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From the President's Desk

Nancy Stovall

Dear Members,

I am sure all of you have heard the phrase "April showers bring May flowers", which indicates that May flowers will bloom because of the water provided them by the April rains. Stated another way, a period of discomfort can provide the basis for a period of happiness. The coronavirus has impacted all of us like a torrential rain, changing our world virtually overnight. With the support and creativity of each other, we can hold on to the hope that the sun will shine again.

The Spring Fling Arts & Craft Sale at Frank Brown Park on March 7th was a great success. A record number of people visited our vendors and through the "bingo card" concept, all vendors were visited. Attendees, after receiving a stamp from each vendor, were given tickets to be eligible for the vendor provided gift drawings. Thanks to the committee and volunteers for their hard work!

In addition to our April Luncheon Fashion Show, the New Member Orientation and UNwineD volunteer opportunity were cancelled. Although the cancellations bring challenges, they also bring opportunities for us to be creative. During the March Board Meeting several ideas were discussed, which include committee informational descriptions to the members and additional funds for charities. You will be receiving more information on these items. Please complete your committee signup sheets. The sheets along with your dues can be mailed to The Women's Civic Club, PO Box 9759, Panama City Beach, FL 32417-0159.

"Life's not about waiting for the storm to pass. It's about learning to dance in the rain." Vivian Greene

Nancy

Corona Virus Pandemic forces many cancellations and closures



Texas Roadhouse adapted quickly to new regulations with To-Go Meals. For information about other cancellations, please turn to page 3.

Slate of Officers for 2020-2021

Due to COVID-19 and the cancellation of the April meeting, voting for officers will be done by proxy this year. Each member will be receiving a proxy form. Please complete it and return it as soon as possible. Officers are working long hours to make this transition run as smoothly as possible. Also, remember to complete your Committee Sign-up Sheet and send it with your \$20 dues to Women's Civic Club, Box 9759, Panama City Beach, FL, 32417-0159. Thank you for your cooperation.



Nancy Stovall
President



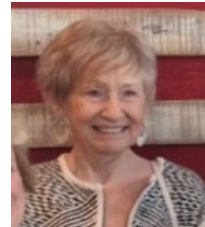
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Sue Jiles
2nd Vice President



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Peg Lowery
Corresponding Secretary



Cheri Leistner
Treasurer



SPRING FLING ARTS & CRAFTS SALE A HIT



Elaine Lichtenberger

Thanks to all of you who contributed and worked on Spring Fling, it was a great success. March 7th was a beautiful day and the turnout was good.

The variety of artwork and crafts was exceptional this year, resulting in good sales for the vendors. Our fabulous Kitchen Committee

served a delicious snack bar, and we made some money by selling raffle tickets for the gift baskets. Happy Spring! Elaine Lichtenberger and Sue Jiles, Co-Chairs

(Editorial note: As co-chairs, Sue and Elaine were the ones who led this well-organized event. It took many members pitching in to help with ideas and labor to make this such a success. Well done, ladies!



Sue Jiles

Committee Activities

Bunco Coming Up—

The Member-to-Member Committee has set up the following dates for Bunco on the third Thursday of each month:

June 18, 2020

July 16, 2020

August 20, 2020

Hopefully, these will be able to take place without cancelling. More details later.

Judy Hardegree and Lynn Padgett
Co-chairmen

Get your dues & committee sign-up sheets in NOW

It is the time of year to pay your dues for the 2020-2021 year and turn in your committee sign-up sheets. Those of you who attended the March Luncheon Meeting at Captain Jack's have already received a packet with the new committee sign-up sheet. For those of you who could not be at that meeting, please check your mailboxes in the next few days for a packet being mailed to you.

We already know that the April luncheon has been cancelled. In order for everyone to be able to make the May 1st deadline for dues and committee sign-up sheets, we are asking that you mail your check in the amount of \$20 (payable to WCC) along with your completed committee sign-up sheet to our post office box:

Women's Civic Club of PCB, P. O. Box 9759, Panama City Beach, FL 32417

You will also be receiving soon a short description of the committees prepared by the committee chairs this year to aid you in your decision for committee sign up. Committee descriptions are also listed in your yearbooks. Your promptness in returning the dues and committee sign-up sheet will be greatly appreciated!

New Member Information

Please enter into your yearbook!

