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### President Bob Comeaux's Message:

I certainly hope everyone has had a very happy holiday season and truly merry Christmas! The Magnolias have grown unbelievably the past year thanks to your efforts and we look forward to more continued growth this year. With that growth comes plenty of opportunity for individuals to step up, volunteer and showcase their skills. All effort is appreciated.

I'd like to offer a special thanks to Gloria Brady-Cross for the fantastic job she has done for us over the past many years. What she has accomplished to keep the members in touch and informed goes beyond expectations. Kudos, Gloria!

We have a new Board of Directors and new goals for 2025. Please join us and share the vision. We look forward to seeing you at our February muster!

Bob Comeaux, President

**Newsletter Editor Message:** Everyone knows that I have been ready to step down from the position of Newsletter Editor for the past year now, so I can say that this is a bittersweet moment for me as I work on the last newsletter for the Magnolias. I know that Jan Lemaire will put her whole heart into producing a newsletter that will keep you updated on the events and the members of this awesome chapter we belong to. Please help Jan as you helped me by keeping your info updated on the website and send her pictures that you have taken at the musters. Thank you for all your help in the past. (Gloria Brady-Cross)

**Treasurer's Report:** Bob Theriot and Jan Lemaire were able to complete the task of transferring their names to Region's Bank account for chapter treasury. Treasurer, Robert (Bob) Theriot reported that the Treasury's beginning balance as of Nov is \$2948.67, with total receipts of \$662.11 and total disbursements of \$65.00 for an ending balance of \$3545.78. Fisher House funds are \$703 which leaves an available cash balance of \$2842.78.

The Silent Auction ended with a total collection of \$132. The 50/25/25 raffle also ended with \$180 collected for Fisher House. The Fisher House total from these two events is \$312.00 which will be added to the Fisher House reserve of \$703. Usually, the donation to Fisher House is presented after the holidays or as late as early spring. The BOD will send out an email when this will occur.

Bob Theriot is accepting **2025 Membership renewal fees of \$15 per rig/couple for MS Magnolias**. The membership fee is due by December 31, 2024 to not be considered delinquent.

**Please write check to MS Magnolias and mail to Bob** if you have not paid it yet. His address is on the website.

### Health and Wellness Update of MS Magnolia Members

Nancy Arce is keeping busy doing a volunteer job besides working on finding RV campgrounds for our musters. If you have any info about possible muster sites and/or are interested in being hosts/cohosts of muster, please contact Nancy.

Francis Arceneaux and Lynette had to cancel their muster reservations when Francis developed an upper respiratory problem.

Kathie Bruhn is recuperating from a fall which banged up her arm enough to make it difficult to use for a while and Butch was complaining of some hip pain that an injection did not help remove.

Ken and Kitty Buckner were able to make this their first muster in 1 ½ year which Kitty had multiple medical procedures and Ken had a hip procedure that he was still recovering from. Though Kitty is still working with physical therapy to be able to get back on her feet, she was thrilled to be with us as well as Ken was.

Elaine and Bob Comeaux completed their hosting of the Christmas muster and then made a rush to visit his mother to celebrate her birthday in Texas. Bob was installed as our chapter president for the next two years.

Frank and Linda Coates helped cohost this muster but had to leave Thursday for other commitments. It was iffy about them leaving because Frank injured his back on the Stennis Tour, but a heating pad on the back helped him to recover after about 1 ½ days.

Ron Erieg was a big help as a Kitchen Crew member and landed on the winning team for the Beanbag Baseball Team.

Mary Ferguson had some difficulties with flooded cabin site and got wet feet, but it did not stop her from having a good time at the muster.

Lou Finkle and Diane Thompson are still trying to sell their Class C MH. Lou did a great job with the card bingo game and definitely got dishpan hands from his Kitchen Crew duty (he said he needed some hand cream after washing all those dishes). Diane will be doing her usual volunteer work at Keesler with the veterans during income tax season.

Bob and Juanita Glazier were able to get back into their RV after some repairs were done and they donated a new microwave to the Sun Roamer's clubhouse.

Warren Kelly and Kathryn Crews made it to the muster and we were all treated to Warren's fruitcake cookies again that he is well known for making. All the hard rain gave Warren some problems with his satellite dish and his back up driving skills had him looking for some RV supplies the day after he arrived which the rain also did not help with.

Frank and Pauline Krenkel got to use one of the campground cabins to be able to join us and Pauline provided some of the pictures for this newsletter which were a big help. Pauline also helped her Red Team members win the Beanbag Baseball Game!

