



# The Civic Courier

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Cheri Leistner

## From the President's Desk

It's spring here in PCB which means beautiful warm sunshine and the last few events of our year for the WCC. We had a wonderful and successful Arts & Craft Sale and had fun working the UnWinD event for the TDC.

I certainly hope that we can make one last "push" for the year and also make the night with Todd Herendeen and Texas Roadhouse a success on April 12<sup>th</sup>. I've been to 2 shows at the Todd Herendeen Theatre recently and they are truly wonderful and entertaining! I'm confident that you will enjoy the "Branson Style" show! Tickets are \$29.95 and include the Texas Roadhouse dinner. This is a GREAT opportunity to support the WCC and our charities and enjoy a night out to relax with family and friends!

Also, remember to get your dues and committee sheets turned in for next year. If you have any questions on what the committee responsibilities are, please stay after the April luncheon and we'll answer your questions! please consider chairing a committee this year! We have so many talented ladies in our club who would do an awesome job.

Blessings to ALL ! *Cheri*



## Three new members installed at March meeting.




Basma Swearingen (L) is shown above installing the new members at last month's meeting at Triple J. From left to right, are sponsor Joyce Goetz with Linda Tabaka, Cheri Leistner with Sharon Williams and Darlene Dial with sponsor Sue Jiles.

## Todd Herendeen Dinner Theater Fund raiser coming April 12

**Dinner catered by Texas Roadhouse**

*Womens Civic Club of  
Panama City Beach*  
**Proudly presents**  
**Todd Herendeen**  
**Dinner & Show**



Thursday, April 12, 2018  
Dinner 5:30 Show 7:00  
Todd Herendeen Theatre 8010 Front Beach Road  
\$29.95  
For Tickets Call 850-532-0110

WCC will be trying something new this year in the form of a fundraiser by presenting Todd Herendeen in a Dinner/Theater event. It will take place on Thursday, April 12, 2018 at Todd's new dinner theater at 8010 Front Beach Road.

Dinner will be catered by Texas Roadhouse at 5:30 p.m. and the show begins at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$29.95. Call 850-532-0110.

## “Dress for Success” project highlighted at April Luncheon

The April luncheon fashion show and Domestic Violence “Dress for Success” theme this year is exciting, according to chairman of Domestic Violence Lana Lowery.

She says, “Judy Hardegree and I have a special event as we take the lady’s in the domestic violence shelter beautiful outfits (donated by our members) and also make-up donations from Dillard’s Clinique counter. Judy and I will be giving out the outfits and also doing makeup demonstrations by my grand-daughter Makayla Kessler an Aesthetic graduate, and a Clinique makeup specialist will be doing make-overs and giving skin care advice to the clients at

the shelter. We have lots of makeup items to give the ladies thanks to Arlene Geneva and our beach Dillard’s.”

Our goal, with the support of the WCC, is to help these ladies look and feel good so they have the confidence to get a new start in life, and a chance to be confident on their job interviews.”

For the April luncheon, members are asked to bring an outfit on hangers with accessories, clean and pressed for our domestic violence shelter ladies.

“This is so very appreciated by the clients. They come to the shelter with nothing, and we supply them with tools they need to start fresh,” said Lana.



Arlene Geneva (center) and Lana Lowery (right) are seen delivering boxes of toiletries which were donated by Dillard’s to the shelter



Brenda Bryson & Basma Swearingen

## A Working Day at UNwined Aaron Bessant Park



Susan Curry, Lynn Padgett and Marie Hill



Brenda Bryson, Basma, Nancy Stovall and Arlene Klaas



Karen Honeycutt & Gail Claffey



Janet Roan and Deanna Taylor





## Say "Welcome" to new members

### Sharon Williams

Sharon Williams and Linda Tabuka were installed on March 1, 2018. They have written a little bio so you can get to know them better.

