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From the President's Desk

Happy Holidays!!

Wow – I can hardly catch my breath! Our ladies of the WCC have been busy. We began the month by working the Ironman. What a fun experience. From packing the swag bags for the athletes, to registering the participants from literally all over the world, our ladies were involved with every step along the way. It's always a delight to have these elite athletes visit our beautiful beaches! Thanks Joyce for organizing this event.

Next up was shopping for our Christmas Outreach families. Karen Honeycutt and Nancy Parker organized a group to shop and wrap for seven children and their three moms. These kids are going to have a wonderful Christmas morning. They'll receive clothes, shoes, socks, blankets, toys and games. Also, each mom gets a gift of lotions and a gift card to purchase a Christmas dinner. I know it will be a special Christmas for all of them!

A few days later we were at the Home for the Holidays event. Janet Roan and Sue Jiles organized our ladies to work Friday and Saturday nights for the TDC. We were handing out smores kits and sparkly Santa hats to everyone that came out for the concerts and to see Santa. It was another fun event that really got us in the Holiday Spirit!

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Christmas Outreach brings cheer to many children



After a busy, but fun, day of shopping and wrapping, Margaret Ivey, Ginny Schmertmann, Gail Claffey, Luciann Jacobs, Nancy Parker, Connie Peterson, Christy Waggoner, Cheri Leistner, Karen Honeycutt and Eileen Wells are seen with the bags of gifts going to lucky children at Hutchison Beach Elementary School.
(See related picture on page 2.)

Ironman Triathlon huge success with help from many WCC members



Above, Joyce Goetz is seen with Maddie Niederberger on a busy day. Below, Mugsy Parens, Basma Swearingen & Sue Jiles work hard.

Once again Joyce Goetz was the person who organized the Ironman Triathlon for our club to participate, and again it ran smoothly and successfully. Many members participated to make it a success. Below, Connie Peterson enjoys the day.



Christmas Outreach gifts delivered



On Wednesday, November 29, 2017, the above group met at Hutchison Beach Elementary School with Principal Glenda Nouskhajian, (left), and a school representative (right). Connie Peterson, Cheri Leistner, Margaret Ivey, Gail Claffey, Nancy Parker and Karen Honeycutt delivered all the Christmas Outreach gifts, toys, presents, clothes, and gift cards from the Christmas Outreach program.

According to Karen, "Sometimes it can be a lot of work, but it can be fun knowing you helped kids and parents have a very Merry Christmas this year."

(Photo courtesy of Joyce Goetz.)

Sue Jiles tops in sales for Kirby Holt event.



Karen Gunsallus and Cary Deasaro admire the ornament that Sue Jiles won as a door prize at the Holiday Decorating Showcase, "A Traditional Christmas" presented by Kirby Holt recently. Sue also received a gift certificate for selling the most tickets this year.



From the President's Desk

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With just a day off, we were at Aaron Bessant park again on Monday evening for the official PCB Christmas Tree Lighting! Karen Gunsallus organized ladies to bring tables full of goodies! These were passed out to the MANY children and families that came out for the school concerts, the parade and to visit Santa. I heard that our club had the best array of goodies of any of the other participants at the event!

Next up is our Christmas luncheon where we make many of our donations to our chosen charities and organizations. This is always a favorite meeting for all where we can see how our work really benefits our community!

Still on the agenda is the Christmas parade at Pier Park. Janet Roan and Beth Watrous will be organizing this event on Saturday, Dec. 9th. So if you're interested in participating, see one of them!

I can't thank you all enough for participating in these events! I hope you had half as much fun as I did!

So take a chance to catch your breath. We've got the Beach Boogie Dance and Silent Auction coming on Feb. 3rd. Work is well under way for this fun evening. But we need auction items! Please contact Debbie Fazzone or Julie Bailey regarding anything you can donate or solicit.

So once again, by Working Together, we are making Beautiful Things Happen in PCB!!

Wishing you all a bounty of Christmas Blessings!!

Cheri



Meet new member Kathryn Younce



Kathryn Younce (center) was installed at the November meeting. She was sponsored by her sister, Lori Becerra (left) and welcomed by Membership Chairman Basma Swearingen. (right)

Kathryn signed up for the following committees: Marketing & Sales, Christmas Parade and Christmas Tree Lighting.



