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Diane Vitale

From the President's Desk

I think the message of "Positivity" from last month has carried over wonderfully in March.

The Arts and Craft show and sale had more vendors and attendees than previous years. The kitchen ran smoothly with a sold out menu. The team is becoming experts in in the world of food and beverage. The UNwineD event, full of merriment, was not deterred by a few sporadic showers. We had plenty of volunteers decked out in our blue shirts and accessorized by event aprons. I just love being a part of these fun events.

What occurred to me is the impact we as the Women's Civic Club are having beyond just fundraising (which I'm not minimizing). We help vendors with arts and crafts grow their business through more exposure and networking avenues. Our attendees may find new possibilities that they can apply as a new interest or direction, in addition to meeting new people.

Yes, we are out in the community with these events. I know for me I make a connection with many wonderful women who are taking a look at us and our organization as a potential involvement for them. I always like to keep that as a top of the Mind awareness exercise. I also know it's never too early to keep our silent auction in mind, focusing on potential donors.

My quote for this month comes from one of my favorite artists, Vincent van Gogh, "I am seeking, I am striving, I am in it with all my heart".

*Respectfully,
Diane, President*

"Foundations of the Club"

The April edition of The Civic Courier, "Foundations of the Club" is highlighting Eloise Cox and focusing on Budget Planning.

Eloise Cox was born in Fayetteville, North Carolina. Her husband Bob was a career military pilot and Eloise worked as a hairdresser. They have four children and six grandchildren. Three of their children live in Florida and one lives in Charleston. After Bob retired from the military, they moved back to Fayetteville where Bob took a job as a UPS manager and was later transferred to Raleigh, North Carolina. Bob retired for the second time in 1995 and they moved to Panama City Beach.



Eloise Cox

Having vacationed with their children several times over the years they were very familiar with Panama City Beach. Their first home was in Bid a Wee, which they sold three years ago and moved to Breakfast Point. They are having a house built in Margaritaville and expect to move in later this year.

Eloise joined the Women's Civic Club in January 1999, after being introduced to the club by Lilli Oatfield. Together they served or volunteered on several committees including Ironman, Silent Auction, Arts and Crafts (at the Lyndell Center) and Fashion Show. She and Lilli co-chaired the Christmas Tour of Homes. Eloise said they would have between 8-10 homes on the tour. It was a wonderful event and a good fund raiser.

Eloise enjoyed the many friends she made through the Women's Club and volunteering with those friends. When asked if she had words any of wisdom she would like to share with the current members she said: "Stay Positive and Enjoy Every Day!"

Budget Planning

The fiscal year of the Women's Civic Club is May 1 to April 30 inclusive. (By-Laws Article III. Fiscal Year) The newly elected officers, with input from current committee chairs, prepare a proposed budget that is then presented at the April board meeting. After approval by the board, it is presented at the May General meeting. Once the budget is approved by the General Membership, it cannot be changed without approval of 2/3 of members present in a General meeting. (Constitution Article VIII. Disposition of Funds)

Budget Planning (continued)

Budget fund amounts to a committee are established as the budget is created each April. The resulting committee budget amounts are estimations based on proposed fundraising activities and it is not necessary nor suggested that all funds budgeted be spent. Any funds not spent in the given year will not be carried over to the next year. Committee Chairs are responsible for seeing that all committee expenditures are within their budgeted allowance. In emergencies and special situations, allocated funds may be transferred from one committee budget to another with the permission of both Committee Chairs. The request must be approved by the Executive Board. (By-Laws Article XI. Budgets)

" Members and Guests Enjoy the March General Meeting"



Club Members and Guests

Fifty-four members and guests enjoyed lunch at Captain Jack's Family Buffet for the March Women's Civic Club General Meeting. Bay County Sheriff's Department Deputy Mario Lupica spoke on "Self Defense for Women". "It's not strength but smarts", Deputy Lupica stated. He also shared key defense strategies such as trust your instincts, set strong verbal boundaries, use the element of surprise and keep safe distances.

