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President Jan Lemaire's Message: Happy End of Summer (or Beginning of Fall) Magnolias! Either way it is better than the Middle of Summer as we are certainly all just crispy by now. I am so looking forward to seeing as many of you as can come to Parker's Landing for our Halloween Muster October 15-20th.

Bob and Juanita Glazier are hosting this muster and have a magnificent week planned for all of us. We will have a final agenda on the website around the first of October. Lots of fun, frolic, field trips and friendship. Please be thinking of our two musters that occur after the holidays—usually one in or around March and one in April or May. We need ideas for these two musters and we need to set dates as that time of the year brings us to graduations and weddings for children and grandchildren. I know I have a child graduating and I imagine others have similar functions. Let's see if we can plan ahead—we will also need to have some volunteers for hosting those musters. Anyone who has never hosted a muster can certainly be paired with some of us who HAVE hosted. That guidance makes the entire task feel less scary. Remember that some of our most enjoyable musters have been those that rely on all of us connecting socially again. Looking forward to seeing you all next month!

Jan Lemaire

Newsletter Editor Message: It has been a long and hot, hot, hot summer with very little traveling from me but I did make it to one luncheon in Slidell, LA and had an enjoyable stay with the Comeaux's overnight before I returned home. Also, during the summer, I visited with Mary Ferguson at her home in Andalusia in June and visited at her river camp in Lowndesboro, AL in August. Had a lot of fun both times! There will not be a lot of pictures in this newsletter, but I am sure we will make it up in the October newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Anita James along with Jesse have been on the road traveling for at least a month and she did not send in a report for August. She'll catch up at the October muster.

Health and Wellness Update of MS Magnolia Members

John and Nancy Arce's Motorhome attended the August luncheon in Slidell. and said they still had not been able to get their RV repaired yet. They plan on attending the October muster.

Francis and Lynette Arceneaux have been busy with various doctor appointments and family events. They plan on traveling to see family in Florida at the end of September. Francis hopes they can make it to Biloxi for a few days during the October muster.

Joe and Shelly Battaglia have been kept busy hosting grandchildren during the summer but school is now back in session.

Ken and Kitty Buckner have been camping out at Ken's Camp (near Delcambre, LA) with Judy and Bob Theriot, along with other friends. Ken's Camp is on Lake Pigneur and it is a beautiful and restful site to be camping.

Bill Blansfield has been staying in Indiana and does not plan to travel south until after January.

Elaine and Bob Comeaux did take a trip to Fort Hood, TX to visit her grandson and family, which was enjoyable in early July but Elaine referred to their RV with non-complimentary terms and they are trying to get it fixed so they can have better road trips in the future. Also, Elaine is still having some pain-filled days due to inflammation issues she has been dealing with many months now.

Kathleen and Dewey Burke have not been able to join the Magnolias since last Christmas muster in Picayune because of Dewey's medical issues. Kathleen hopes that an upcoming surgery will give Dewey enough recovery time so they can join us then. Her caregiver duties and responsibilities has left her very limited time in doing her beautiful crafts, but she thinks that will change soon.

Lee and Irene Fontenot have moved into an assisted living home that was about a mile from their original home. He sounded very well and content with the arrangements. Irene was having with her hip and was scheduled for injections. According to Lee they do not plan to sell their RV yet.

Warren Kelly does plan to attend the October muster but after the Christmas muster he also plans to winter in Florida at the campground where he lived for years before returning to LA.

Pauline Krenkel had surgery several weeks ago. Hopefully she is doing better now.

James and Gene Stubbs joined us at the August luncheon and are back on the road Rving. They hope to be able to attend one of our fall musters.

Bob and Juanita Glazier have been working hard getting ready to be hosts for the October muster. So far there are 15 registrations and we still have a month to go. Also, Juanita has been concerned about her oldest son who was diagnosed with cancer.

Bill Esterly tried to join the September luncheon in Slidell, LA but traffic congestion in Gulfport prevented him from making the trip.

Diane Thompson took a three-week trip to Scotland and Ireland with her daughter in August and hiked the Hadrian Road for many days. She is scheduling hip replacement surgery soon. While she was gone, Lou Finkle enjoyed a visit from his son.

Paul and Margie Moniz took a trip up to Andalusia, AL to visit Mary Ferguson and to search for sharks' teeth in local waterways. The search was not very fortunate but Mary was able to share some of her sharks' teeth with them. Paul has also contacted our President Jan Lemaire to propose a joint muster for 2024.

Mary Ferguson has been a host for several MS Magnolia members this summer. She has been trying to get some relief from neck pain the doctors say are due to arthritis. She has had injections twice without any relief yet from the pain. She will be traveling in Italy during the October muster but plans to attend our Christmas muster in December.

Charley and Dianne LeBlanc's have been on the road Rving up in the northern states (esp. Michigan) before continuing to the National Muster at the Amana Colonies in Iowa. They will return in time for the October Muster in Biloxi, MS.

Jim Martin, who lost his beloved Magdalene this summer plans to attend the October muster. He will be in Mississippi for the Cruising the Coast during the first week of October and plan to stay afterwards to join the Magnolias.

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

Welcome to new MS Magnolia Members!! Jim Fuhrman from Southside, AL and Jack and Cathy Van der Vender from Purvis, MS. Hope to see you at the next muster in October in Biloxi, MS.

Musters of the MS Magnolias

Oct 15-20, 2023 at Parker's Lending RV Park in Woolmarket, MS.(Biloxi) Hosts Bob and Juanita Glazier are requesting lots of help for this Halloween muster. Be sure to register on chapter website. Bring your Halloween costumes!! Fee is \$20/pp.

Dec 3-7, 2023 with departure on Dec 8. Christmas Muster at Sun Roamers RV Park and Resort, Picayune, MS: Hosts are Bob and Judy Theriot with cohosts Jan and Dave Lemaire for this Christmas Muster with a fee of \$20/pp. We will have our Dirty Santa Game as usual. Check out the website for more info and registration forms.

Apr 8-12, 2024 at Hollywood Casino RV Park in Bay St. Louis, MS. It is a no-host and no-muster fees muster. We cannot make the reservations until six months before the muster because of the Casino Management policy, so the muster's dates could possibly change.

February or May, 2024 Muster TBA. Muster Master Joe Battaglia will be contacting various campgrounds to determine where and when the muster will occur and then he will announce the future plans. The Magnolias voted that this muster will be free (no registration fee and costs will be paid by Chapter Treasury).

Summer Luncheons in Slidell, LA.

This summer the MS Magnolias met four times; always on the second Tuesday of the month. Some of the members traveled more than 100 miles to attend this luncheon so that they may join the comraderies with their fellow MS Magnolias members.

This is the second year of the Magnolias meeting for summer luncheons because there were no musters scheduled. However, several members have begun to discuss small musters that could possibly be set up for 2024. Join the discussion at the October muster if you are interested in doing this!



Above pictures were the July luncheon and below are pictures from the August luncheon in Slidell, LA. I was the member who traveled the longest that day.

