



# The Civic Courier

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## From the President's Desk

Nancy Stovall

"Tis the season to hear Andy Williams sing, "It's the most wonderful time of the year, with the kids jingle belling, and everyone telling you be of good cheer." And it is, the most wonderful time of the year because your dedication and hard work allows us to give back to the community by presenting several checks to organizations during our December luncheon.

December presents boundless demands – parties, shopping, baking, cleaning and entertaining. Make sure you take time for yourself and take the opportunity to spread good cheer by participating in the Panama City Beach Christmas Parade on December 14th at Pier Park.

The Beach Boogie Dance and Silent Auction on February 1st is rapidly approaching. Many of you are involved in the planning, soliciting and giving to make the event a huge success. Thank you for all you do!

Following on the heels of the dance and auction is the Spring Fling Arts & Craft Sale, which will be held at Frank Brown Park on March 7th. Vendors are needed for the event.

*Nancy*

**"God bless you at Christmas and bring you good cheer, and keep your heart happy each day of the year." Helen Steiner Rice**



Christmas has come to Pier Park once more with help from Kirby Holt of Chipley, who decorated the 36-foot Christmas Tree. Kirby is an international award-winning designer and long-time friend of Women's Civic Club of PCB.

## Beautiful weather helps to make "Home for the Holidays" a success

Once again the TDC asked the WCC to hand out s'mores, hats and shirts at "Home for the Holidays" at Aaron Bessant Park the Friday and Saturday after Thanksgiving.

"This is a great opportunity to earn money for club projects and bring joy and the Christmas spirit to the community while doing it," said Sue Jiles, Co-Chair of the Special Beach Events Committee.

Now in its fifth year, the weekend of fun included carol-themed concerts, s'mores, nightly fireworks and the lighting of the 36-foot Christmas Tree. Saturday's concert featured the Panama City POPS Orchestra.



Shown working on the S'mores Kits, are (L to R) Pam Kirby, Roberta Bernhardt, Gail Claffey and Julie Sanders.



# Committee Activities

## Candy still needed for Christmas Parade Dec. 14

All members are encouraged to participate in the Optimist Christmas Parade in Pier Park on Saturday, December 14, 2019. Janet Roan is also asking once more for members to bring candy to the December luncheon. The candy is tossed to bystanders during the parade. Many of you have already brought candy, and it is greatly appreciated.

This event really gets you in the Christmas spirit! Those interested should contact Janet so enough golf carts will be available. Wear your Christmas outfits and have fun! She will give you directions and times to meet.

## Silent Auction

The annual Beach Boogie & Silent Auction is coming up **February 1, 2020**. Please start looking around your homes now for items to donate to the auction. A few examples are as follows: art work, gift baskets, liquor, or items for regifting.

The committee is making theme baskets for the auction. For December the basket themes for donations to be brought to the luncheon meeting will be

**Guys Basket, Gals Basket & Fun and Games**

Also any items may be dropped off at Felicia England's office, Trustmark, located at 2305 Thomas Drive (beside McDonalds).

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## Arts & Craft Committee sets plans in action for March 7th



The Arts & Crafts Committee met Nov. 19th at Frank Brown Park to make preparations for Spring Fling which will be held there March 7, 2020, the same day as the Scottish Festival.

Shown above is CoChairman Elaine Lichtenberger directing the meeting, with Nan Vandenberg and Co Chairman Sue Jiles.

Right are Charyl Thew, President Nancy Stovall, Cheri Leistner and Roberta Bernhardt.

## Special Beach Events

Sue Jiles announces that the TDC will be having a Mardi Gras this upcoming year and WCC will be working on that event. Updates soon.

## Bunco

Save the Date! January 16, 2020—10 a.m.

Where? Taylor's Restaurant (formerly The Egg & I)

The cost is \$18.00 including lunch.

For reservations or questions text

Judy Hardegree 850-319-3583





Pam Kirby

## Meet new member Pam Kirby

Pam Kirby was installed at the November meeting. She is looking forward to working in the club and getting to know the members.

