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From the President's Desk

Nancy Stovall

Dear Members:

There are several definitions for the word "character". *A: one of the attributes or features that make up and distinguish an individual.* The Fashion Show on April 3rd will reflect the character of each of the models as they walk the runway with apparel and moves that reflect their personalities. Be sure to invite your family and friends to the event. At the April 10th New Member Orientation, the leadership characteristics of committee leads will be reflected in their discussion of their committees. What a great opportunity to learn more about the committees and select the right committees for you.

B: the complex of mental and ethical traits marking and often individualizing person, group, or nation. The Women's Civic Club is a well-recognized club in Panama City Beach. We are known for treating members, guests, donors and community partners with respect and following through on our commitments. Each individual member is key to maintaining the positive image of the club through respect and support, integrity and accountability, positive representation and confidentiality. The club is celebrating 60 years of caring and sharing as a result of these traits.

Congratulations to the Arts and Craft and Kitchen Committees for the well-executed event on March 8th! The support to the vendors, the food offered at the Cafe' and the variety is the reason people come back each year.

"Character is like a tree and reputation is like its shadow. The shadow is what we think of it, the tree is the real thing." Abraham Lincoln

Nancy

March Luncheon - "Exploring Family Legacies with Guest Speaker Beverly Nield"



We were delighted to welcome Beverly Nield, a distinguished author and genealogist, as our guest speaker for our March 6th luncheon at Captain Jack's Family Buffet on Thomas Drive. Beverly's passion for history and uncovering family legacies was evident as she captivated our audience with her extensive knowledge and engaging storytelling.

During her presentation, Beverly shared invaluable insights on navigating historical records, offering practical strategies for tracing family roots and preserving personal histories for future generations. She illuminated the challenges and rewards of genealogical research, providing attendees with useful tips on where to start, how to interpret historical documents, and the best ways to document and share their findings.

Beverly also highlighted fascinating historical discoveries, illustrating how family stories connect us to the past and deepen our understanding of who we are. As the author of *Haunted Panama City*, her expertise and enthusiasm sparked curiosity, inspiring many in the room to explore not only their own family histories but also the rich and intriguing stories within our own community.

It was a truly enlightening experience, and we are grateful to Beverly for sharing her time and knowledge with us. For those who missed the luncheon, we encourage you to explore the wealth of resources available for genealogical research—you never know what remarkable stories you might uncover in your own family history!

If you would like more information, you can contact Beverly Nield at (850) 867-2472 or via email at beverlynield@gmail.com. You can also visit her website at www.ancestry-pi.com for additional resources and insights.

A HUGE THANK YOU: A special thank you to Kay Vider for coordinating our luncheon arrangements at Captain Jack's. We are incredibly grateful to the owner for his generosity in offering a reduced rate and for accommodating our group by opening the restaurant during off-hours. His kindness, along with the warm hospitality of his family and staff, ensured a wonderful dining experience with a delicious meal. We truly appreciate their support to our club!

APRIL LUNCHEON: We look forward to welcoming everyone on **Thursday, April 3, 2025**, for our upcoming luncheon at **Harpoon Harry's**, located at **12627 Front Beach Road**. This special event will feature our **Spring Fashion Show**, promising an afternoon of style, fun, and camaraderie. Be sure to mark your calendars and make plans to attend - it's sure to be a grand occasion!

PLEASE TIMELY RSVP: Please check your email for your April luncheon invitation and be sure to RSVP by the specified deadline. Your timely response is essential in helping to provide the venue with an accurate guest count and ensure a smooth, enjoyable event for all. Thank you so much for your prompt reply and we look forward to seeing you there!

Jane Fillingim, Lunches and Programs Chair

April Fashion Show - Dillard's

Prepare to be inspired! Get ready to be dazzled! That is exactly what you will see at our Women's Civic Club Fashion Show, April 3rd, at Harpoon Harry's. The WCC Fashion Show Committee will be presenting quality "Spring Fashions" and showcasing amazing new designs from Dillard's. This is one of our most looked forward to member events which will take place during our monthly luncheon meeting scheduled at 11:00 a.m.

