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From the President's Desk

Nancy Stovall

Dear Members,

"Valentine's Day" is celebrated around the world. Although its history is not entirely known, it is a day when people show their affection/care for another person or people. Although each of you may not give someone a special valentine or a box of chocolates on February 14th, your commitment to the mission of our club shows how much you care.

The Beach Boogie Dance and Silent Auction was a memorable event. The St. Joe Community Foundation sponsored our event, tickets sold out in record time, the silent auction items were plentiful and our very own Diane Vitale shared the event and focused on the Women's Club on WJHG TV. Thank you for your part in making it a success.

For the Panama City Beach Mardi Gras and Music Festival on February 22nd, the Special Beach Committee is taking lessons learned from last year and projecting even better sales in 2020.

The Arts & Craft committee is excited to be located at Frank Brown Park for our Spring Fling Arts & Craft Sale on March 7th. They have some creative ideas, which will benefit our vendors and our club.

Mark your calendars for the UNwined event on March 21st and for the April 2nd Luncheon Meeting at Harpoon's Harry's, which will feature our fashion show and is a great time to invite all of your friends and family.

Nancy

"Never believe that a few caring people can't change the world" Margaret Mead



Dance & Auction tickets sold like hot cakes



Seen above are patrons enjoying the refreshments served by students from the Culinary Arts Program at Arnold High School. A menu of the various courses on each table helped everyone know what delicious items were in store for them, listing everything from appetizers to desserts.

A wonderful time was had by all who attended the Beach Boogie Dance and Silent Auction on Saturday, February 1, 2020, at Lyndell Center. Tickets were completely sold out a week before the event, and many people were disappointed that they couldn't attend, according to Kay Vider, Dance Chairman.

Jim Lawson again played his music that so many people enjoyed dancing to. The dance floor was packed for every song.

The Silent Auction room was filled with many interesting items—more than ever before. Chairs Felicia England and Barbara Vecrumba had everything displayed well, which attracted many buyers. They had a great deal of help from Cheri Leistner and Sue Jiles.

One of the biggest additions this year was having the food served to each table by the students from the Arnold High School Culinary Program. This saved the patrons from standing in long lines and gave them more time to have fun eating, dancing and looking at the auction items.

The Kitchen Committee, co-chaired by Nancy Stovall, Charyl Thew & Arlene Klaas brought many new ideas to make things run smoothly, and it made it more enjoyable for those attending.



Above are the Culinary Arts Program students from Arnold High School, who helped to make dining at the Beach Boogie Dance more enjoyable for all who attended. They did a very efficient job.

(For more pictures of the Beach Boogie Dance & Auction, see Pages 6 & 7)

Salvation Army pleased with donations from WCC for their Save House



Domestic Violence Committee Chairman, Roberta Bernhardt sent pictures of her latest delivery to the Salvation Army from WCC.

Above are Lana Knight, DV Program Assistant and Kim Garrett with 32 pillows, 32 bath towels and 108 forks.

Right are Lana and Donna Mooney with a microwave and quilt.

The items will be taken to their Save House for the victims of Domestic Violence.

They were very grateful to the Women's Civic Club of PCB for its help in their program.



Committee Activities

Special Beach Events

Sue Jiles announces that the TDC Mardi Gras will be February 21st & 22nd and WCC will be working on the event on the 22nd. More updates later.

Donations for February

This month the School Projects Committee is asking for donations of teacher supplies for all four of the elementary schools here on the Beach. The items they need are as follows:

- Paper towels
- Large bottles of antimicrobial soap
- Clorox wipes
- Lysol spray
- Quart-size Ziplock plastic bags
- Large boxes of facial tissues
- Dry Erase markers
- Crayons
- Pencils

If you have any questions, please contact Gail Claffey or Gloria Turner.

Arts & Crafts Committee

The Arts & Crafts Committee will meet on Wednesday, February 5, 2020, at 1:30 p.m. at Frank Brown Park to finalize plans for "Spring Fling" which will be held at Frank Brown Park on March 7, 2020, the same day as the Scottish Festival. Chairman Elaine Lichtenberger would like to remind members to look for new vendors and get the applications in to her. She will have registration forms and flyers available at the February luncheon meeting.