"I retired in 2002 after 34 years with the same company. I spent two years in the real estate business in Atlanta, and decided I would rather live at the beach. So in 2004 I moved here and didn't know a soul. First, I found my church in which to serve. Then I became a realtor and have thoroughly enjoyed that. I am not a sales person, but considered myself as helping people with one of the biggest decisions of their lives.

Now I am winding down my career and want to devote more time to helping others and traveling.

I have two children and five grand children, who, of course, are the delight of my life. I met my husband, who retired from Tyndall, here in PCB. He has one daughter and two grandsons. I love the Lord, my family, friends and the beach."



### Linda Tabaka

I'm Linda Tabaka and I'm excited to be a new member of the WCC. I'm originally from west-suburban Chicago, and retired to Panama City Beach in 1994. I have three children, 12 grand-children and 21 great-grand children. Quite a crew!

I enjoy volunteer work with our local police dept., the Military Welcome Center at the airport, the Ironman races, and until recently ushered at the Marina Civic Center. I'm also a Red-Hatter and a member of DAR. Travel is my passion. I've visited 49 states (sorry, North Dakota) and 39 countries and plan to keep on going as long as I can!

I look forward to getting to know everyone and working with you in the future.



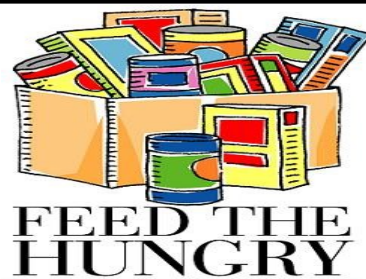
### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 3 – Eileen Wells
- 5 – Rowan Quave
- 5 – Ginny Schmertman
- 8 – Mary Ann Johnson
- 9 – Beth Watrous
- 10 – Flo Watson
- 12 - Jeannie Frazier
- 16 – Julie Bailey
- 17 – Deborah England

REMINDER!! IT'S TIME

TO PAY DUES & HAND IN COMMITTEE FORM

Please see Joyce Goetz, Treasurer



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## Coming Events

**April 5—Luncheon - 11 a.m.  
Harpoon Harry's  
Fashion Show  
Election of Officers**

**April 12 —Todd Herendeen Dinner/Show  
Dinner catered by Texas Roadhouse**

**April 26—Executive Board Meeting 10 a.m.  
Annual Committee Reports Due**

**May 3— Luncheon—11 a.m.  
Texas Roadhouse  
Installation of 2018-19 Officers**

**May 12—Ironman Gulf Coast  
Edgewater Beach Resort**

## Members enjoy luncheon served by Gulf Coast State College Culinary Arts Program



**Sharon Williams, Babs Umenhofer, Lynn Padgett and Susan Curry were impressed with the whole presentation and hope that they will be able to attend again at the next opportunity.**



**Karen Gunsaulus, Joyce Goetz and Gail Claffey enjoy the elegant service and beautiful table settings at the Gulf Coast luncheon.**





Shown above is Chairman Deborah England with one of the raffle winners.

# Scenes from “Spring Fling” Arts and Crafts Show



Cheri Leistner shows her beautiful display of handcrafted children's items.



Vendors bring a wide variety of items.



A vendor from Atlanta is helped by friend and WCC member Susan Curry.



Peg Lowery and Elaine Lichtenberger prepare donated items for the Bake Sale.



Joyce Goetz keeps busy selling VIP Cards for Texas Roadhouse and Todd Herendeen Dinner/ Show tickets.



Barbara Vecrumba and Peg Lowery arrange and price items for the Bake



Judy Hardegree and Deborah England check out the exhibits.



## New WCC sign placed at Maggi Still Park

Gail Claffey, Chairman of Maggie Still Park, reported a sign has now been placed at the park which the club has supported for many years. The work was done by the PCB Parks & Recreation Dept. The park is located at the west end of Middle Beach Rd. (Hutchison). Just before the light, turn north, 604 Lantana. Hopefully, a planter and flowers will be the next step!!!