Debbie Jacobs, Dillard's Ladies Sales Manager, will emcee the program with her expert experience and knowledge. Our very own Club members will be modeling the most recent inspiring designer brands which include Antonio Melani, Gianni Bini, Tommy Bahama, Lilly Pulitzer and Eileen Fisher. All Fashion Show Committee members will be mingling throughout the event to answer any questions you may have and make sure you are comfortable with your seating at the show.

All WCC members are encouraged to wear and share your story of fashion that you have chosen from Dillard's. Remember to invite guests, family and friends to join in our FUN!

Bobbi Griggs, Fashion Show Chair

"Membership"

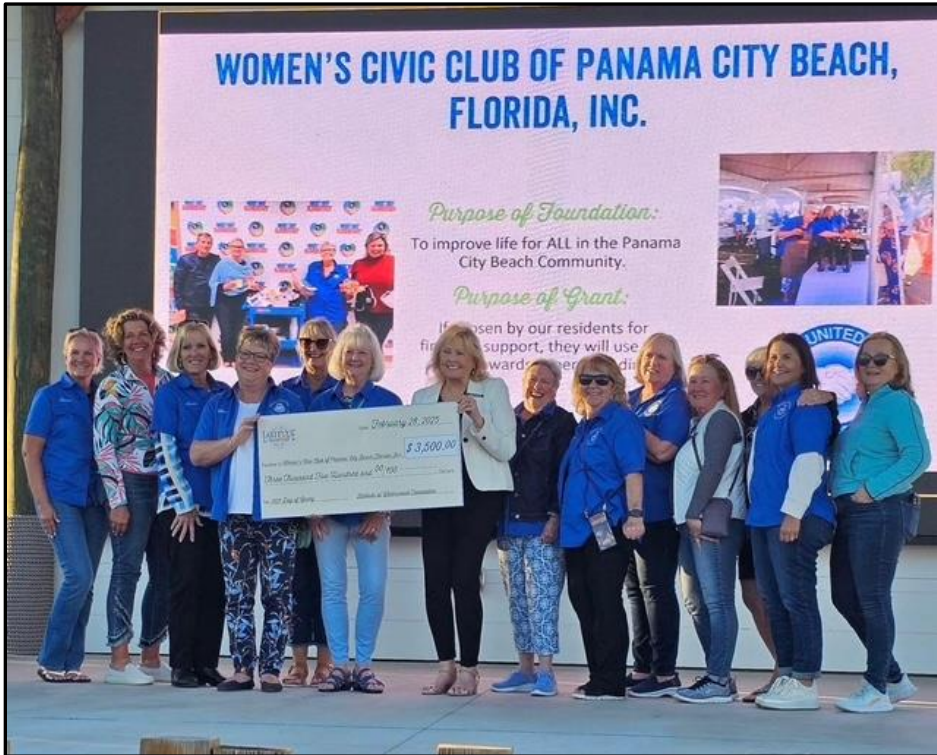
2025-2026 Membership Dues and Forms

Active members, remember to submit your committee sign-up sheets, \$30 dues and conflict of interest form. Inactive members need to submit your inactive form, \$30 dues and conflict of interest form. Please submit these to Arlene Klaas, Membership Chair or mail dues and forms to Women's Civic Club, PO Box 9759, Panama City Beach, FL. 32417. The forms are available on our website wccpcb.org on the forms tab or you can get the forms from Arlene Klaas.

Each member is required to sign an annual conflict of interest form per the club's Conflict of Interest Policy. The policy can be viewed on our website wccpcb.org under the forms tab.

Arlene Klaas, Membership Chair

"Women's Civic Club Recognized by Latitude at Watersound Foundation"



Pictured from left to right:

- Karen Demeester
- Kris Saddoris
- Monica Thomas
- Cheri Leistner
- Jeanette Poland
- Rhonda Zartman
- Jane Fillingim
- Sue Jiles
- Dena Roewe
- Diane Pickering
- Sherrill Kelley
- Alisa Walley
- Karolina Schleicher

The Women's Civic Club was awarded a \$3,500 grant on February 28th by the Latitude at Watersound Foundation. The funding will contribute to the impactful work we are doing in the community.