Reach out to the community to ensure a record-breaking attendance. There will be a food bar and a fun atmosphere while visiting the various booths. (See flyer on Page 8)

Please, remember items for the Food Pantry each month!

All food staples, paper products, toilet articles, personal hygiene, laundry products and soap are needed.



New Member Information

Please enter into your yearbook!

The following women were installed at the January meeting at Mike's Dinner.

Brandi Hezinger

13123 E. Emerald Coast Pkwy.
Suite B,

Inlet Beach, FL 32461

Phone: (918) 804-5558

Birthday: 8/22

Installed: January 2, 2020

E-mail: Bhezinger@gmail.com

Sponsor: Cheri Leistner

Lisa Stretch

8700 Front Beach Rd. #4206
Panama City Beach, FL 32407

Phone: Home-850-235-8635
Cell—502-777-3959

Birthday: 8/25

Installed: January 2, 2020

E-mail: lstretch825@yahoo.com

Sponsor: Arlene Klaas

For further information about our new members, **please turn to Page 5.**



Birthdays

FEBRUARY

10 – Sue Jiles

17 – Felicia England

Year Book Changes

Please make the following changes in your year book:

Cheri Leistner

3501 Dragon's Ridge Rd.
PCB, FL 32408

Mailing address:

PO Box 27905
PCB, FL 32411

Yes, that's correct, Cheri moved through the holidays and the Silent Auction and survived. She certainly gets the Super Woman of the Month award!



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Coming Events

- ◆ February 6 -Luncheon Meeting—11 a.m.
Fish Ale Tap House & Grill
7715 Front Beach Road
Speaker: Mayor Mike Thomas
- ◆ February 14—Valentine's Day 
- ◆ February 21-22 -PCB Mardi
Gras & Music Festival
- ◆ February 27—Executive Board Mtg.
Taylor's on Thomas Drive 10 a.m.
- ◆ March 5—Luncheon Meeting –11 a.m.
Captain Jack's Family Buffet
- ◆ March 7—Spring Fling Art & Crafts
Show
Frank Brown Park
- ◆ April 2—Luncheon & Fashion Show
Invite a Friend



*Our Deepest
Sympathy*



Jeff McLane, son of Phyllis

Jeffrey M. McLane, 63, of Panama City Beach, FL, passed away on January 16, 2020. Born to Donald and Phyllis McLane on August 19, 1956 in Kittanning, PA, Jeffery's career included working at Weirton Steel Corporation, followed by sales, principally new car sales, earning him multiple awards from Ford in South Carolina.

Jeff was preceded in death by his father, Donald C. McLane, Sr. of Bloomingdale, OH and brother, Donald C. "Kip" McLane, of Fort Myers, FL.

He is survived by his mother, Phyllis L. McLane of Panama City Beach, FL, and brothers Kerry A. McLane, of Panama City Beach, FL and Terry A. McLane, of Asheville, NC. He is also survived by his aunts, uncle and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services were handled by Kent Forest Lawn. Memorial donations, in lieu of flowers, may be made to Childhood Development Academy, St. Bernadette Church, 1214 Moylan Road, Panama City Beach, FL 32407. Please keep Phyllis and her family in your thoughts and prayers.



Lisa Stretch

I am originally from Louisville, KY. My husband, Clay, and I moved here to PCB in May. We had been snowbirds for a couple of years, and had vacationed in PCB as well. While we were here last Jan-March, we decided to take the plunge and move down here, we returned to KY, sold our house and almost all of our belongings after we found our condo at Island Reserve. We came down here with a

Two new members inducted at January meeting

card table and four chairs, and a blow-up mattress. I had pre-ordered furniture in April, so we only had a couple of weeks of roughing it. What an adventure!! I have always lived in KY, but also loved the beach and any body of water. Perhaps I should have been a mermaid.

Between us, we have four grown daughters and nine grandchildren. They are scattered in Ky, Ohio, and Washington state. I am a retired nurse, with 37 years of practice. My focus was on brain injury rehab and psychiatry specialties. However, when I retired, I had been an elementary school nurse for around five years. I dearly loved that job. It was like having 420 grandchildren under my wing every day.

