



# The Civic Courier

The Women's Civic Club  
of Panama City Beach,  
Inc.

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**Diane Vitale**

## From the President's Desk

Dear Members:

Our largest and most involved event is taking place soon. I label it most involved as three committees work together to orchestrate this multifaceted happening. The enthusiasm for its success is contagious. This is the second year offering sponsor tables and I believe all 15 have been sold. A spirit of generosity from members and our community speaks volumes. It may be over by the time you read this.

The most important item coming up this spring is elections of some Executive Board Officers. Not only do I encourage each of you to refer to the duties of each officer as outlined in the bylaws but consider some other ingredients that make one fit for office. I know for example the first vice president needs computer skills utilizing certain software. All of us in these positions currently would be happy to share further.

Finally, and most importantly, whatever level our membership takes, high standards must always be upheld. By that I mean Unity rather than divisiveness, respect for everyone, never speaking in a malicious or negative manner, cooperation and acceptance of alternative viewpoints and representing the Women's Civic Club in a professional manner.

I leave you with a quote from Amy Weatherly "It's our job to cheer each other on, lift each other up, and push each other to keep giving it our best".

*Respectfully, Diane*

## "Foundations of the Club"

The February edition of The Civic Courier, "Foundations of the Club" is highlighting Jane Nendick and focusing on one of our charities, McElvey House -Anchorage Children's Home.



**Jane Nendick**

Jane Nendick is a native of Chattanooga, Tennessee and attended the University of Tennessee where she received a bachelor's degree in education with a minor in child psychology and a master's degree in administration and supervision. She completed the requirements, except for a published paper, for her PhD. Moving to Athens, Georgia she taught the 5th and 6th grades and was the child psychologist on staff.

Later she moved to Memphis, Tennessee where she lived for 34 years and taught at St. Mary's and later became the child psychologist at Lausanne School.

Along with her UT sorority sisters, Jane would come to Panama City Beach for spring break. She remembers when Back Beach Road was 2 lanes paved with oyster shells. Later as she was looking towards her future and retirement, she bought a condo in Panama City Beach.

She was invited to a Women's Civic Club Luncheon in 1998 by Mary Lynn Weaver. When Jane found out the club was involved in Paws and Claws, she knew she wanted to be a member and said "count me in." She was on a committee, chaired by Lorraine Odom, which started the Member to Member Committee. A highlight of their committee was a barter trade, where if one member needed a floral design, a cake, or other service, the member would go to another member with the talent. The member that fulfilled the service would get a club credit which they could use to fulfil their need at a later date. Jane being a member of the garden club and excelled in floral design so she was able to contribute to that area.

When asked what her favorite volunteering memory was, Jane said when she oversaw the Thunder Beach breakfast fundraiser. With no budget, she was able to get all the food, the supplies, the VFW venue and the chef at "no cost". Asking a \$5 donation for each ticket, she recalls the club made about \$6,000, so much that the VFW decided they would do it the following year.

Her wisdom for the club, is to take care of God's creation including the environment and humanity. She also said that the club has many beautiful women who touch your heart in some way.

## McElvey House - Anchorage Children's Home

In 1983, McElvey Home, the vision of a local haven for hard to place teens who had suffered abuse or severe neglect, became a reality as the result of the tireless and compassionate efforts of a small group of concerned citizens. Anchorage Children's Home was born to meet a critical need of those no one else would serve. In 1985, the vision expanded to include homeless youth who run away, were thrown out, or at risk due to their family life. This culture of compassion and community partnership continues in Anchorage's services today.

McElvey House, in Panama City Beach, has undergone several changes since becoming one of the first residence programs in Bay County. In 2021, the house went from being a siblings' home to an at risk group home. Housing is provided for up to 8 youth, ages 12-17, who are currently in foster care and are at risk of human trafficking. The house provides a safe home like environment for the teen, allows them to attend school and to participate in extracurricular activities. The environment helps bring positive changes in their lives, helps them grow and succeed.

The Women's Civic Club has been supporting Anchorage Children's Home - McElvey House for several years through monetary donations, requested items collected at luncheon meetings or bought by the club and meal sharing.

### *"Members and Guests Enjoy the January Luncheon"*

Women's Civic Club Members and Guests had the opportunity to learn about the importance of estate planning. Chad Templeton, Esq. with the Burg Wynn Law Firm shared the elements of incapacity protection and probate avoidance. The group also enjoyed a wonderful lunch at Diego's featuring tacos, taco salads, chips and tres leches cake.

### *"Sharing a meal and information"*



**Chad Templeton speaking on estate planning**



**Diane Vitale leading the group**



**Julie Sanders-Arts & Crafts**



**Tammy Haight, Dena Roewe-Silent Auction**



**Bobbi Griggs-Fashion Show**



**Cheri Leistner-Member to Member**



**Lynn Padgett with Sweet Pea**



**Monica Thomas-Being Happy**

A reporter will attend the speaker portion of our February 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, filming Dr. Mhatre as he speaks and filming our group in rapt attention. The interview and portions of what is filmed will be shown during local news on Friday, the 3<sup>rd</sup>. The reporter may ask if anyone from our group would like to comment on the importance of the presentation. In support of Heart Healthy Month, members are encouraged to wear red.