"Fulfilling Our Mission of Improving Life in Panama City Beach Community"

Raising Funds

Arts and Craft Show





Soula Dortch, Sherrill Kelley, Carol Davis

Unfavorable weather didn't keep the shoppers from attending our annual Spring Fling on Saturday, March 8th at Frank Brown Park. The variety of vendors, all with handmade artisan items for sale, and the cafe' saw a steady stream of shoppers.

Thank you to the volunteers and to the kitchen committee for all they did to make this a delightful experience!

Julie Sanders and Jayn Collins
Arts and Craft Committee Chairs

Special Beach Events

UNwineD



Sharon Burnett, Sony Edwards, Patty Rocco



Lynn Padgett, Sharon Williams

2025 UNwineD is in the books and it was a SUCCESS! Our members, along with their families and friends, had a fun day pouring samples of wine, craft beer and spirits to the garden part attendees. We also worked water stations to keep all of the attendees hydrated. It was a wonderful day to kick off the spring season with the attendees wearing their lovely spring fashions. Many thanks to all the ladies that worked this event and who were so flexible in jumping in wherever needed. You all are SO much fun to work with! And we would like to especially thank Visit Panama City Beach for providing the WCC with this awesome fundraising opportunity! Together we are truly "United for a Better Community"!

Sue Jiles and Cheri Leistner, Special Beach Events Co-Chairs



Alisa Walley, Sharon Burnett



Denise Rentz, Diane Vitale

"Supporting the Community"

Boys and Girls Club

Thank you for the donations collected at the March Luncheon for the Boys and Girls Club.

Cheri Leistner, Liaison

Community Outreach

Superior Residences of Panama City Beach

Mardi Gras Celebration



Donna Maynard, Denise Rentz, Sharon Williams, Kelly Bertin, Monica Thomas, Gloria Turner, Dena Roewe

Taste of Italy



Sharon Williams, Doris Bayliss, Nancy Stovall, Dena Roewe, Becky Farmer, Gloria Turner

Charter Senior Living

Women Civic Club members Becky Farmer, Dena Roewe, Doris Bayliss, Rhonda Jones, Natalie May, Kelly Bertin, Jane Fillingim, Gloria Turner, friends Donna Maynard and Kim Morganett helped Charter Residents make windmills on March 21st. Not only did Becky teach everyone the art of windmill making, she led the group in singing gospel songs. It was a lot of fun and the residents sang loudly and loved it.

Members pictured left to right: Jane Fillingim, Natalie May, Kelly Bertin, Doris Bayliss, Donna Maynard, Dena Roewe, Rhonda Jones, Gloria Turner



Library

April Luncheon Collections for the Library's Summer Programs

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| *Sidewalk Chalk (large pieces) | *Bright Color Card Stock (blue, pink, yellow, green) |
| *Black Card Stock | *Glue Sticks |
| *Laminating Sheets | *Chunky Crayons (for young children) |
| *Colorful Craft Gems | *Hot Glue Gun Sticks |
| *Google Eyes (medium and small) | *Fabric Squares and Buttons (fabric for crafts) |
| *Pom Poms (small-large) | *Cotton Balls |
| *Zip Lock Bags (gallon size) | *260D Standard Assorted Decomex Twisting Modelling |
| | Latex Balloons and Dual-Action Balloon Hand Pump |
| | (for balloon animals) |

"Spending Time Together"

Member to Member

Bunco

On February 26th, the Member to Member committee hosted 20 ladies at Taylor's Restaurant to play bunco. It was a fun day, full of laughs and joy. What a pleasure it is to get together!

Congratulations to the following winners:

- Most Wins: Joyce Kippes
- Most Losses: Dena Roewe
- Most Buncos: Sony Edwards (there was a 6 way tie, and Sony came out victorious in a roll off!)
- Last Bunco: Diane Vitale
- Door Prizes: Jackie Logan, Faye Culpepper, Karolina Schleicher

Thanks to everyone that played and to Sony Edwards and Carol Lynn for organizing the play and prizes!

