



The Civic Courier

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Diane Vitale

From the President's Desk

Dear Members:

January, the time for resolutions. The definition being "a firm decision to do or not do something".

As I participate in the various committee meetings lately, what I notice is there's a thread that permeates the atmosphere, an attitude of "making it happen" that may be the common New Year's resolution of our members.

A new component introduced this year for our dance is sponsor tables. Ten to be exact at a cost of \$250. They sold out in a few days. Many new ideas are flourishing, glamorizing the experience. Excitement abounds!

Making ready for March 5th is the Arts and Crafts committee which reports the number of vendors exceeding our previous commitments for this point in time. Members are scampering to bring together established and new vendors.

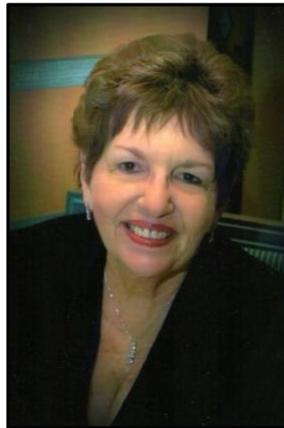
To emphasize my original point I'm offering a famous saying, " Some people want it to happen, some wish it would happen, others make it happen". *Michael Jordan*

May we all continue to "Make it happen".

Diane, President

"Foundations of the Club"

The February edition of The Civic Courier, "Foundations of the Club" is highlighting Shirley Williams and focusing on the Officers of the Club.



Shirley Williams

Shirley Williams and her husband permanently moved to Panama City Beach in 1995 from Helen, Georgia after alternating time between their log cabin in Helen seven months of the year and other destinations throughout Florida the other five months. In Panama City Beach, along with other snowbirds, they became actively involved in square dancing where they would "circle left" "do si do" six nights a week. In addition to dancing, she liked to play cards, play bunco, participate in water aerobics, play golf and travel.

Sadly, her husband was diagnosed with cancer in 1996 and wanting to make sure Shirley stayed involved, he encouraged her to join the Women's Civic Club after he had seen an article about the club and decided it was the place for her. She was installed in May 1997 just before her husband passed away in July.

Shirley has three children, two daughters and a son, three grandchildren and two great grandchildren. After having no "related" family in Panama City Beach for twenty-six years, she decided to move to Ormond Beach, Florida to be close to her daughter. Shirley was quick to point out that many tears were shed when she had to leave the "friend" family in Panama City Beach.

Over twenty years, Shirley and her friend Glenda worked at the library. She was also actively involved with domestic violence. As Corresponding Secretary and Chair of the Sunshine Committee, she would send out cards, deliver flowers and visit people. She said it was an opportunity for her to get to know people.

When asked if she had any advice for club members, she said "always deliver with a smile and be kind to others."

Officers of the Club

Club officers play an important role in assuring club activities are driven by the Constitution and the By-Laws of the organization. Serving as an officer provides opportunities for developing skills by working together to accomplish club goals, improving communication by writing, leading and speaking. The Women's Civic Club has six officers: President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer. At the January General Meeting, a nominating committee was appointed by the President and the slate of officers proposed by the committee will be presented at the February General Meeting. During the March General Meeting, after reading the proposed slate of officers, the President will call for any additional nominations from the floor. (Ref: ByLaws, Article V., Section 1)

Not every member of the club chooses to serve as an officer, but some may like to have the opportunity. If this is a role you would like to pursue, make it known. You may like the opportunity and have the skills, but feel you are not ready. Talk with the current officer and ask if they would mentor you and help you prepare for the office. It is extremely helpful to serve as a Chair or Co-Chair and attend the board meetings where you will gain understanding of the workings of the club and deeper knowledge of the Constitution and the By-Laws of our organization. Officers must be available to attend the board and general meetings. Listed below are some of the duties and skills required of each officer. (Ref: By-Laws, Article VI., Section 1)

President: Presides at every meeting, maintains order, enforces the Constitution and By-Laws, acts as Chairman of the Boards, appoints committees and is automatically a member of all committees. Represents the club at events and to the public and should always be positive and professional. Will need access to computer to prepare the agendas, to internet in order to communicate with the members and writing skills for the preparation of the President messages.