Jesse and Anita James attended their first muster in months because of Anita's heart surgery recovery and their RV had been in and out of repair shops for months. In the process, Jesse's camera tripod came up missing and it was difficult to get our group picture taken, but he was able to take it with his phone. Unfortunately, he is not in the group picture.

Ben and Tee Lane had a difficult road trip with the GPS first sending them back to Parker's Landing in Biloxi instead of Sun Roamer's. Then with all of the hard rains we had, their MH roof leaked down the middle of the MH. By the end of muster, the insurance adjusters still had not arrived to assess the damage. Hopefully, they were able to make it home and the MH has been repaired.

Charley LeBlanc drove in to take 22 attendees on the Stennis Tour, help the Kitchen Crew with two breakfasts, conduct a seminar and with Dianne attend the Dirty Santa Game.

Jan Lemaire stepped down as President and stepped up to become the next Newsletter Editor.

James and Gene Stubbs dropped by for a few hours visit. They plan on RVing down to Key West, FL soon.

The Van Devenders had a hard time coping with their flooded RV site for a day or two but still had a good time for the rest of the muster.

Dennis Steed and Bob Zeller were some great helps on the Kitchen Crew detail and played in various games at the muster.

I hope everyone else is doing well. Hopefully, some of you will send updates after receiving this newsletter and those who did not make it this year will come and join us next year at Sun Roamers.

## Welcome to New Members!

Mike and Connie Bohte, residents of Lacombe and co-owners of a multi-generational business, joined as new members after being invited by Frank and Linda Coates in another RV traveling club.



Mike was in the US Coast Guard. He and Connie started a business and several family members are now working in this business. Connie said she loved taking care of the family members children as they took up positions in the business.

## Musters of the MS Magnolias

Feb 17-21, 2025, Hollywood Casino RV Park in Bay St. Louis, MS. This is a no host, no fee muster and when you call the campground, use the **Group Code #S02MM25** for the rally rates.

**Central Regional Muster, May 12-16 2025 at Coachlight RV Park in Carthage, Missouri.** Central Regional Director Nita Taylor is the assigned Muster Master. All info about the Regional Muster is on the website, but Nita sent an email stating registration fees are to be mailed to Reese Burke and checks are to be written to SMART.

**Sep 15-19 2024, Mineola, Texas, SMART National Muster.** All info is on the SMART website.

**Nov 30-Dec 4 2025 with departure on Dec 5. Christmas Muster at Sun Roamers RV Park and Resort, Picayune, MS:** Cohosts TBA. 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:** Red Team: Ron Erieq, Pauline Krenkel, Ron Kirkland, Bob Glazier, Jan Lemaire, and Dennis Steed.

**50/25/25 Raffle:** Alan Esterly (\$40), Pauline Krenkel (\$60), Bob Zeller (\$80)

**Skipbo Game Winners:** Bob Glazier and Nancy Arce

**Hand and Foot Game Winners:** Gloria Brady-Cross, Nancy Arce and Juanita Glazier.

I could not remember all the Card Bingo winners, but everyone seemed to enjoy the games.

Left: The Hat Craft made by the attendees. Center: Some of the Crafters who were taught by Nancy Arce. Right: Nancy helping Kitty Buckner with her craft.



Left: Hand and Foot Game winners. Center: A long stretch for 50/50 Raffle. Right: Bouree Game.



Left: Bouree is being taught by Frank Coates. Center: Linda Coates is teaching Pegs and Jokers Game. Right: Another table of Pegs and Jokers being taught.



Left: Red Team Beanbag Baseball Winners (Center): Blue Team during Beanbag Baseball Game (Right) New game being taught.



Left: Installation of Bob Comeaux as President along with Jan Lemaire as Newsletter Editor. Center: Bob Comeaux talking during Business Meeting. Right: BOD



Presentation of the Certificate of Appreciate to Sun Roamers staff. The Microwave donated by the Glaziers to SunRoamers. Our Breakfast Kitchen Staff for this muster.



Left: John Arce carving our Christmas Ham. Center: Christmas Tree and all the Dirty Santa gifts. Right: All the men lined up and waiting to pick their Dirty Santa gift.



## Dirty Santa participants: Juanita Glazier, Anita James and Dianne LeBlanc



## Stennis Nasa Space Center Tour Attendees



Left: On top of tower. Center: Other group on top of tower. Right: Ready to go up stairs.



Group Picture of Most of the Christmas Muster Attendees !!



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