My passion is helping others, no matter what the capacity may be. I love

people of all ages and any animal I can possibly get my hands on. I do a medical mission each July to Antigua, Guatamala, and it is truly the highlight of each year. The Guatamalians hold a very special place in my heart and I have forged life-long friendships there.

I was fortunate to have met my sponsor, Arlene Klaas, last year at their home at Grand Panama. We tossed around the idea of relocating here, and in our conversations she had talked so highly of the Women's Civic Club, that I looked forward to being able to join in and start making my contributions to our new home community. I am excited to see where this new adventure will take me, and I offer myself up to serve diligently.

Hi, my name is Brandi Hezinger. I guess if there were adjectives to describe myself they would be creative, hardworking, dependable and entrepreneurial. with interest in Interiors, Architecture, Fashion and Design.

I grew up in Grand island, Nebraska as a child. Then as a family we moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma. Where I attended Bishop Kelly, a private Catholic School. This school had a program where requiring students to do service as a part of participating in the school. I felt drawn to working in a battered women's home. That volunteering sparked an interest in giving back.

For the first year of college, I attended Drury in Springfield, MO with the intent of becoming an architect. quickly discovering that was not my calling. Second year of college I switched to the Art Institute in Dallas, TX.

After graduation I moved back to Tulsa where I started a business called Brandilee Designs (BLD). I traveled around the United States painting murals and doing restorations for Catholic Churches. I extended my education and knowledge by

studying mural painting in France and in Italy.

When I wasn't traveling, I would do design for commercial and residential homes and taught classes at Tulsa Technology College and in studio classes.

When 9/11 happened, I decided to move to PC and enjoy a life on the beach. I was able to start a business here because there were people from Tulsa who welcomed me and believed in my work. So BLD (Brandilee Designs) was now an entity in Florida.

I enjoyed many years working in 30-A at Alys Beach and Rosemary Beach.

Seeing that the market was going to slow down in 2007, I made plans to go back to Tulsa with my new family. In Tulsa I kept BLD open, traveled to Florida once a month and opened Hezinger's Construction, a trucking company, and Soyaz Construction, a house buying and flipping company.

While in Tulsa, after many years of running a company, I wanted to start giving back. So I was a Baroness for the Cancer Society and volunteered in many other organizations.



Brandi Hezinger

Fast forward. We are back in Florida, still running a trucking company in Tulsa, and still building and buying houses through Soyaz construction. BLD has graduated into an interior decorating and staging business.

I am honored to be a part of the WCC and to be giving back to this beautiful community that my family proudly calls "Home".



President Nancy Stovall had the kitchen well in hand with much help from Charyl Thew and Carol Lynn.



Above are members who spent endless hours putting this event together, (L to R) Felicia England, Auction Chairman; Cheri Leistner, Sue Jiles and Kay Vider, Dance and Ticket Chairman.



More of the Kitchen Crew are these hardworking, cheerful workers. From left to right are Fran Cassella's niece, Fran Cassella, Karen Honeycutt and Gloria Turner.



Auction Co-chair, Barbara Vecrumba (right) is seen chatting with a friend in the Auction Room. Barbara also spent many hours in preparation for the big night.

Beach Boogie Dance and Auction



The bidding room for the Silent Auction was a huge attraction for many. There was a wonderful selection from which to choose, and many went home with their treasures and smiles on their faces.



Darlene Dial and Jean Sturman issued bidding numbers to our guests.



Elaine Lichtenberger was very busy selling Raffle Tickets for the beautiful baskets on the table, which were made by Judy Hardegree and Nancy Parker.

Beach Boogie Dance and Auction



Before and After



Gloria Turner still had energy to swing out there on the dance floor, even after working in the kitchen all day. She learned all those fancy steps in classes right there at the Lyndell Center. A good time was had by all! (See below, also.)



The dance floor was filled with dancers every time Jim Lawson played some of his popular tunes. From line dancing and polkas to fox trots and waltzes, they danced to them all and had a fun time.



SATURDAY MARCH 7, 2020 9AM-3PM

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PANAMA CITY BEACH, FL 32413

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