**Thomas Creekmore, Jr.**  
1926-2018



## *Our Deepest Sympathy*



**Linda T. Wages**  
1938-2018

Thomas Creekmore, Jr., age 91 of Panama City Beach, Florida, passed away peacefully on Monday, February 26, 2018. He was a long-time resident of Panama City Beach moving here from Birmingham, AL in 1983. He is preceded in death by his parents, Thomas and Christina Freidlin Creekmore and sister Christina Todd.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 42 years, Cherry Creekmore, daughters Gail Shepherd (Kevin) and Cheryl Gibbons (Neil), sons Thomas Creekmore (Mary), Hill Creekmore, David Squires (Brenda); grandchildren Alexandria Shepherd, Emmy Gibbons, Caroline Gibbons, Jessica Payne, Julie Mahoney, Josh Creekmore, Dalton Creekmore, Tiffany Clinage, Melissa Phillips, Lindsey Creekmore, and Logan Creekmore.

Tom proudly served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, aboard Landing Ship LM-459 in the Pacific Theatre, participating in the campaign at Okinawa. After World War II, he attended North Carolina State University and then worked in the business world in numerous capacities in his home town of Raleigh, NC. He was employed by U.S. Gypsum Company for 21 years before entering into the commercial real estate business in Birmingham. He pioneered the condominium management business in Birmingham and moved to Panama City Beach to form and be President of the Edgewater Beach Resort Management Company, retiring in 1997.

Working with local business owners to develop properties such as Edgewater Beach Resort, Long Beach etc., Tom successfully operated these properties and helped originate the industry of resort rentals.

Tom was a devoted citizen to the community. The thriving Beach Chamber of Commerce we have now originated from the Bay County Hospitality Association Tom and other pioneer tourist industry leaders created and led to attract tourists to our beaches.

Tom also was an early leader in creating the local chapter of the Condominium Association Institute, an industry association of condominium associations across the nation. Tom held the highest accreditation credentials in that and was one of the first in our area to achieve the Professional Condominium Association Manager designation. Tom not only served his industry, but mentored many who followed in his footsteps.

Linda T. Wages of Panama City Beach, FL passed away very unexpectedly on Tuesday, February 27, 2018.

She grew up in Greer, S. C., fulfilling her calling to become a teacher she moved to Atlanta, Georgia and retired from Atlanta Public School System. She and her late husband Dick Wages then fulfilled their dream to live at the beach in 1993. She immediately joined many civic clubs and stayed active for many many years. She loved to travel, loved the beach, gardening, entertaining, she just loved people. Avid animal lover, she shared her life with numerous Pekinese over the years and loved her final pet Colonel Pugsley until the end.

Preceded in death by the love of her life, husband Dick Wages, her parents, a brother and sister. Left to celebrate her life and cherish her memory are many friends and family from Florida, Georgia and South Carolina. We would like to thank Mary Jo Peterson & her neighbors in Jamaican Lake for all their kindness and care, and everyone who loved Linda...she will be forever in our hearts.

A gathering of friends to celebrate Linda's life was held 2:00 P.M. Tuesday March 6, 2018 at Kent Forest Lawn Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to Shands Hospital, Gainesville, FL, Pug Rescue of Florida.org, or your local PAWS rescue in loving memory of Linda T. Wages.

The Tourist Development Council (TDC) that now markets and promotes Panama City Beach so successfully throughout the world, originated by the efforts of Tom Creekmore and a few business leaders that took an unpopular stand to vote in a tax on themselves in order to have funds to promote PCB. Now the TDC collects millions of dollars each year to promote tourism and attract the business needed to grow this community.

Tom enjoyed spending time with his family. He was an avid golfer, loved fishing the bays of Bay County. Tom was loved and respected by all who were privileged to know him.

Funeral services were held at the Kent-Forest Lawn Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Jim Stansbury officiating.