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From the President's Desk

Cheri Leistner

Don't you just love it when a plan comes together? Well, that is exactly what is happening with our 50th Anniversary Celebration! And I must say, everything is coming together beautifully! I sincerely hope that you will be joining us for this very special celebration. More information on the details of the celebration are included in this newsletter.

We had a wonderful kickoff to the year at our September luncheon at Texas Roadhouse. Thanks much **Helen Schreiner** for treating us so well! Colonel Dawn "DJ" Junk from Tyndall was so engaging and informative. What a little fireball! I so appreciate having such a fine young woman serving our country.

It was wonderful to see so many of our members and their guests at the meeting. I know that when you introduce our club to your friends and family, that you really care for our club and community!

Club Yearbooks will be distributed at the October luncheon. This was a big project, so special thanks go out to **Debra Fazzone, Jessica Cross** and **Sue Jiles!** If you have any questions about which committees you signed up to work on, please review the committee listings. The club will need each of us working together to make beautiful things happen on PCB!

Peace and Blessings to ALL!

Cheri

50th Anniversary Committee gets invitations in the mail



Members are seen above working at the mailing session hosted by Connie Peterson at Regency Towers. (See more on Page 2)



Correction on Dates:

In the last issue of *The Civic Courier*, the dates were incorrect for the Ironman Triathlon. Here are this year's dates:

Tuesday, 10/31—Stuff athlete bags
Wednesday and Thursday Nov. 1 & 2 -
Athlete check-in and registration
Saturday, Nov. 4—The race itself
All at Boardwalk

Your help is needed. Please contact Joyce:
Phone: 850-249-2117
E-mail: goetzjoyce@gmail.com

50th Anniversary Event (continued from page 1)



Please reply soon !!!

Thursday, October 26, 2017 is almost here. That's the day for the club's celebration of 50 years of service to the community of Panama City Beach.

The event will be held at 5141 Gulf Drive, which is near Schooners, from 4 to 6 p.m. with a short program and champagne toast at 5 p.m.

The venue is a beautiful setting in the former beach house of golfer Hubie Green. There will be convenient parking and valet parking or golf cart service available.

There is no charge for this event, as it is the club's gift to the community for supporting it throughout the past 50 years.

Please R.S.V.P. by Monday, Oct. 16 to frofrot6@gmail.com or 410-703-0932

Pictured above are some of the hard working members who have put in many hours to plan the 50th Anniversary Event on Thursday, October 26, 2017. Front row (L to R) Elaine Lichtenberger, Nan VandenBerg, Chairman Connie Peterson, and Gail Claffey. Top row, Arlene Geneva, Lana Lowery, Kay Vider, Joyce Goetz, Karen Gunsaulus, Cary Desaro, Sue Jiles, and Gayle Oberst. The photo was taken by Cheri Leistner.

Solution for left over Halloween candy!

Do you sometimes have Halloween candy left over from the fun holiday, or perhaps have purchased some at a deep discount? If so, bring it to the November meeting for use in the Christmas Parade!

Much candy is needed, and doing this would be a great help. Our members, who ride in decorated golf carts and toss candy to children and adults, always say there are more people on the parade route each year, and they always run out of candy to toss before the parade is over. Anything individually wrapped would be wonderful!

Perhaps when you're purchasing candy, you can drop an extra bag in your cart for the parade.



.Kirby Holt and Nan VandenBerg are seen at the September meeting discussing some of his new ideas for this year's show.

Holiday Decorating Showcase features designer Kirby Holt—Tickets now available

This is a reminder to pick up tickets for Kirby Holt's holiday event. Performances at the GCSC Student Union East on Tues. Nov. 7 and Wed, Nov. 8 are \$20.00. WCC receives \$8 for each ticket sold. See Kay Vider at each meeting for tickets, or call 850-233-5375 /850-596-0638 or E-mail: kayvider@gmail.com



Peg Lowery now Sunshine Lady and Correspond- ing Secretary

Peggy Lowery

As the Corresponding Secretary for WCC, Peggy Lowery is also the chairman of the Sunshine Committee. Not only is she responsible for all the correspondence files and reads all communications sent and received by the club, but she also serves as chairman of the Sunshine Committee. This is a job that has been done very ably for many years by Shirley Williams and Glenda Densmore. As the “Sunshine Ladies”, they kept track of shut-ins, illnesses, hospital stays and rehab stays. They sent out birthday and get-well cards, took flowers and gifts, and visited families at times of funerals. They saw that a book was given to the library when a member passed away. In other words, they brought sunshine and happiness into the lives of members when they were going through a rough time.

Now Peg is doing that job. Please contact her when you hear of any member who has a health problem. As the new “Sunshine Lady”, she can’t bring sunshine if she isn’t aware of the problem.

