

### The Civic Courier

The Women's Civic Club of Panama City Beach, Inc.

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# From the President's Desk

Dear Members.

What a busy and successful month we had in March. Mardi Gras, UnwineD and the Todd Herendeen show provided us visibility and much community awareness of our club. I want to thank the Special Beach, Kitchen and Marketing committees for all their hard work.

April is the month to vote on our new slate of officers and fill out the committee sign-up sheets for 2019-20. Please make sure that your check for dues (\$20) is attached to your sheet.

Mark your calendars for our next fun event on April 18. You guessed it, Bunco!

Blessings,

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# Good marketing pays off with successful event



Patrons filled the room at the Todd Herendeen Theater on Friday evening and enjoyed the excellent dinner served by Texas Roadhouse and the musical presentation by Todd and company.

(Photo courtesy of Cheri Leistner)

Thanks to the efforts of the Marketing Committee, led by Chair Cheri Leistner, and members' efforts to sell tickets, the Todd Herendeen Show was a sell out.

Ads were placed in the News Herald. Gayle Oberst made a TV appearance and many members sold tickets. The Special Beach Events Committee planned this worthwhile event with much help from the Kitchen Committee.

Helen and Paul Schreiner of Texas Roadhouse catered the wonderful dinner which completed the fabulous evening.

(More pictures on page 5)

# **UnwineD brings in added** revenue for WCC

Hundreds of visitors poured into Aaron Bessant Park last Saturday to take part in the tasting portion of the annual UNwineD festival at Pier Park hosted by Visit Panama City Beach.

Cheri Leistner was quoted in the Panama City News Herald. "It's a great opportunity for our club to earn some fundraising. And what a beautiful event! It's got such a great southern feel about it with all the vendors, food tasting and wine tasting. It's just a beautiful day."

When checking in, visitors received a sampling glass and got to taste samples throughout the day.

The Women's Civic Club of PCB, in volunteering with the Tourist Development Council, served Honey Brown Lager at their station

The picture (left) shows the team in action.

(For more pictures, see page 6)

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### **Incoming officers for 2019-20**



Nancy Stovall President



Gail Claffey

Ist Vice President



Diane Vitale 2nd Vice President



Sue Jiles Treasurer



Cheri Leistner Recording Secretary



Eadie Lloyd Corresponding Secretary

### **Committee Activities**

#### **Member-to-Member:**

Save the Date!

What: Bunco—April 18, 2019

Where: The Egg & I When: 10 AM

Cost: \$18.00, which includes lunch

**Doorprizes Contact for reservations:** 

Judy Hardegree: 850-319-3583

judypcb@att.net.

Sue Jiles: 770-364-5890 ssjiles@aol.com

#### Ironman

Joyce Goetz appreciates all members who have volunteered to take part in the Ironman project coming May 8-11 at Edgewater Beach Resort Conference Center.

However, she still needs more helpers. She needs at least 20 workers to sign up and sign in and work at the event in order to receive any reimbursement from the organization. She asks you to encourage family members, neighbors and friends to sign up and work also! Please contact Joyce at goetzjoyce@gmail.com.

Phone: 850-249-2117

#### **School Projects**

Gail Claffey reported that she and Brenda Bryson and their committee will be doing "Back Pack Ministry" at West Bay and Hutchison Beach Elementary schools during the week of FCAT testing. (First week of April) They will pack and distribute bottles of water and snacks to the students, which was requested by many of the teachers.

## Arts & Craft Sale plans under way for new year

Elaine Lichtenberger, Co-Chairman of the Arts & Crafts Sale Committee announces that WCC has a firm date reserved for the 2020 Spring Fling Arts & Crafts Sale. It will be at Frank Brown Park March 7, 2020.

The next step is to recruit artists and crafters, so please attend craft sales and pick up business cards as much as you possibly can. Ron and I went to a fantastic show in Gulf Breeze last Saturday and I collected quite a few cards.

The show was "upscale" with paintings upwards to \$1000. It was outdoors (a beautiful day) and the artists had white tents to display their work. I don't know the attendance. but I'm sure it was in the thousands. They had food vendors, too. Perhaps someday we can reach that level. Wouldn't that be terrific?

For now, if you have any cards or contacts you have gathered, I will be at the April luncheon to collect them, or you can email the info to me. We are building our email list and need to send out the first email announcement asap.

If any members are interested in this kind of activity, please sign up for this committee for 2019-2020. We're going to have fun with gettogethers. It's a good way to get to know each other.

Elaine Lichtenberger - Co-chair, Arts & Crafts Committee 2019-2020

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### **News of Members**

#### **Health update:**

Deborah England is in the ICU at Gulf Coast Hospital with pneumonia and a "Super Bug". They have her heavily sedated to help her body try and heal. Prayers are appreciated.

If you are having health problems or if you know of a member who is having some problems, please contact the club "Sunshine Lady" Eadie Lloyd at 850-230-0793 or 850-319-5942.



### **APRIL**

- 3 Eileen Wells
- 5 Rowan Quave
- 5 Ginny Schmertman
- 10 Flo Watson
- 16 Julie Bailey
- 17 Deborah England





**Betty** Whitaker Armel (October 12, 1937 - March 07, 2019)

Betty Whitaker Armel, 82, of Panama City Beach, FL passed away on Thursday, March 7, 2019. She was born on October 12, 1937 in Birmingham, AL. She was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas Armel. She is survived by three children, Lisa Quirk (Pat), Edward Armel (Janice), Bradley Armel (Lynn); nine grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. Funeral services were held at the Wilson Funeral Home chapel. Interment followed at Evergreen Memorial Gardens. Betty became a member of WCC in 2010 and served on the Special Events, Kitchen, Arts & Crafts Sale, Silent Auction and Christmas Tree Lighting committees. She will be greatly missed.

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### **Donations for April**

### **Domestic Violence:**

For the <u>April</u> meeting, please bring outfits for Safe House clients to wear when interviewing for jobs. Pants are also needed. Members have done an excellent job of this in the past.

If possible, please include accessories to complete the outfits. If you have any questions, please call Lana Lowery or Judy Hardegree.

Food Pantry: Your generous donations are always so welcome! The pantry can also use personal care items, such as paper towels, toilet paper, baby and adult diapers, toothpaste, deodorant, razors, shaving cream, or dish washing soap and laundry products. Chili and soups are great. Please keep up the good work!

### **COMING EVENTS**

- April 4—Luncheon— 11 a.m.
  Edgewater Beach Conference Center
  Program: Artist Helen Ballester
  Business: Election of Officers
- April 18—Bunco 10 a.m. The Egg & I \$18.00
- April 21—Easter Sunday



- April 25—Exec. Board Mtg. 10 a.m.
- Committee Annual Reports due
- May 2—Luncheon— 11 a.m. Sisters of the Sea

Installation of 2019-20 Officers Approval of New Budget

• May 18— An Evening with Lorrie Morgan Laketown Wharf Event Center 7 p.m. 9302 S. Thomas Drive



Deanne Taylor and Roberta Bernhardt at UNwineD





## Todd Herendeen Dinner Theatre



Door prizes, too! (Photo courtesy of Joyce Goetz)





### SCENES FROM UNwineD



The photographers:
Cheri Leistner & Deanne Taylor