"New Member Installation"



Nancy Stovall (Installation Officer), Diane Vitale (President), Monica Thomas (Co-Sponsor), Dena Roewe (Sponsor), Sharon McDonald, Kelly Bertin, Lynn Padgett (Co-Sponsor), Rhonda Senkbeil (Sponsor), Deborah Lowry

"Welcome New Members"

I moved to Panama City Beach with my husband Lloyd in late December '21. I was born and raised in Memphis, TN and moved to Georgia 30 years ago. Our previous home was in Cumming, GA where we lived for over 20 years. I recently retired from a small consulting company and am looking forward to getting to know the PCB area and to volunteer opportunities with the Civic Club.



Kelly Bertin



Deborah Lowry

I am so excited to be a part of this active, community involved group of interesting women!!

About me:

I grew up in Oxford, Alabama, attended Auburn University, and lived in Atlanta for most of my adult life. I was employed for over 30 years and retired from Delta Air Lines as a flight attendant. I have two wonderful daughters: Leigh, who lives in Atlanta, and Rhonda who lives in Kingston, NY. I have visited PCB all my life for vacation, but about 5 years ago started coming down often with my friend, Rhonda Senkbeil. After she purchased a home, I decided to build and just celebrated my 3rd anniversary in my home in Rivera Beach.

I was raised in Kennesaw, GA and lived within 8 miles of that area my entire life until now. At 19, I started working for the Probate Judge of Cobb County for the summer. He convinced me to stay on full time and work in the Elections Dept. At age 21 he appointed me as the full time Elections Director. At age 25 he appointed me Elections & Voter Registration Director. At 50, I retired with 30 years of service. I love people, animals and fun.

My dream has always been to live at the beach or to have a lot of land and to rescue stray cats, and dogs and to also have goats, pigs, horses, cows, chickens etc. My husband thought that the beach seemed cheaper!

My husband Steve and I have been married for 7 years. We got married in Key West and have been loving life since then. I'm honored to have 3 bonus children.



Sharon McDonald

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

Raising Funds

Ironman

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MAY 7TH IRONMAN!!

The WCC will be volunteering at the 70.3 Ironman Gulf Coast (Half Marathon) and we need your help! The event will be held at the Edgewater Beach Resort and we will meet in their Convention Center. We have been asked to help on the following dates:

Wednesday, May 4th, 9:00am until complete - stuffing bags for the athletes

Thursday, May 5th, 12:45-4:00pm or 3:30-7:00pm - checking in athletes

Friday, May 6th, 8:30am-1:00pm or 12:30-4:15pm - checking in athletes

You can register at <https://ironman.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/?id=59818>

If you have any questions with registration, please contact Monica Thomas, Ironman Committee Chair.

Special Beach Events

"UNwineD"

UNwineD attendees wandered from booth to booth while tasting the best craft beers, wine and spirits from around the world, sampling delectable creations from leading chefs, and shopping at local shop and boutique tents. Even the intermittent downpours didn't discourage the performing musician and attendees as they huddled under the tents. Acting as sommeliers and cicerones; club members, family and friends participated in the festivities.



Patti Maloy, Cheri Leistner



Karen and Dave Demeester



Tina Dufresne



Tim and Patty Rocco, Brenda Bryson



Nancy Stovall



Sue Jiles, Jackie Logan, Diane Vitale



Arlene Klaas, Nancy Stovall



**Dena Roewe, Lynn Padgett, Marie Hall, Sharon Williams
Barry Roewe, Tammy Haight, Diane Vitale, Patti Maloy**

Spring Fling Arts and Craft Show



**Sue Jiles, Monica Thomas
Tammy Haight, Kelly Bertin**



Arlene Klaas, Patty Rocco



**Deborah Lowry, Bobbi Griggs
Diane Vitale**

A big thank you to the Arts and Crafts Committee members and the additional club volunteers and husbands who helped make our annual Spring Fling a success! Also, many thanks go out to the Kitchen Committee for providing our tasty snack bar - many items were sold out again this year! The recent fires and some health issues did impact the number of vendors at the last minute. We were set up for 37 vendors, but six had to cancel. They were missed and are all doing fine now. With some quick adjustments, the show went on! We received great feedback from our vendors, volunteers, and shoppers! Everyone is already asking about: **Spring Fling 2023!** *Julie*

