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## President Jan Lemaire's Message:

Magnolias! It looks as if our large group of Magnolia attendees at National have had a great time. Wishing all safe travels on your way home.

We are gearing up for muster season with the first muster being our 20th Anniversary celebration muster Oct 20-25th at Parker's Landing in Biloxi. That's where it all started. We have 2 field trips planned—Chandeleur Brewery and The Institute for Marine Mammal Studies' Ocean Adventure Park, Golf, Games, Halloween activities and great food.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone so much!! Start thinking about musters to schedule for the new year!!

Jan

Lemaire, President

**Newsletter Editor Message:** It has been a long hot summer and so many things have happened that affects many of our chapter members. Though we met for three luncheons, and many of our members have traveled to the National Muster in SC, we are so ready for our Oct muster. Many thanks for the various pictures that were sent to me for this newsletter.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Anita James has resigned from the position of Treasurer, so we do not have a treasury balance to report at this time. Her request to resign was received by the BOD during the summer before she became so ill that her heart surgery had to be scheduled.

## Health and Wellness Update of MS Magnolia Members

John and Nancy Arce attended the National Muster for their first time. Nancy was on the winning BeanBag Baseball Team with Diane Thompson. She also helped in issuing door prizes at the muster.

Francis and Lynette Arceneaux have had a busy schedule since May. They traveled to Jacksonville, FL to attend the Blinded Veteran's Association Conference. From there they traveled to their son's home in Florida for a week's stay. In August, Francis celebrated his 89<sup>th</sup> birthday. Their son, Scotty also passed away in August.

Gloria Brady-Cross has had a busy summer, fighting a yard which became a jungle because of the month or so of rain early in June-July. She also picked and canned about 10 lbs of figs, traveled to north AL to visit relatives and then picked and canned about 80 lbs of tomatoes. During all those activities, I continued to do volunteer work and attended meetings with the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary groups at the SWLA Veterans Home and Cemetery in Jennings, LA, in Opelousas and Broussard. Very rewarding work for me sometimes.

Frank and Linda Coates attended the National Muster as First-Timers. They will be cohosts for the Christmas Muster in Picayune, MS in December.

Mary Ferguson spent a month at Galveston during Hurricane Beryl in July with her family. She said it was a long two weeks without electricity.

Lou Finkle and Diane Thompson traveled to the National Muster and Lou presented three seminars during the muster. Diane and Nancy Arce were on the winning Beanbag Baseball team at National.

Jim Fuhrman attended the National Muster and participated in the Golf Tournament. He also portrayed a Gangster. Check out the pictures.

Bob and Juanita Glazier purchased the Krenkels MH. After the Hurricane Francine, they went on a road trip to visit Juanita's daughter.

Frank and Pauline Krenkel sold their MH to the Glaziers.

Anita James had quadruple bypass heart surgery in September. She is now recuperating in a rehabilitation center for physical therapy. They are unsure of making it to the October muster.

Charley and Diane LeBlanc had to cancel all their traveling for the summer to Michigan and then to the National Muster because Diane had to schedule emergency back surgery. She has been in rehabilitation hospitals and doing physical therapy to be able to travel again. Hope to see them in October.

Jan and Dave Lemaire weathered Hurricane Francine in their newly raised home. They traveled to Houston after the storm. The Lemaire's are hosts of the October Muster.

Bob and Judy Theriot went to the National Muster as First Timers. Bob's golf team won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in tournament.

Bob Zeller attended the National Muster and worked in the Parking Crew and was Sherlock Holmes in the Trivia Contest.

Other chapter members attending the National Muster were the Taylors, Leggetts, Bowes, Northrups, Magees, Van Devenders, Bruhn and Frutos, and Burkes. Check out the pictures!!

Jim Martin decided not to renew his National Smart membership dues in September and was deleted from our roster as a member by the National HQ. He now lives in the Veterans Retirement Home in the Gulfport/Biloxi area. He sold his RV to the Lemaire's and now does not drive very much. He hopes he can visit us during the October muster.

Adam Unger, former MS Magnolia chapter member with his wife Charmaine, passed away in September. Charmaine said she hoped a cabin would be available for her to rent for the Christmas muster in December at Sun Roamers RV Park.

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

## Musters of the MS Magnolias

**Oct 20-25, 2024, at Parker's Landing RV Park on Woolmarket exit, MS.(Biloxi) to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of MS Magnolias Chapter.** Hosts are the Lemaire and costs are \$20/pp. Be sure to register on website. Denny Olvany will make a presentation about the history of the chapter. There are two tours scheduled. Info has already been sent out by Jan Lemaire. Bring your Halloween costumes!!

**Nov 10-16 2024 at Sun Outdoors RV Park and Resort, Robert, LA., Central Regional Muster.** Hosted by Smart Cajuns with all info about the Regional Muster on the website. Several MS Magnolia members have registered and will be helping with the Regional.

**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.

**Summer Luncheons occurred during the summer months of 2024 at Sedra's Bistro in Slidell, LA.** Reservations were made by Charley LeBlanc for the chapter. Our luncheons were the first Tuesday of each month for Jun, July and Aug.





Left: Cathy V, Bob and Judy Theriot along with Jim Fuhrman acting as Gangsters. Right: Jack Van Devender and Nancy Arce joined the Gangster group!



Left: Bob and Judy Theriot, Cathy V, and Nancy Arce ganged up on Jim Fuhrman. Right: Nancy Arce was taken out by Cathy V., Judy and Bob Theriot and Jim Fuhrman!!!



Left: Lou Finkle presenting a seminar.(Center): Frank and Linda Coates,Judy Theriot, Cathy V., and Nancy Arce at another seminar (Right) Bob Zeller as Sherlock Holmes.





Left: Jim and Terri Bowes helping on food line. (Center) Linda Coates, Judy and Bob Theriot. Right: Lou Finkle and John Arce



Left: Door Prize winner at Phil and Nita Taylor's table. (Center) Jim Fuhrman winning Golf Tournament award. Right: Nancy Arce helping in delivering Door Prizes.



Left: Some of the Chapter Outstanding Award winners, including MS Magnolias and Smart Cajuns. (Center) Bob Theriot proudly holding the MS Magnolias banner (Right): Nancy Arce and Diane Thompson who later were on the winning Beanbag Baseball Team.





There was about 14 MS Magnolias who went to the Smart National Muster for 2024 in South Carolina.



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