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Sponsor: Rowan Quave



Julie Sanders

Sheila Steele

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Installation: 03/05/2020

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Sponsor: Diane Vitale

(See pages 5 & 6 for new member bios)



Sheila Steele



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

5 – Rowan Quave

5 – Ginny Schmertmann

10 – Corinne Crowley

10 – Flo Watson

15 – Jane Fillingim

16 – Julie Bailey

**NOT EVERYTHING
IS CANCELLED**



SUN IS NOT CANCELLED
SPRING IS NOT CANCELLED
RELATIONSHIPS ARE NOT CANCELLED
LOVE IS NOT CANCELLED
READING IS NOT CANCELLED
DEVOTION IS NOT CANCELLED
MUSIC IS NOT CANCELLED
IMAGINATION IS NOT CANCELLED
KINDNESS IS NOT CANCELLED
CONVERSATIONS ARE NOT CANCELLED
HOPE IS NOT CANCELLED

**Send in dues and annual
committee sign-up sheets NOW**

**For info call: Sue Jiles-770-364-5890 or
Gail Claffey- 850-708-3093**

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Cancellations

- ♦ **March 19 -New Member Orientation**
This will be rescheduled at a later date.

- ♦ **April 2—Luncheon & Fashion Show**

- ♦ **May—Ironman Gulfcoast 70.3 is cancelled.**
They may try again in November.

Beaches , schools and many businesses are closed. Many restaurants are offering pick-up service or delivery.

Stay Safe & Healthy

Community Food Pantry cuts schedule to three days a week



The picture above shows the location of the Community Food Pantry (see arrow) at the Gulf Beach Presbyterian Church located at 271 F-79, Panama City Beach, FL 32413. Drop-offs may be taken to the door in the corner Monday, Wednesday or Friday from 9 until noon. Call Nan Vandenberg at 814-4265 if you would like items picked up.

The following changes have been made at the Community Food Pantry due to the Coronavirus to reduce the exposure of their volunteers to this virus, and to ensure that they have food available to supply their visitors. Many need help, now more than ever.

The Food Pantry will be open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to noon.

Rather than providing three meals for three days, they will provide three meals for two days.

They will allow only two visitors at a time into the lobby to ensure social distancing. Others are to wait outside.

They are hoping to remain open.

Items Needed

Meatballs - frozen	Pasta
Hot Dogs	Detergent
Canned Fruit	Dish soap
Powdered Milk	Soup
Paper Products	Chili
Cleaning Products	Canned meat
(Products must not be out-dated)	

New Members share their backgrounds

Hi, my name is Julianne Quave Sanders, but you know me as Julie or “Rowan’s daughter”. I am excited to no longer be the perennial guest and to now be an official member of the Panama City Beach Women’s Civic Club!

I was raised in Biloxi and Ocean Springs, MS and graduated from Ocean Springs High School. I received my BS in education from Delta State University in Cleveland, MS and my masters in reading and language arts from the University of Houston in Houston, TX.



Julie Sanders

I worked as a teacher and administrator for 32 years. My teaching career began on the Mississippi Gulf Coast and then moved to the Alief Independent School District in Houston, TX. I primarily taught elementary, with 3rd grade being my favorite grade to teach. In addition to my role as an elementary classroom teacher, I worked as a language arts specialist, gifted specialist and instructional technology specialist which enabled me to interact with students and teachers at all grade levels. After twenty-five years in elementary, I moved to high school and was a ninth grade Title 1 Reading Teacher and literacy coach. This was an amazing two-year experience, as I watched ninth graders who had never passed the state reading test take part in this intensive reading program and become successful, confident readers.

I then became a district level administrator in Alief, a district of 47,000 students. As the Coordinator of Advanced Academics, I was in charge of our gifted programs K-12, our Advanced Placement courses and testing, as well as all college prep and testing. I also served as the AVID District Director, a role which I loved and a college prep system that I believed in and am still fortunate to be able to work with today. Since retiring, I have worked part time with AVID, which is based in San Diego, CA. I enjoy writing curriculum and training modules for AVID and have been a co-author of two books – *Culturally Relevant Teaching* and *Writing for Disciplinary Literacy*. AVID affords me the opportunity to travel all over the United States, and even Australia, to work training and coaching teachers and administrators at all levels to bring quality, engaging, and interactive teaching strategies to their classrooms.

My husband, Herb, and I have been married for almost thirty-four years. We met in Mississippi and moved to Houston, TX due to his work in the oil and gas business. We are both now retired and moved to the Bayou George area almost six years ago to be closer to family. Our son, Douglas, and two grandsons, James and Nathan, live in the Panama City area, as well as my parents, Rowan and Jerry Quave, my brother, Jay, and nieces, Olivia and Molly. Having grown up on the Mississippi Gulf Coast, I am very happy to be back in a coastal community!

I am an avid reader and also enjoy swimming and gardening. My husband and I are both foodies, who love to cook, try new recipes, and experience new restaurants. We also enjoy traveling and cruising. Our most memorable trips have been to Costa Rica and Vancouver Island, while our favorite cruises have been to Alaska and the South Pacific.

I am honored to be a member of WCC and look forward to working with everyone as we strive to make an impact in so many areas of our community.