Please call Peg at 850-233-7811 or 850-624-4554
or E-mail her at pegapolly@aol.com



OCTOBER

- 8 – Cindy Mulla
- 10 – Roberta Bernhardt
- 12 – Betty Armel
- 15 – Joyce Goetz
- 16 – Arlene Geneva
- 22 – Rita Englert
- 22 – Nancy Stovall
- 26 – Joyce Rouillard
- 31 – Gwen Odenheimer

News of Shut-ins:

Shirley Crawford is recuperating in Healthsouth Rehab Center from a broken leg.

Ann Hawk is also recuperating from a broken leg.

SAVE THE DATE

SPRING FLING ARTS & CRAFTS SALE

MARCH 3, 2018

CO-CHAIRS: DEBORAH ENGLAND &

ELAINE LICHTENBERGER

Please help find crafters!!



**FEED THE
HUNGRY**

New Member Installed in September



Meet new member Carol Lynn (right). She is shown being installed at the September meeting by 1st Vice President and Membership Chairman Basma Swearingen.

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Coming Events

- ◆ **October 5 - Luncheon - 11 a.m.**
Runaway Island
- ◆ **October 26 - 50th Anniversary
Celebration—4-6 p.m.**
5141 Gulf Drive
- ◆ **Oct. 31 - Nov. 4 - Ironman Triathlon**
Boardwalk Beach Resort
- ◆ **November 2 - Luncheon - 11 a.m.**
Mike's Dinner
- ◆ **November 6 & 7 - Kirby Holt**
Holiday Showcase
**Gulf Coast State College Student
Union - Second Floor**



Colonel Dawn (DJ) Junk
Air Force Pilot, Homeland Security
Tyndall Air Force Base

September speaker enjoyed by all

WCC started the new year right with a dynamic speaker, Colonel Dawn (DJ) Junk, who is an Air Force Pilot for Homeland Security at Tyndall Air Force Base. All members thoroughly enjoyed her presentation, being both comical and informative.

Also, the food, service and hospitality of Texas Roadhouse was beyond expectations. Everything was delicious and it was served by a very attentive staff. Thank you, Helen Schreiner, for your hospitality.

Other highlights of the meeting were installation of new member Carol Lynn and a few words from Kirby Holt about his holiday showcase "A Traditional Christmas" coming in November.

President Cheri Leistner started the meeting at exactly 11 a.m. and it worked very well to move things along smoothly. She is urging all members to arrive early to each meeting so that they may get all checked in and in place.

Be sure your reservations are in to Joyce on time, too.

If we each do our jobs, we will have a wonderful year!!

yield: 6 TO 8 SERVINGS prep time: 25 MINUTES

Recipe of the Month

BROCCOLI SALAD

Submitted by **Kay Vider**

INGREDIENTS:

DRESSING:

- 1 cup mayonnaise (light or regular- your preference)
- 2 tablespoons white wine vinegar
- 2 tablespoons granulated white sugar

SALAD:

- 1 large bunch of broccoli (you'll need 6 to 8 cups florets)
- 1 cup diced red onion
- 1 cup halved grape or cherry tomatoes
- 1/2 cup raisins
- 1/2 cup cashews

DIRECTIONS:

1. **Prepare the dressing:** In a medium bowl, stir together the dressing ingredients and set aside.
2. **Prepare the salad:** Rinse the broccoli and the flowerette ends into bite-sized pieces (discard the stems). Place the broccoli in a large bowl. Add the onions. Add just enough of the dressing to coat the broccoli- add a little, toss, add a little more- until you have coated the broccoli lightly with the dressing (you may not use it all). Add the tomatoes, raisins, cashews and bacon. Gently toss to blend all of the ingredients evenly. Add more dressing, if needed (only if the salad is looking dry). Refrigerate until ready to serve. Can be prepared up to a few hours in advance, but it's best to toss with the dressing about an hour before serving.

TIPS:

- Notes about the broccoli- Yes, it is served raw. And No, don't use frozen broccoli.
- For easy clean-up, **cook your bacon in the oven.** Preheat the oven to 400[dg]F. Line a large, rimmed baking sheet with foil and place a rack on top. Spray the rack with nonstick spray. Lay the bacon slices on the rack. Bake it for 15 to 20 minutes, or until the bacon is crisp. Timing will vary depending on the thickness of your bacon.



Another Recipe— Contributed by Beve Lutz

Sausage Ranch Cups

- 4 boxes of fillo cups, (found in freezer section)
- 1 lb. Italian sausage (I use medium country pork)
- 8 oz. Monterey Jack pepper cheese, grated
- Small bottle of ranch dressing

**Brown meat & drain well.
Add cheese and ranch dressing. Mix well.**

Place fillo cups on baking sheet and fill, using 1/2 tsp of mixture

Follow the baking instructions on the Fillo box.

These are delicious for tail-gating!!



Joyce Goetz and Mugsy Parens are delighted to receive a check from a previous Ironman. They thank everyone who participated.