Summer buncos are being planned for June, July and August. More information will be coming as we get closer to those months!

New Member Orientation

The Women's Civic Club Board of Directors has invited all new members installed this year (and those that were unable to attend last year's meeting) to a New Member Orientation on Thursday, April 10th. Invitations have been sent. This is a perfect opportunity to learn more about the committee requirements before completing your committee sign up sheets for the coming year! Please RSVP to Cheri Leistner, cheri@advantagesoutheast.com by March 29th so that we have a headcount for the light dinner that will be served.

Member Appreciation Picnic

You and a guest are invited to the Annual Member Appreciation Picnic on Saturday, April 26th at Camp Helen State Park! We have reserved the Recreation Hall at the park for our use. This features a large screened in room with ceiling fans, picnic tables and indoor restrooms. The day will feature a catered lunch, cornhole, Left Right Center games (be sure to bring your quarters!), card games, and more. You will have access to all the park facilities from 8am to sunset. Activities include swimming, beachcombing, nature study, hiking and both freshwater and saltwater fishing. We will need RSVP's for the lunch. These can be made at the April luncheon or by email to cheri@advantagesoutheast.com.

Cheri Leistner, Member to Member Chair

"Recognizing our Members"



You are important to us! Sunshine committee members wear sunflower pins to make it easier for members to tell us when a member is ill, had a loss, needs surgery or just a hug. If you are new and have a question, we might be able to steer you in the right direction. Feel free to call if you know someone who needs a card. We don't want to miss cheering up our fellow member.

Sony Edwards, Sunshine Committee Chair
(678) 478-1955

Happy Birthday Wishes!!

April

- 10 Corinne Hardee
- 10 Flo Watson
- 15 Jane Fillingim
- 15 Carole Ohlemueller
- 15 Monica Thomas



*"Age is merely the number
of years, that the world
has been enjoying you."*

"In Our Thoughts and Prayers"



Arlene Geneva

Arlene Helen Geneva (84) formerly of Panama City Beach, Florida and formerly of Anderson, Indiana, passed away peacefully on Thursday, March 6th in Hampton, NH. Arlene was born in Anderson, IN – one of three children to George R., Sr. and Helen (Tomko) Springer.

For 25+ years, Arlene proudly served her community through the Panama City Beach Women's Civic Club where she made lifelong friends that are revered to this day. Memorial contributions may be made in Arlene's memory to the Women's Civic Club of Panama City Beach, FL, Inc. P.O. Box 9759, Panama City Beach, FL 32417 or online by [clicking here](#).

Arlene had a big heart and was a wonderful person. She was the epitome of elegance and a beautiful soul who was easy to talk with, making friends with everyone she met. Her smile lit up the room and her laughter was contagious. We were truly blessed to have such an amazing Wife, Daughter, Sister, Mother, Nana and Friend in our lives.

Please remember Allison Angelico, her daughter, and Andrew Dent, her son, and their family in your thoughts and prayers.

"Upcoming Events"

- Apr 3 Fashion Show and Luncheon Meeting at Harpoon Harry's, 12627 Front Beach Rd, 11AM
- Apr 10 Backpack Blessings at 158 Griffin Blvd, 8:30AM
- Apr 10 New Member Orientation, Oatfield Building, 423 Lyndell Ln, 5PM
- Apr 17 Backpack Blessings at 158 Griffin Blvd, 8:30AM
- Apr 24 Board Meeting at Chamber of Commerce Boardroom, 309 R Jackson, 10AM
- Apr 26 WCC Picnic, Camp Helen State Park
- May 1 Officer Installation and Luncheon Meeting at Capt Jack's, 8208 Thomas Dr, 11AM
- May 8 Backpack Blessings at 158 Griffin Blvd, 8:30AM
- May 15 Backpack Blessings at 158 Griffin Blvd, 8:30AM
- May 29 Board Meeting at Chamber of Commerce Boardroom, 309 R Jackson, 10AM

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

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