

# PINKADILLY NEWS



First Quarter FY 2023  
Southwest District  
South Georgia Medical Center



## Evolution of Our Christmas Stockings



Thank You to Our Talented Seamstresses



Kathy Richards admires the Christmas Village in the Cancer Center lobby



Jim Zacharias, VP of Network Development, enjoyed greeting and dining with us at Christmas luncheon



Rielle and Dr Cooper spread Holiday joy!



Merry Christmas from Jan, Associate Member Kathy Folsom and Mary Young (L-R)



New Years Baby and Parents receive welcome basket





I am surprised there was not a mad rush to the Turner Center for the Arts after the October meeting! Executive Director Sementha Edwards' lively and passionate presentation entertained all! She described the 17,000 square foot gallery space which houses rotating exhibits of various art forms and included mention of the gift shop and space for various classes (painting, writing, painting, cooking, photography and others) offered year long. The campus also includes an Art Annex which houses a Pottery Studio, Glass Studio, and event pavilion where monthly free concerts are held. The Center brings stellar live entertainment from national touring Broadway productions to our community. There is something for all ages at the Center- what a gift to Valdosta! Sementha reminded us of the contribution artistic expression is to our health and well-being. Join her at the Center for a tour!



**'Bringing in the money with our fundraisers "Jodi's Linens & Accessories"'**



*Welcome*



**'Emerita won the door prize of 2 tickets to "60 Years of Rock and Roll!"'**



I was exhausted after my phone visit with Melonie- she is one busy gal! A VSU Junior born in Jamaica and majoring in Biology, Melonie began her volunteer placement in the ER but switched to the Front Desk on Friday afternoons when her class schedule changed. She is a member of the National Guard unit in Douglas, GA and attends training monthly for a weekend or longer. Her interest in possibly becoming a trauma surgeon sparked from an association with a military physician in the unit. I asked Melanie about her hobbies- she loves reading but between her school schedule and Guard duty, that enjoyment is on hold-thank you for finding time to volunteer with us!

The passion and dedication of Elaine Grice, CASA Director, and Carol Kelly, Recruitment Training volunteer, captivated the interest of those attending the January meeting. CASA, Court Appointed Special Advocates for children, serves six counties in the Alapaha Judicial Circuit. Volunteers are trained to assist the judicial and legal system in investigations and solutions to place at risk children in a safe and supportive environment, many times involving temporary or permanent foster care. The Auxiliary was pleased to present their Christmas gift check of \$ 650 to Elaine for the many needs of the children and parents they assist.

Paola says she never knows what to expect as she mans the Dasher Heart Center Desk on Friday mornings! Of course she gives directions ( especially to those " hidden " elevators up to the Tower floors!) but as I visited her in action, she had to contact Housekeeping about a restroom problem and try and locate a wheelchair( not an easy task!) Paola , you are an asset in this position! She is a sophomore at VSU and a Biology major with aspirations of becoming a physician. She and her family live on a farm with horses,chickens,dogs, cats and other animals and she enjoys painting in her spare time. Keep up your good work as you greet the public!



*Upcoming Events*

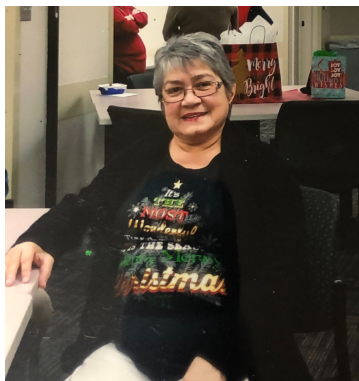
FEBRUARY 16 & 17  
FIRST UNIFORM SALE

FEBRUARY 22  
GENERAL MEETING

MARCH 7  
SW DISTRICT MEETING (AMERICUS)

MARCH 22  
GENERAL MEETING





She is our sweetheart and not very tall -  
But always there to help one and all!  
Newspapers to deliver and wheelchairs to find-  
Cards of concern for us to sign!

In July out comes yarn of red and white-  
The tiny caps she knits are quite a sight!  
The heads of Christmas babies covered in love-  
Snuggled in stockings that fit like a glove!

Her nimble fingers found a way-  
To wrap in yellow the first baby born on New Year's Day!  
She's at the Auxiliary desk 3 days a week-  
Emerita, a better volunteer you could never meet!



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Maya, thank you for a fun  
2 years of encouraging us,  
recruiting and  
interviewing, and most of  
all for caring about us with  
that big smile.....

We are glad you are still  
around for hugs!



Halloween in the Cancer  
Infusion Room



**Volunteers do not  
necessarily have the time;  
they just have the Heart**



Joan enjoyed a brief placement  
driving the Courtesy Cart-  
Thank you



Mr Griffin and Morgan set  
to deliver lunches in the  
Cancer Center