspirational publication about upcoming events, meetings and activities. Also included is a joke page and current information regarding cancer testing and treatments.

10. Web-Site

www.steelmagnoliasinc.org is a great source of information and inspiration. Also,  Find us on facebook.

11. Men of Steel

Group of men (husbands, friends or family) of breast cancer patients or survivors and for men who themselves are breast cancer survivors. Meetings are held jointly with Steel Magnolias (see Group Meetings #1). Contact Jimmy Taylor (256-463-4313) or email tjimmeg63@aol.com for additional information.

12. Prayer

We are praying for you with love and blessings.

WAYS YOU CAN HELP

1. VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME

- attend our meetings and get involved with us
- volunteer for office work or Pinks Boutique
- help with our fund raisers (2 per year)
 - a. Bake and jewelry sale (annually the Saturday before Easter at Quintard Mall)
 - b. Golf Tournament at Pine Hill Golf Course (in the spring each year). Numerous opportunities to serve.

2. **CONTRIBUTE** - contributions are tax deductible (a 501(c)3 tax exempt organization) and can be made to: Steel Magnolias, P.O. Box 2208, Anniston, AL 36202. ALL contributions are used to provide services to breast cancer patients who reach out to us.

3. **DONATE UNUSED JEWELRY** (new, vintage or broken) - it is cleaned, repaired and resold at our events. Drop off at the following: Steel Magnolia Office, Cotton Antiques, 508 Main Street, Oxford or call Marti Warren 256-237-0206.

4. PRAY FOR OUR MINISTRY

THE BOOK OF JONAH

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DISOBEY	JOPPA	SHADE	WARN
FISH	MISSION	SHELTER	WHALE
FLEE	NINEVEH	STORM	WIND
FLIGHT	OVERBOARD	SWALLOW	WORM