First Vice President: Assists the President and presides in the absence of the President, serves as the Chairman of Membership and Installation Officer. Will need access to a computer and a working knowledge of Excel and Word for maintaining the membership database and access to internet to communicate with members and potential members.

Second Vice President: Presides in the absence of the First Vice President and/or President, serves as Chairman of the Luncheons and Programs Committee for all General Meetings. Organizational, negotiation and coordination skills are an important part of this role.

Recording Secretary: Keeps, in a permanent form, the minutes of each General Meeting and the minutes of each Board meeting and presents them at the following respective meeting. Prepares the history of the work accomplished by the club each year and submits for presentation in the yearbook. Will need access to a computer and a working knowledge of Word. Writing and listening skills are important in this role.

Corresponding Secretary: Responsible for all the correspondence files, serves as Chairman of the Sunshine Committee which is responsible for sending out birthday, get well and sympathy cards and coordinates memorial gifts. Organizational, writing and compassion is important for this role.

Treasurer: Makes payments and reimburse expenses, deposits luncheon checks and ticket sales (dance/silent auction/art & craft), prepares donation checks for December meeting, reconciles monthly bank statement, prepares financial reports for board meetings and luncheon meetings and presents these reports to the group, files for FL sales tax exemption, purchases insurance/liquor license as necessary for dance and/or special beach events, monitors committees expenses to ensure they are within their budget, prepares the annual budget, makes recommendations for additional expenditures of funds if excess funds are available, assists with preparation of annual federal tax return. Prepares and files bi-annual sales tax returns, an annual solicitation report with the Florida Department of Agriculture and an annual report to the Florida Secretary of State. Responsible for ensuring that required signatures are updated at the bank for both the checking account and safety deposit box. Responsible for safekeeping of the VISA charge card, petty cash, safe deposit box key and the storage facility key. The quickbooks for accounting and reporting is installed on the club's owned laptop and can be quickly mastered by someone with some computer experience. Must have access to a printer, copier and internet.

" Members and Guests Enjoy the January General Meeting"



Club Members and Guests



Panama City Beach Police Chief J.R. Talamantez

Forty-four members and guests enjoyed lunch at the Boardwalk Beach Hotel & Convention Center for the January Women's Civic Club General Meeting. Panama City Beach Police Chief J.R. Talamantez shared his vision and plans for his department and information on what is happening in Panama City Beach.

"New Member Installation"



**Nancy Stovall (Installation Officer, Carol Benson, Diane Vitale (Sponsor)
Dena Roewe, Monica Thomas (Sponsor), Jeanette Poland**

"Welcome New Members"

I'm the owner of Lay's Insurance Agency, the only female owned FL Blue agency in Bay County. I've been with FL Blue since 2002 and am a graduate of FSU Panama City with a major in Communications minor in Business. I have two adult children, Josh, who is in the Navy and Heather, a stay at home Mom to 4 beautiful boys. I enjoy walking, biking and spending time with my grandsons.



Carol Benson



Jeanette Poland

Hi! I'm Jeanette and it is an honor to be inducted into the Women's Civic Club. I was born and raised in California where I met my husband of 41 years Ron. We have two grown daughters. Our oldest Jennifer lives here in Panama City Beach with her husband and their two children. Our youngest Stephanie and her husband live in Washington state. My husband and I have been retired for a few years now and have enjoyed traveling and volunteering with our church and various organizations in Jacksonville, Florida where we most recently lived. Last year we decided it would be wonderful to be closer to the grandkids and moved to Panama City Beach. We recently began construction on a home in the new Latitude Margaritaville Watersound community. My hobbies include traveling, camping, hiking, boating, reading, gardening, hanging out with the family, and volunteering with my church and community. I look forward to getting to know you all!

My husband Barry and I moved to PCB from Dallas, Texas in September 2021 to begin the semi-retirement phase of our lives. Prior to retirement I was a Vice President/Senior Underwriter for multifamily loans. I'm officially retired from number-crunching! We enjoyed volunteering in Dallas, especially for the Susan G. Komen 3-Day and serving as a foster home for many rescue dogs.