Birthdays of the Month

DECEMBER

3 – Elaine Lichtenberger

9 – Jean Cooney

16 – Karen Honeycutt

30 – Gayle Oberst

Sad news of former members

Pat Davis

Shirley Patricia "Pat" Davis, age 80 of Montgomery, AL passed away on Tuesday, October 24, 2017. Pat was a longtime member of Frazer United Methodist Church before moving to Panama City where she and her husband Bo became members of Woodlawn United Methodist Church. She was retired from the US Bankruptcy Court. She was a loving and devoted wife, mother, and grandmother who will be dearly missed by her husband, Warren L. "Bo" Davis; her daughters, Cathy Thomas and Anita Gober; and her son Noel Hurst.

Pat was very active in WCC, serving on Women's Resource Center and the Silent Auction, among other things.

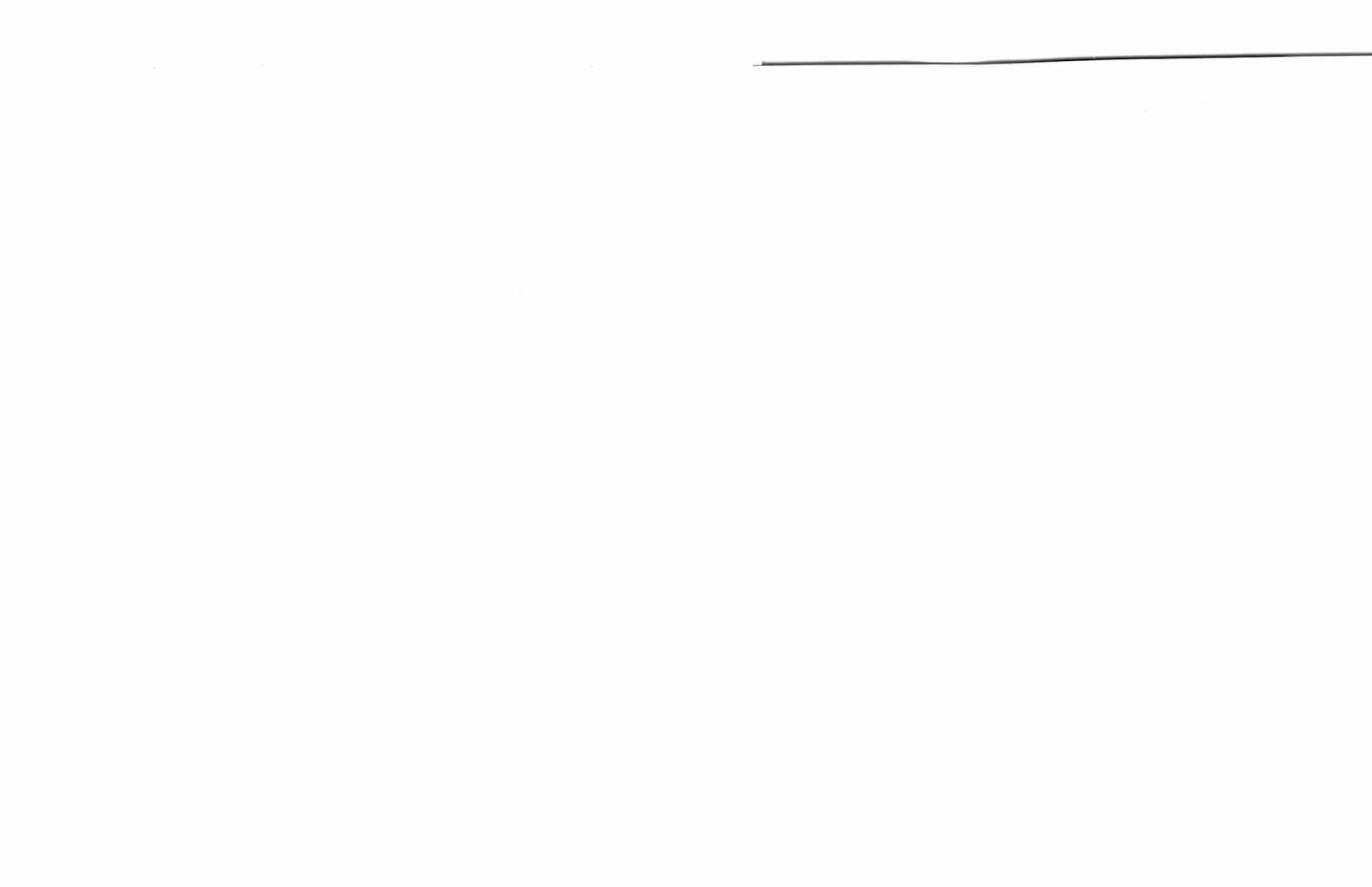


*Our Deepest
Sympathy*

Wren Reader Johnson

Wren Johnson, 84, of Foley, Alabama, and a longtime resident of Panama City Beach died on Saturday, November 25, 2017 at her residence. She is survived by her husband of 63 years, Horace Donald Johnson, a daughter and granddaughter, and many nieces and nephews.

Wren was very active in WCC for many years. (No picture is available)



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Beve Lutz, Director



Coming Events



- ◆ December 7—Luncheon 11 a.m.
Dolce— Grand Panama Center
Christmas Program
- ◆ December 9 - Christmas Parade
Pier Park—5 p.m.
- ◆ December 28—Executive Board Meeting
- ◆ Happy New Year 2018!!
- ◆ January 4 - Luncheon 11 a.m.
Montego Bay— Edgewater Plaza
Business Meeting
Appointment of Nominating Committee
- ◆ January 25—Executive Board Meeting
- ◆ February 1—Luncheon 11 a.m.
- ◆ February 3—Dance & Silent Auction
Lyndell Center
- ◆ March 3—Spring Fling Art & Crafts Show



Holiday Recipe

from Julie Bailey

This is a recipe for cranberry chutney. We used to prepare it for the Thanksgiving and Christmas season but now buy a few bags of cranberries when they go on sale and have it all year around with pork dishes. It was given to my mother by a retired Army couple. If ever there was a keeper recipe, this is it.

CRANBERRY CHUTNEY

1—14 oz. bag cranberries
3 pears diced in 1/3 inch cubes (I leave the skin on. I also like a firm pear)
1 small container of the lemon peel. (You can only purchase it this time of year)