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Greetings to All. My name is Sheila Steele and I was born and reared in Portsmouth, N.H. some 70 + years ago. I graduated from Portsmouth High School in 1962 and proudly entered the Women's Army Corps (WAC) (Oct 62-Oct 65). I completed basic training, clerical/administrative school and six weeks training in the Military Police. I was assigned to US Army Headquarters, Governor's Island, New York City. My work was with the Criminal Investigation Division (CID) stationed at 346 Broadway, New York City. I was lodged at Staten Island and would ride the Staten Island Ferry at the same time cars were allowed.



Sheila Steele

I received my Honorable Discharge in October 1965 and returned home to Portsmouth to be with my parents. I worked as a secretary for a large construction company. I met and married Jimmy Steele as he was stationed at Pease Air Force Base in N.H. Unfortunately, after 52 years of marriage, my husband, Jimmy passed away January 2019. We were blessed with two beautiful children, a boy and a girl. Additionally, we have been blessed with four beautiful grandchildren, two boys and two girls.

Jimmy served 24 years with the USAF and we were stationed at Robins AFB, GA, (RAFB) and Homestead AFB, FL. Jimmy served several years in Guam, Korea, Turkey and England and he served two tours in Vietnam. I kept the home fires burning, rearing two children and taking care of a farm we had purchased. The "country living" was his dream and my nightmare! I vividly remember my mother visiting the first time from New Hampshire. We picked her up at the Atlanta Airport and drove the three hours south, to our home. Once Jimmy turned off the pavement onto the dirt road, my mother exclaimed, "Oh Jimmy, where do you have them? It's so far away, even Jesus has to get up extra early to pump daylight into you each morning." Jimmy retired from Active Duty at Robins AFB, GA in 1985, and quickly entered Civil Service. He retired in November 2006 from Civil Service with 20 years' service as a GS-12 Program Analyst. We worked the farm together with various animals and gardening, and eventually began planting trees with a Conservation Program. Additionally, we even had a Hunting Club at one point! He was an avid hunter and known gunsmith to many. As he aged, he more enjoyed feeding the wildlife and photography. During our active duty time, I worked Civil Service in various clerical/administrative jobs.

In 1994 we purchased a small cottage in Bid-A-Wee, Panama City Beach, FL. This was my dream and Jimmy's nightmare. Although he loved to deep sea fish, he never enjoyed the beach and sand. Growing up in Portsmouth, I feel certain the saltwater runs in my veins. I have always yearned for the beach and enjoy the trips between the homes.

I retired in April 2005 from Civil Service with 35 years' service, as a GS-12 Management Analyst. I am on a regular schedule where I come to PCB the middle weeks of the month. I attend chair exercises at the Senior Center and volunteer at the Military Welcome Center for the Bay County Veteran's Council. I am a member of St Bernadette's Catholic Church. I travel back and forth with my cat, Sassy, as I have kept the farm. I am blessed to have a daughter who has my Power of Attorney and she "handles" everything. I mean everything - mail, bank accounts, land, taxes, insurances. I am "free" of stress. I enjoy going to the movies, shopping, day trips to various historical sites, sitting on the beach, reading and simple knitting. I was a previous member of the Red Hatters here in PCB, FL and enjoyed the fund-raising activities, as well as, the social activities and friendships. I lost a very dear friend, Peggy, who was the president at the time and many of the other members moved away to be with children/grandchildren and it just wasn't the same.

I am looking forward to being an Active Member with the Women's Civic Club and looking forward to meeting each of you. As you can see, I am not short on words! I feel my experiences over the years, from being a Troop Leader for the Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts to assisting with the organization of Neighborhood Watch for my subdivision, as well as, assisting with the organization of the "Bid-A-Wee Chicks" will make me an asset for your very worthy and important club. I truly enjoy helping, organizing and contributing, and look forward to working with you and serving my community!



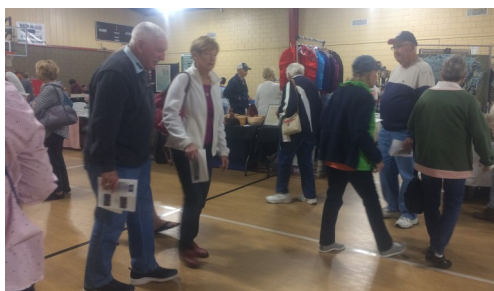
Greeters Bobbie Griggs, Roberta Bernhardt and Laura Gumm are kept busy the entire day, as shoppers enter the doors.

SCENES FROM ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW



Shoppers are pleased with the nice assortment of items available from the vendors in the sale at Frank Brown Park.

(Picture courtesy of Gloria Turner)



Shoppers swarm to visit the many booths.



Vendors were pleased with the customers and venue!



Cheri Leistner is seen in front of her lovely display of hand crafted items.



Judy Hardegree and friends enjoy the shopping.



Gloria Turner (Left) and Karen Honeycutt (Center back) were kept busy serving coffee, sandwiches & snacks in the Snack Bar, while patrons chatted and signed tickets for the Vendors' Drawing.