We are excited to have more time to volunteer here to be an active part of the community. Our retirement home is under construction in Latitude Margaritaville so we are here to stay! Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your group.



Dena Roewe

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

Raising Funds



If you would like to purchase a ticket for the Dance and Silent Auction, please contact Sue Jiles or Jane Fillingim. We only have a few tickets remaining.

Beginning Friday, February 4th at noon, we will begin decorating the tables and venue. We will need many hands, so if you can assist, your help would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you to all of you for your participation and support of this important fund-raising event. It's going to be a great and fun evening!

Your Co-Chairs: Darlene Dial & Jane Fillingim

Raising Funds

Special Beach Events



Monica Thomas, Sony Edwards, Phil and Arlene Klaas



**Diane Vitale, Vicky Andrews (Guest),
Nancy Stovall, Sally Erdmann(Supporter)**

"Pier Park Beach Bag Drop"



Cheri Leistner, Jackie Logan



**Can you name the member under the hat?
with Monica Thomas**

The 14th annual Pier Park Beach Bag Drop drew thousands of people from all over the United States and kicked off 2022 right. Women's Civic Club members, their husbands and guests distributed 10,100 hats to the New Year's Eve revelers! Sue Jiles and Monica Thomas, Special Beach Events Committee Co-Chairs, thanked the volunteers for their generosity of spirit and for taking time out of their own celebration. Our members are such an asset to our organization. "Very cool", "Extravagant", "It's amazing" was heard throughout the night.

Raising Funds

Spring Fling Arts and Craft Show

We are moving full steam ahead with our 2022 Spring Fling Arts and Crafts show! An exciting array of new and returning vendors is in store for everyone! The Arts and Crafts committee needs your help! Please do your part by:

- Marking March 5, 2022 from 9-3 on your calendar!
- Signing up at our next meeting to work an hour or two on March 5!
- Showing up on March 5 to shop - bring friends, neighbors and family!
- Sharing the Spring Fling flyer and/or information on your neighborhood newsletters, on your condo bulletin boards, on your Facebook page, and with friends and family!

The Women's Civic Club of Panama City Beach presents:

Spring Fling

JURIED ARTS AND CRAFT SHOW AND SALE



SATURDAY MARCH 5, 2022 9AM-3PM

**FRANK BROWN PARK RECREATION CENTER
16200 PANAMA CITY BEACH PARKWAY
PANAMA CITY BEACH, FL 32413**

CAFÉ WILL BE OPEN THROUGHOUT SHOW HOURS

Donation only \$1.00 for adults

Sponsored by the Women's Civic Club of Panama City Beach, FL, Inc
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VENDOR INFORMATION AND APPLICATION ON OUR WEBSITE www.wccpcb.org

Questions may be emailed to womenscivicclub@ol.com

Supporting the Community

Food Pantry

At the February Meeting we will be collecting:

- * Complete Pancake Mix (add water only)
- * Pancake Syrup
- * Jelly
- * Canned Fruit
- * Canned Corn
- * Baked Beans
- * Spaghetti
- * Spaghetti Sauce with Meat
- * Hot Chocolate Mix
- * Pop Tarts
- * Chicken Broth
- * Dry Milk
- * Canned Ham
- * Cat Food
- * Dog Food
- * Toiletries - particularly Shampoo

School Projects

Gail Claffey and Monica Thomas, Co-Chairs of the School Projects Committee, want to thank the Women's Civic Club members for their generous contributions to the school project collections. The schools are appreciative of the donations.

