

DeLeon Springs Community Association, Inc.
Seventh Anniversary Covered Dish Dinner Celebration Minutes
Tuesday, August 14, 2018

Amy Munizzi, President welcomed everyone and thanked Andrea for all the work she put into setting up for the party. Linda Malmberg Bruschayt offered the prayer, and Amy lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Everyone introduced themselves, including several first time visitors, new businessman Omar Lopez who just opened the Three Guys Tire Store; VCSO Sgt. Mike Anderson who is the incoming sergeant for our area, and Deputy McIntosh who was just recently assigned to the area.

Laurie Haas, Secretary was absent due to a family illness. Amy stated the July 10th DSCA, Inc. meeting minutes had been e-mailed out and asked for a motion for acceptance of the minutes as e-mailed. Jennie Mero moved acceptance and Jim Simmons seconded the motion. Amy asked for comments and hearing none, the motion passed.

DSCA, Inc. cooks brought an excellent array of food items, and nearly 30 people enjoyed a delicious dinner, good conversation and "DSCA, Inc. Seventh Birthday" cake.

Amy gave a Taylor High Wildcat 5K update, stating our \$250 "Silver Level Sponsor" line item was increased by a donor who gave in addition to that, and our members met the challenge by raising it to a total of \$500, putting us at the Gold Sponsor level. So far, we have a "Team DSCA, Inc." consisting of Andrea Smiley, Laurie Haas, Tammy Schuler and Amy Munizzi. All DSCA, Inc. run/walkers are encouraged to join us!

Tammy Schuler updated us on the Malloy Head Start Back to School Drive, stating that we had enough items and funds donated to purchase 30 backpacks and fill them with school supplies. They were delivered to a very grateful MHS the week before school started. Camy Brooks said the Christian Church of DeLeon Springs hosted an event and gave away 400 backpacks to local children as well. Amy thanked everyone for the abundant amount of groceries and diapers donated this evening by our members to the Malloy Head Start and said she would deliver them Wednesday.

Amy reminded the group that we are still in need of a DSCA, Inc. River of Lakes Heritage Corridor Board representative, as Ron and Dianne Hermanski recently retired from serving. They have done a great job representing this community and because of their commitment, DeLeon Springs has been promoted and highlighted in ways we would not have been, had they not served on the RoLHCB.

Amy announced that the next Autumn in the Oaks Festival Board meeting is next Tuesday, August 21st, 6 pm. and anyone who wants to help plan this community event is welcome.

Andrea Smiley thanked everyone for their coupons for the troops, and Jason Sampsell in particular for the huge bag of used cell phones and accessories for Cell Phones for Soldiers. She encouraged everyone to keep the clipped coupons and used cell phones coming.

Jim Simmons reminded everyone about the free Denver Bierman concert coming up at DS United Methodist Church this Friday at 7:00 p.m.

Jennie Mero stated that VCSO COPs will do a free patrol of any home or business while people are on vacation and people only need to call the VCSO main number to sign up for it. Sgt. Anderson reminded us there are limited deputies but many citizens, so mounting surveillance cameras on your property is a good idea; watching out for neighbors and calling in anything suspicious is the duty of everyone.

Amy handed out the DeLeon Dispatch and a "2018 DSCA, Inc. Accomplishments" page, showing the impressive list of things this organization has accomplished so far this year. She thanked everyone for contributing what they have, to help us accomplish the positive things we do for this community.

Visitor Allan Hooper shared his ideas for the large Strawn pasture property he recently purchased, at the south end of town. His non-profit organization obtains donated vehicles and refurbishes them. He is also renovating the old building that was apparently used by grove workers in years past. He asked that anyone with information about the history of the building to fill him in and several long time residents commented.

