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President Jan Lemaire's Message: First, a very personal **Thank You** to all of you who reached out to us after the death of David's son. Each of those lovely contacts helped us along the way. Our SMART Family is the best and we thank each and every one of you.

I understand that our joint muster in Foley was simply magnificent. I cannot wait until this newsletter is published so I can see the pictures and hear about all the fun. Our summer luncheons will begin the first Tuesday in June (6/4/24) at Sedra's Bistro on Robert Blvd in Slidell. I will send out a reminder next week and will have the exact dates for the summer and the address so you can put it in your GPS. I hope to see many of you there. It's always great to see you when we are in the middle of our long hot camping break. I always appreciate the conversation and fellowship.

Nita Taylor has asked me to remind all that we still have jobs that need volunteers for the Central Regional Muster in Sun Outdoors in Robert, LA. In particular we need a volunteer to coordinate the first breakfast of the muster. We have the checklists and shopping lists and griddles, but we need some of our accomplished breakfast cooks to help. I'd be happy to co-chair the prework and to help in the kitchen—though I know the men often prefer to "own" all of that.

When you can, have a look at the National muster info (Gloria tells me that we have 15 Magnolia rigs registered at this time). Nita Taylor tells me also that she is looking for chapters of the Central Region to volunteer as hosts of the Regional Muster for 2025 and the National SMART Muster for 2026.

OUR next muster will be in October at Parker's Landing as we celebrate our 20th Anniversary! David and I will be hosting that muster. If you have ideas—bring them to me! We will have elections in December for Vice President of the Chapter. Please consider this office if you have a desire to see our chapter continue to grow and flourish! We are so much richer because of those of you who step forward. The first two years is learning the ropes and some calls to remind the chapter members of upcoming musters and participating in Board decisions. Also, we need a newsletter editor. Gloria has earned a break but will help get our next editor up to speed!

Looking forward to seeing you in June at the first luncheon! May it be drier than these past few days.

Jan Lemaire, President

Newsletter Editor Message: As usual, if you did not attend the joint muster, then you missed a good time by all who did make it (about 48 people). I received some pictures from various members who documented our meals, seminar, games, tours, laughter and comradery that were

shared by all. Thanks to all who helped in making this newsletter. I am ready to pass on this position, (which I have done for at least seven years while also being the secretary), to another chapter member who is interested in taking this on. You don't have to do it like me. Put your own spin to the newsletter as you wish.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Anita James reported at the business meeting that the chapter treasury had a current balance as of Mar 2024 of **\$2422.86** and the Fisher House reserve is **\$294**. The amount that was collected for the two 50/25/25 Raffles was about **\$280** and the Silent Auction was not conducted at this muster.

Health and Wellness Update of MS Magnolia Members

John and Nancy Arce provided chicken and sausage gumbo for our last muster dinner. Yum! Nancy volunteered to take care of Brown Bag Auction and collect door prizes for Central Regional.

Francis Arceneaux has spent two weeks at the Blind Rehab Center in Biloxi, MS by the time this newsletter reaches you. He was there during the joint muster, but is now home.

Bill Blansfield returned home two weeks ago to attend the Y'all Come Muster, eat some good boiled crawfish with the Arceneauxs, go to doctor appointments and get some RV repairs completed. He intends to return to Indiana and spend the summer with Judy as soon as he can.

Kitty and Ken Buckner still are unable to RV yet, but Kitty is on the road to recovery.

Carmen and Elaine Ciardello joined us at this muster without the RV which they are planning to sell. Elaine was a lucky winner at Card Bingo and for one of the 50/25/25 raffles.

Elaine and Bob Comeaux were able to attend the muster, because Elaine is still not feeling well enough to travel.

Frank and Linda Coates taught a new game at the joint muster, called Left, Right, and Center. They had a lot of muster members eager to learn this new game. They left the muster early to attend to graduation of family members and a baseball game their grandson was playing in.

Ron and Patsy Erieg joined our crowd, though Patsy had a hospital visit the week before with a heart attack. Ron played BB Baseball for the first time this muster and was on the winning team.

Mary Ferguson and I shared a hotel room for this muster. She brought a newly made baseball board to this muster but it was not sold. She says this will be the last one she will make because she was gifted with some cedar boards that she will be making swings for children and grandsons.

Lou Finkle and Diane Thompson arrived Tuesday morning and left early Friday because of various appointments. He set up the dueling baseball games and scoreboards for this muster. Diane is in charge of the two chapter baskets for the Central Regional and National Musters. Though some members have donated purchased items and or money for purchases, she says she could do with some more donations. Each basket should have **at least \$50** of local Mississippi items or gift cards that could be used anywhere in US. Please contact Dianne at 228-324-7943 to help donate items for the chapter baskets. Only about eight members have contributed so far.

Warren Kelly and Kathryn Crews had to cancel for this muster, but plan to be with us in October.

Frank and Pauline Krenkel are selling their RV, and the Glaziers are considering buying it.

Jesse and Anita James brought some materials from the SMART HQ to be sold by Anita in a SMART Store. Jesse sent me 99 pictures of this muster for the newsletter and SMART Facebook page.

Ben and Tee Lane drove down from Southside, AL but had to leave early because of family obligations.

Charley LeBlanc was the muster master and co-host with Paul Moniz for the joint muster in Foley, AL with the White Sands/Panhandlers chapter. He has also set up the luncheon dates for this summer's chapter luncheons. He and Diane LeBlanc are looking forward to the Branson Caravan in the fall. Condolences to Dianne LeBlanc in the loss of her Uncle who passed away before the muster started. The LeBlancs left early to attend a funeral Friday morning.

Jan and Dave Lemaire were in North Carolina attending David's son's funeral. Many thoughts and prayers were given for them during the muster.