School Project Committee with Donations



Monica Thomas, Gail Claffey, Debbie Wood, Jackie Logan, Gloria Turner, Jeanette and Ron Poland, Tammy Haight, Lisa Stretch

Patronis Elementary



Lisa Fish (School Representative), Gail Claffey, Doris Bayliss

Breakfast Point Academy



Principal Clint Whitfield, Diane Vitale, Jeanette Poland

Hutchinson Beach Elementary



Principal Glenda Nouskhajian, Cherie Lagace, Monica Thomas

Walsingham Academy



Lisa Stretch, School Counselor Micah Holt

West Bay Elementary



Dave and Karen Demeester, Jackie Logan, Principal Deniece Moss

Spending Time Together

Member to Member



Rowan Quave

The Member to Member committee sponsored a Bunco party at Taylor's Restaurant on January 20th. Twenty members played, socialized, laughed and had a fabulous time, as well as a delicious lunch. Prize winners were: Most Games Won - Luciann Jacobs, Last to Bunco - Rowan Quave (both first time players of the game), Most Buncos - Gail Claffey and Most Losses - Maddie Niederberger, who was also honored with the "Happy Birthday" song. Door prizes were also presented. Special thanks to Patty Rocco for organizing this event. Also, thanks to Lynn Padgett, Jackie Logan and Sue Jiles for helping out!

The Member to Member committee has several events in the planning stages. First up will be a presentation by Julie Sanders on Healthy Meal Prep using your freezer, crock pot and instant pot on March 10 from 2 – 4 in the clubroom at Hibiscus By the Bay Condos. You can create healthy meals that are ready for busy nights. These meals are also great to “gift” to a new mom, or to a family that is going through a stressful time. Julie will have some samples so you can taste the finished product! We will also be sampling some of the Rada dips. So many of you have asked when we will be placing another Rada order for knives, kitchen ware and dip mixes. This will be you chance to sample some items that you might not have tried before and to pick up a catalog for you, your family or friends to make an order. If you haven't tried one of the Rada products yet, we have heard nothing but high comments on them.

The committee also is working a New Member Orientation. This will give our many new members a chance to review the operations of each of our committees and to speak with the chair or member from each committee. As soon as a date and location has been finalized, we will get you the information. But we are planning to have this event prior to our April luncheon.

More buncos have been requested, so we will be scheduling those soon! And some other fun activities are being planned, and will be announced soon as well. Hope you can participate!

As you can see, this is a fun committee. It gives us the chance to schedule some fun activities so that our members can socialize and get to know each other better.

Cheri

Supporting Members

Sunshine Committee

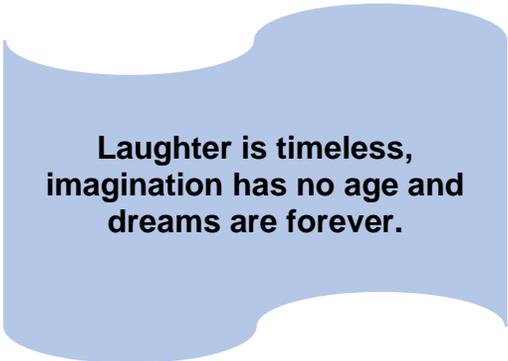
The Sunshine Committee has wonderful members who are sending birthday cards, get well notes and thinking of you cards. However, if we do not know of a member who is having health issues, we miss out on supporting that member. Please help us keep in touch with those members to let them know we as a club care about them. Contact me with the information and I will disseminate the information to the committee members. Thank you, Gloria Turner, Sunshine Committee Chairman (850)588-8426 gloturn1@gmail.com

Recognizing our Members

Happy Birthday Wishes !!

February

- 10 Sue Jiles
- 17 Felicia England
- 18 Tammy Haight



Important Dates for your Calendar

Laissez les Bons Temps Rouler

Volunteers Needed

Mardi Gras

Aaron Bessant Park

Saturday, February 12th

11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

TDC has asked WCC to provide the beer concessions for the two concerts. Sign up at the February 5th luncheon or contact Sue Jiles (ssjiles@aol.com)

Upcoming Events

- February 3 General Meeting at Springhill Suites, 12513 Front Beach Road, 11AM
- February 5 Beach Boogie Dance & Silent Auction, Lyndell Center, 5:30-10 PM
- February 8 Community Outreach Committee Meeting, Grand Panama Beach Resort, 4 PM
- February 12 Mardi Gras at Aaron Bessant Park, 11:30AM-3:30PM
- February 24 Board Meeting at Chamber of Commerce, 309 Richard Jackson Blvd, 10 AM
- March 19 UNwineD at Aaron Bessant Park, 1:00PM

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