1 3/4 cup sugar

Put all ingredients in a pot on low to medium heat. Bring to a boil and boil for 15 minutes.

That's it. Enjoy!





Above is the beautiful display of goodies supplied by WCC waiting for hungry carolers to sample. Seen working are Lori Becerra, Luciann Jacobs and Karen Honeycutt. (Photo by Deborah England)

Tree Lighting Ceremony in new venue this year at Aaron Bessant Park.

After having the annual Tree Lighting ceremony at Frank Brown Park's gym, this year the start for the Christmas Season was moved to Aaron Bessant Park.

Karen Gunsaulus and Cary Deasaro were co-chairs of the committee. They efficiently organized workers and recruited cookies and goodies from members.

However, at the last minute, Karen had a medical issue and had to go to Bay Medical Hosp.

The workers pitched in, the gorgeous cookies and goodies

arrived from generous members, Arnold's band played, the school choirs sang and the Christmas Tree was lit..... The Christmas Season has officially begun in Panama City Beach for another year.



Elaine Lichtenberger sent this photo showing how she was all ready to celebrate her birthday with family and friends in Ohio last Saturday. She was happy too that Ohio State beat Wisconsin!

News of Our Shut-ins

Please remember these members with a card or a call.

Karen Gunsaulus was in Bay Medical recently, as stated in a previous article.

A few doors down the hallway from Karen, was Beth Watrous. Beth has since transferred to St. Andrews Bay Rehab Center, 2100 Jenks Ave., Panama City 32405. Phone (850) 763-0446.

Jean Cooney is recovering from two broken hands.

Brenda Bryson fell recently and suffered a concussion.

Others to remember are Elaine Quigley, Joyce Rouillard, Dottie Perfetti, Shirley Crawford, Gwen Odenheimer, Shirley Williams and Cherry Creekmore.





Nancy Parker, Karen Honeycutt, Kay Vider and her grandson, Andrew, are seen helping distribute S'more Kits at the "Home for the Holidays" event at Aaron Bessant Park.

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS



Brenda Bryson, Abbie Vider, Sue Jiles and Janet Roan are ready for customers.



Brenda Bryson, Abbie Vider, (Kay's granddaughter) and Cheri Leistner serve customers.



Diane Vitale, Nancy Stovall and Carol Lynn



Brenda Bryson, Abbie Vider, Sue Jiles and Janet Roan