Denny and Ann Olvany joined us for the muster. Denny says the treatments for his cancer are going well.

James and Gene Stubbs are still traveling on the roads with and without their RV depending on where they are going. They hope to be able to join us for Oct Anniversary Muster.

Congratulations to Bob Theriot in the appointment of chapter Muster Master.

Bob Zeller still has a calendar full of various SMART chapter musters for the next several months. I enjoyed looking at the pictures of the muster in which he and Joan Scheet played as pirates!

Don and Susan Magee joined the chapter in March and were able to attend their first muster with us.

I hope everyone else is doing well. Hopefully, some of you will send updates after receiving this newsletter.

Welcome to New Members!

Johnny and Linda Leggett, President of SMART Cajuns, along with Michael and Tri Northup of White Sands Panhandlers attended the joint muster and then joined as new members for the MS Magnolias Chapter. Looking forward to the new additions, stories, and the sharing in our chapter.



New to SMART and arriving for the first time at the MS Magnolias chapter muster in Foley. Don and Susan Magee were sponsored by The Coates. Don is an Army veteran and Susan worked for a publishing company.

Musters of the MS Magnolias

Summer Luncheons, Jun 4, 2024 at Sedra's Bistro in Slidell, LA. The menu is breakfast and lunch meals, with reservations made by Charley LeBlanc (call him). Our luncheons will be the first Tuesday of each month for Jun, July and Aug.

Sep 16-21 2024, South Carolina, SMART National Muster. All info is on the SMART website. There are several chapter members who plan on doing a traveling muster to the National Muster. Anyone interested can contact Charley LeBlanc or Frank Coates. There are 15 chapter members who are listed as attendees of National muster.

Oct 20-25, 2024, at Parker's Landing RV Park on Woolmarket exit, MS.(Biloxi) to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of MS Magnolias Chapter. Hosts are the Lemaires and costs are \$20/pp. Be sure to register on website.

Nov 10-16 2024 at Sun Outdoors RV Park and Resort, Robert, LA., Central Regional Muster. Hosted by Smart Cajuns, all info about the Regional Muster is on the website. Past President Charley LeBlanc during the Business Meeting stressed the importance of attending and participating in the Regional and National Musters.

Dec 8-12, 2024 with departure on Dec 13. Christmas Muster at Sun Roamers RV Park and Resort, Picayune, MS: Cohosts are Linda and Frank Coates with Bob and Elaine Comeaux. This is a free muster for all MS Magnolia members. Guests must pay \$20/pp. We will have our Dirty Santa Game as usual. Check out the website for more info and registration forms.

Winners of Games

Beanbag Baseball: Winners: Team Blue: Gloria Brady-Cross, Linda Coates, Mary Ferguson, Gene Stubbs, and Ron Erieg.

The team played almost 2 hours because there was first an elimination game and then the winners of that game had to play again to have the winners. First time we had ever done the game that way. Sure was a lot of playing for the \$4/per person the winners received but definitely a lot of fun playing, and that was more important than the money!

Card Bingo: Gene Stubbs, Anita James, Don Magee, Jim Fuhrman, Elaine Ciardello, Ron Erieg

50/25/25 Raffle: Kathie Bruhn, Anita James, Elaine Ciardello,

There might have been more winners of the Card Bingo and the 50/25/25, but I just can't remember and I did not have any other pictures to help in remembering. LOL

Left: Beanbag Baseball winners, Gloria, Gene, Ron, Mary, and Linda (center) 50/25/25 Winner Anita James (Left) Kathie Bruhn, 50/25/25 winner.



Card Bingo Game Winners: Gene Stubbs, Anita James Jim Fuhrman, Ron Erieg.



Juanita Glazier celebrated her 90th birthday. Joan Scheet made both cakes that were served. There were many well-wishers attending the party during the muster.



Left: Hikers to Bamahenge on Barber Marina Grounds (Center): Mary and Linda with Stegosaurus (Right) Johnny Leggett with T-Rex.



Lou lecturing about the Brontosaurus name change, Lady of the Lake, Knight in Woods, and water fountain sculpture.



Dolphin Boat Cruise out of Orange Beach, AL



Pegs and Jokers players, A New Game being introduced by Frank Coates called Left, Right and Center. New member learning how to play Skipbo Game.



Left: Meal of Pork Roast and Chicken and Sausage Gumbo. (Center) Mexican Restaurant on Cinco de Mayo (Right): Shrimp Basket was a great choice for various meals..



Recipe from the Joint Muster, submitted by Joan Scheet

Overnight Breakfast Casserole (6-8 servings)

- 6-7 slices of white bread 1 lb sausage, cooked and drained
- ¼ cup diced green pepper 1/3 cup diced onions ½ cup sliced mushrooms
- 7 eggs 2 cup milk ¼ tsp salt ¼ tsp black pepper
- 1 cup grated cheddar cheese

Cook peppers, onions and mushrooms until onions are translucent. Use 9 x 13 casserole dish. Layer in order the bread, sausage, vegetables, and cheese. Beat together milk, eggs, salt and pepper. Pour over the layered ingredients in pan. Cover with foil and refrigerate overnight. Bake uncovered at 350 degrees for 35-40 minutes until cooked through. Jiggle it to test or put a knife in the middle to make sure. Serve with more cheese or hot sauce or any type of Mexican sauce if you wish.

Group Picture of the Dolphine Cruise on the Joint Muster (25/48 attendees)



We were unable to get a MS Magnolias chapter muster group picture for this muster but we do have a lot of pictures that were taken by various members attending this muster! Many more than could be fit into this newsletter is on the SMART Facebook page for those of you who are on Facebook.

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