Arts and Crafts Fair Vendors and Shoppers



Supporting the Community

Food Pantry



Gloria Turner, Sandy and Tony Young

April Meeting Collections

- * Toilet Paper
- * Spaghetti
- * Spaghetti Sauce with Meat
- * Toiletries - Shampoo
- * Water
- * Bug Spray
- * Ball Caps

Spending Time Together

SPRING FASHION SHOW!!

The April meeting is a great time to invite your neighbors and friends to come to the luncheon meeting with you. The Women's Civic Club fashion show will feature members wearing the latest spring fashions from Chico's".

Member to Member



Members Eager to Learn



**Sous Chef Sue Jiles
Chef Julie Sanders**



Members Sharing

Advanced Healthy Meal Prep

The Member to Member Committee was thrilled to host an event featuring our own Julie Sanders who shared her knowledge and experience on advance preparation of healthy meals. Julie demonstrated the advanced prep of 4 healthy meals, each feeding 4 people in about 45 minutes. These meals are great to pull out of the freezer and throw into the crock pot or instant pot on those busy days we all have or to gift to family and friends when they need a little more time in their day. Julie also prepared one dish during the presentation in the Instant Pot and had prepared 2 additional meals for us for us to sample following her presentation. Not only were these meals delicious, she gave many of us the confidence to pull out (or purchase) that Instant Pot that had been intimidating to us! Julie also shared some of her favorite recipes to get us jump started toward advanced meal prep. Thanks much Julie! We appreciate you sharing your time with us!

The Member to Member Committee is also hosting a RADA fundraiser. Since we last sold the RADA cutlery and quick mixes, we have often been asked when we will have another sale. We have heard nothing but raves about these products. RADA catalogs will be available at the April luncheon meeting. We will be placing the orders mid April. So take this opportunity to look through the catalog and decide if you would like to be included in this order. If you are not able to attend the meeting, please contact Cheri Leistner (502-296-3205) and a catalog will be delivered to you. Thanks much for your support!

Membership Updates for 2022-2023 Reminder

Completed committee sign-up sheets and dues can be returned at the April and May Luncheon Meetings (collection box will be available at the check-in table), to the Membership Chair Nancy Stovall or via mail: Women's Civic Club, P.O. Box 9759, Panama City Beach, FL 32413. Also, due at this time are any changes regarding membership status. New members installed in February thru May shall be deemed to have paid their dues for the year.

Recognizing our Members

Happy Birthday Wishes !!

April

05 Rowan Quave
05 Ginny Schmertmann
10 Corinne Crowley
10 Flo Watson
15 Jane Fillingim
15 Monica Thomas



Live your life and forget your age!

In Appreciation

The efforts and donations of the Women's Civic Club are appreciated. We receive many thank you cards and letters throughout the year.

Received from Gulf Beach Presbyterian Church, Sandy Young:

He who is generous will be blessed, for he gives some of his food to the poor. Proverbs 22:9

Many thanks to the members of the Women's Civic Club for your continued support of our Community Food Pantry. Your generous contributions include frequent visits from various members with miscellaneous foods, volunteer hours from other members and very generous monetary donations.

Please share with all your members, especially Gloria Turner, our sincere appreciations for all you do to help support our Community Food Pantry.

May the Lord Bless and keep you and yours, making us all ever mindful of the needs of others.

Upcoming Events

- April 7 General Meeting/Fashion Show, Harpoon Harry's, 12627 Front Beach Rd, 11AM
- April 9 Todd Herendeen Fundraiser, 8010 Front Beach Rd, 5:30PM
- April 12 New Member Orientation, Gulfview Methodist Church, 245 Wisteria Lane, 5-7PM
- April 28 Board Meeting at Chamber of Commerce, 309 Richard Jackson Blvd, 10 AM

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