Pam has written some information about herself that she would like to share.

“I was raised in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, home of the LSU Fighting Tigers! My husband served in the Air Force and we lived in Oklahoma, California, Alabama, Florida, Italy, Washington DC, New Mexico and back to Washington DC.

We have two sons and the oldest has given us three grandchildren. They have been visiting us every June for 3-4 weeks since they were two and they especially love Florida.

After retirement in 2015, we moved to PCB and have been happy with our choice. We both enjoy the shorts and flip-flop lifestyle, the salt air and sandy beach. We continue to travel in retirement and are glad not to have to work around vacation time. We can stay as long as we want.

My interests include cooking and baking. For creativity, I enjoy painting and sewing, but most of the time I spend volunteering.

Having the freedom to volunteer at church and now with the Women’s Civic Club is a bonus I look forward to getting.”

Pam has chosen Ironman, Special Beach Events, Member to Member and Sunshine committees to work on. Roberta Bernhardt is her sponsor.



## BIRTHDAYS

- 3 – Elaine Lichtenberger
- 9 – Jean Cooney
- 9- Luciann Jacobs
- 14 – Susan Curry
- 16 – Karen Honeycutt
- 30 – Gayle Oberst

## Thanksgiving Cookie Treats were fun surprise for all

Those who attended the November meeting received a wonderful Thanksgiving Cookie Treat to take home!

The treats were cheerfully distributed by Brandi Hezinger, who is a prospective member. Her sponsor is Cheri Leistner. She also has donated 23 sets of sheets for Domestic Violence.

Brandi is very interested in becoming a member so she may continue serving the Panama City Beach community.



## Year Book Addition

Pam Kirby 208 S. SanSouci 32413  
 Cell: 202-306-2131 pbkirby52@gmail.com  
 Birthday: 11/03 Installation: 11/2019  
 Sponsor: Roberta Bernhardt

## Life Quote

“It’s not what’s under the tree that matters. It’s who’s gathered around it.”

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## Coming Events

- ◆ Dec.5—Luncheon Meeting - 11 a.m.  
Edgewater Conference Center  
Patronis Choir  
Program: Gifts to Community
- ◆ Dec. 14—Optimist Christmas Parade  
Pier Park
- ◆ Dec. 19—Executive Board Meeting  
10 a.m.—Chamber Board Room
- ◆ Dec. 25 - Christmas
- ◆ Dec. 31 - New Year's Eve  
at Pier Park
- ◆ Jan. 2 -Luncheon Meeting 11 a.m.  
Olive Garden—Pier Park  
Business Meeting  
Appointment of Nominating Com.
- ◆ Feb. 1 - Dance & Silent Auction  
Lyndell Center 6-10 p.m.
- ◆ March 7-Spring Fling Art & Crafts Show  
Frank Brown Park



Sandy & Tony Young are the Friday volunteers at the Community Food Pantry. They were very pleased with all the items brought in from the collection at the November meeting.



Tony Young and Nan Vandenberg are excited about the variety of items she dropped off at the Food Pantry after the November collection. They were astounded at the generosity of members of WCC.



A happy boy enjoys his S'mores

# Home for the Holidays



Happy workers are Lynn Padgett, Cheri Leistner, Susan Curry, Roberta Bernhardt and Joyce Goetz.



Janet Roan, Carol Breitweiser, Diane Vitale, Diana Jerrels, Elaine Lichtenberger and Judy Hardegree



Lots of S'mores kits to serve

## Lunch after Board Meeting



Above are seen (L to R), Elaine Lichtenberger and Nan VandenBerg after a recent Board Meeting at Taylor's enjoying birthday cake in honor of Nan's 92nd birthday.

## Auction Committee Meeting



Members gather around as Barbara Vecrumba and Felicia England, Co-Chairmen of the Auction Committee, meet to discuss plans for the coming Auction after the October meeting at Fishale. The event will take place on Saturday, February 1, 2020 from 6-10 p.m. at Lyndell Center.