

# Contractor gives profit back to Memorial Park Association

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After the completion of the restoration of Memorial Park's center oval green, members of the Memorial Park Association and officials from the City of Jacksonville met in the park Nov. 22 with representatives of J. B. Coxwell Contracting, Inc., who presented the association with a check for \$30,000.

J.B. Coxwell had been awarded the \$283,000 contract to install a new irrigation system, improve drainage and amend the soil in the 92-year-old park. They began the work less than eight weeks ago, coming in on time and under budget. "That means a lot to Mr. Coxwell," said Jayson Smith, design build manager at J. B. Coxwell Contracting, which essentially gave back the profit in the project.

"David Coxwell has always been a great supporter of neighborhood projects, especially giving back to the community we serve," said Smith. "We're a local contractor and we like to give back locally."

Memorial Park Association was founded 30 years ago and, according to Agnes Danciger, the Memorial Park Association president, the gift was the largest corporate or individual gift made.

"We are extremely grateful as it will help fund additional needs as outlined in The Master Plan which was adopted in 2012 to restore the park," said Danciger.

"The committee was great," said Chuck Chaon, project manager, who worked with Patricia Houlihan, co-chair for the Construction Task Force and with Alice Jones, City Parks and Recreation Department, to resolve any issues during the project. "We had an onsite challenge that arose and we brought it to them and they got us some responses quickly. We found old concrete foundations that were buried and it had to be addressed."

The fencing around the green will remain for the next 90 days to allow the new grass to take root.



Jayson Smith, of J. B. Coxwell Contracting, Inc., presents Agnes Danciger, Memorial Park Association president, with a check for \$30,000. Also present was Chuck Chaon, project manager and Matthew Bratcher, field superintendent, both with J.B. Coxwell, and Patricia Houlihan, Memorial Park Association board member and co-chair for the Construction Task Force.



Six of the 2017 Women with Heart Honorees Tracy Williams, Helen Morse, Paula Liang, Rev. Kate Moorehead, Nicole Thomas, and Lisa Weatherby. Not pictured: Aimee Boggs, Dr. Annie Egan, Representative Mia Jones, Kathryn Pearson Peyton, and Susan Towler.

# Volunteers in Medicine honors community leaders

Eleven "women with heart" have been chosen to share a diamond heart-shaped pendant, designed by Beard's Jewelry, to wear as a conversation starter about the importance of Volunteers in Medicine.

Lisa Weatherby, Reverend Kate Moorehead, Aimee Boggs, Paula Liang, Helen Morse, Susan Towler, Nicole Thomas, Tracy Williams, Representative Mia Jones, Dr. Annie Egan and Kathryn Pearson Peyton will take turns wearing the 14-karat white gold pendant necklace containing 20 diamonds with a total weight of two carats. Each "Woman With Heart" honoree

will wear the necklace for a month at special philanthropic events they personally design.

The women will use the pendant to share the story of Volunteers in Medicine, its unique volunteer service model, and the often overlooked vulnerable, working and uninsured individuals and families that are served at the free downtown clinic.

"Volunteers in Medicine's downtown clinic and its impressive cadre of medical and non-clinical volunteers provide an invaluable service to our community," said John Lupo, owner of Beard's Jewelry.

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