Next DSCA, Inc. General Meeting: Tuesday, September 11th 6:00 p.m., the Porter House, 5030 US Hwy. 17 N. We will have the Fall DeLeon Dispatch to hand out and new Festival t-shirts for sale.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy K. Munizzi
for Laurie Haas

Happy Seventh Anniversary DeLeon Springs Community Association, Inc.!
Here's what you've accomplished so far in 2018:

JANUARY:

- ✿ Held our Annual Visioning Meeting, discussing past events and activities we hosted to enrich the community and received input from members for projects they wished to support during 2018.
- ✿ Exhibited our Project Speak History Display at DeLeon Springs State Park's "A Day in Florida History" with oral historians including Liz Dane Green. Project Speak History Display then moved to its new home at the Pioneer Arts Settlement in Barberville.
- ✿ Posted the DSCA, Inc. Merit Scholarship criteria and application to our website, and sent it out to the public, local schools and organizations.
- ✿ Was voted by the Volusia County Council to receive the "State of the Arts" License Plate Program Mini Grant in the amount of \$1000 to support the Art Among the Trees Juried Fine Art, Fine Craft and Music Festival.
- ✿ Festival Board began meeting to plan the Sixth Annual Art Among The Trees Festival.

FEBRUARY:

- ✿ Hosted "Coffee and Dessert with a Deputy" in conjunction with the Volusia County Sheriff's Office, a community event open to the public.

MARCH:

- ✿ DSCA, Inc. members participated in the McInnis Elementary School Raised Garden Project.
- ✿ Contributed \$600 toward the McInnis Elementary School "Send a Kid to Camp Winona" program.

APRIL:

- ✿ DSCA, Inc. Merit Scholarship Board met to select the recipients of the 2018 DSCA, Inc. Merit Scholarships.
- ✿ Hosted the Sixth Annual Art Among The Trees Juried Fine Art, Fine Craft and Music Festival including McInnis Elementary School student artwork. Best of Show Award with \$300 cash award and ribbon went to Leland Williams. \$300 cash award and ribbon for First Place Fine Art: Rick Pa. \$300 cash award and ribbon for First Place Fine Craft: Cynthia Murphy. 2nd place Art: Don Nedobeck; 2nd place Craft: Charles Van DeVusse; 3rd place Art: Tina Hagstrom; 3rd place Craft: Mary Travor.
- ✿ Welcomed Laurie Haas to the position of DSCA, Inc. Secretary.

MAY:

- ✿ Presented DSCA, Inc. Merit Scholarships, one in the amount of \$1,000 to Esmeralda Paulino and one in the amount of \$800 to Hayden Scharf, both DeLeon Springs residents, at the Taylor High Awards Ceremony.
- ✿ Presented certificates and embossed ribbons to McInnis Elementary School student artists in grades K-5 who participated in the Art Among the Trees Juried Fine Art, Fine Craft and Music Festival.
- ✿ Presented two new DSCA, Inc. Ride into Reading Third Grade Challenge bicycles to McInnis Elementary School winners Kaelynn Dover with 592 points and Jayden Rodriguez with 478 points. Notable Mention and gift cards went to Danna Palacios with 514 points and Alexa Nunez with 412 points.

JUNE:

- ✿ Interacted with the FDEP regarding new spring basin action plans (BMAPs) going into effect for DeLeon Springs July 1, 2018 and shared the details with our community in preparation for the changes.

JULY:

- ✿ Hosted a reception for DSCA, Inc. Merit Scholarship recipients Esmeralda Paulino and Hayden Scharf.
- ✿ Festival Board began planning the Sixth Annual Autumn in the Oaks Art, Music and Crafts Festival.
- ✿ Interacted with Volusia County Code Enforcement to clean up areas of DeLeon Springs with trash, overgrown brush and illegally parked vehicles.

AUGUST:

- ✿ Held a Malloy Head Start Back to School Drive and obtained enough funds and items to fill 30 new backpacks with school supplies, which we delivered to them prior to school's start.
- ✿ Shipped 10lb. 12oz. of coupons to Troopons Coupons for Soldiers and 12 lbs. of used phones and accessories to Cell Phones for Soldiers to date in 2018.
- ✿ Hosted a birthday dinner in celebration of DSCA, Inc.'s Seventh Anniversary of service to the community.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS ENRICHED OUR COMMUNITY BY CONTRIBUTING YOUR TIME, TALENT, MONEY, ENCOURAGEMENT, ATTENDANCE AND SUPPORT!

If you are not yet a member, please join us and be part of the revitalization of DeLeon Springs.

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