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

### ***Raising Funds***

#### **Spring Fling Juried Arts and Crafts Show and Sale**

*The Women's Civic Club of Panama City Beach Presents*

# ***Spring Fling***

## **Juried Arts & Crafts Show**

**SATURDAY MARCH 4, 2023**  
**9 AM - 3 PM**

**Frank Brown Park Recreation Center**  
**16200 Panama City Beach Parkway**  
**Panama City Beach, FL 32413**

**CAFE 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 website:  
[www.wccpcb.org](http://www.wccpcb.org)  
Questions may be emailed to [womenscivicclub@aol.com](mailto:womenscivicclub@aol.com)

A decorative border at the bottom of the flyer featuring various colorful flowers in shades of orange, pink, and purple, with green stems and leaves.

Mark your calendars now for **Saturday, March 2, 2024!** We will need volunteers and shoppers for our annual Spring Fling held at Frank Brown Park from 9-3. We currently have over 30 vendors and have space for just a few more! Lots of new items and a big variety! Please refer any vendors to our website [wccpcb.org](http://wccpcb.org) to the events tab, where they can download an application or contact Julie Sanders for information on becoming a vendor!

## Beach Boogie Dance and Silent Auction

JOIN US!

BEACH BOOGIE DANCE &  
SILENT AUCTION  
Presents

*Oh What A  
Night*

Saturday, February 4, 2023  
Lyndell Conference Center Ballroom  
423 Lyndell Lane  
Panama City Beach, FL 32407

6:00 PM - 10:00 PM - Doors Open 5:30 PM  
Tickets \$25 | Sponsored Tables \$275  
BYOB - Set Up Provided

DJ | Dancing | Silent Auction | Hors d'Oeuvres | 50/50 Raffle Drawing

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### *BEACH BOOGIE Oh What a Night*

We are only a few days away from our biggest fundraising event! Tickets are available so plan to get yours today. To purchase you may go online to our website [www.wccpcb.org](http://www.wccpcb.org) or contact Sue Jiles at 770-364-5890. Tickets will also be available at our February luncheon.

If you can help with decorating for the event, we will be setting up at 12:30 pm on Friday, February 3rd at the Lyndell Center. Please plan to come if you can. Many of you have signed up already and we are deeply grateful for your assistance.

The dance and auction is a great way to raise money and make an impact on our community and we look forward to your support. We will have lots of great auction items along with dancing entertainment and delicious Hors d'Oeuvres. It is going to be a super fun event and we can't wait to see you there!

Your Co-Chairs,

*Darlene Dial and Jane Fillingim*

Thanks to everyone who has worked so hard soliciting items for the auction. We are still short of our goal and feel if we put our efforts together, we can exceed our goal. Everyone may not be comfortable asking for donations but please ask those people you do business with to partner with us to make the event a success.

*Tammy Haight and Dena Roewe*

The Kitchen Committee would like to thank everyone who has volunteered to make the selected desserts for the Beach Boogie Dance. Please have the desserts at the Lyndell Center between 3 PM and 5 PM on Saturday, February 4th. The Kitchen Committee is also looking for kitchen support the night of the dance. If you are willing to help, please contact Patty Rocco (812) 276-8115.

Thank you,

*Arlene Klaas and Patty Rocco*

## ***"Supporting the Community"***

### **Food Pantry**

The food pantry continues to see a rise in number of people utilizing the pantry along with a rise in new clients who previously have never needed the assistance of a food pantry. In November and December 2022, the total number of people served was 467 and that equates to giving food and supplies out for 4,203 meals. In December, the pantry was opened for 12 days and the average number of meals given out per day was 184, the highest number for 2022.

Our Club along with many other groups, churches and organizations have fortunately donated food or monetary support for the food pantry to allow it to be open Monday, Wednesday and Friday's from 9- noon. The clients can utilize the pantry once a week. At the February monthly meeting/luncheon we will be collecting food/money for the pantry. Please continue to lend your support. The pantry serves only those residing in Panama City Beach and I am always proud to say our Club is a great supporter!

*Gloria Turner*

WCC Food Pantry Liaison

(828) 280-1727

### ***At the February Meeting we will be collecting:***

- Toilet Paper
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Canned Chicken
- Canned Tuna
- Large Cans of Soup

The Community Outreach Community will identify items to be collected at the March meeting.

## School Projects

### Breakfast Point Academy



Linda Blythe (Closet Admin), Carole Ohlemueller, Jeanette Poland, Jennifer Stripling (STEAM Teacher and Jeanette's daughter), Carol Benson

### West Bay Elementary



Karen DeMeester, Kelly Bertin, Donna McElroy, Jayn Collins, Principal Denise Moss, Vice Principal Bridgett Miller

### Hutchinson Beach Elementary



Jeanette Poland, Courtney Schulstadt (Admin), Tonia Sampson, Paisley Luna (Tonia's Granddaughter), Cindy Brost (Admin)

### Patronis Elementary



Principal Brooke Loyed, Vice Principal Katie McKenzie, Deb Kesinger

### Gary Walsingham Academy



Principal Amy Harvey, Kelly Bertin

Thank you to everyone who donated items and dollars for our schools! We were able to deliver over 500 items including tee shirts, sweatshirts, pants, underwear and socks to our five elementary schools in PCB.

Also, a big thank you to all the volunteers who helped sort items and make the deliveries.

*Jeanette Poland*

## *"Spending Time Together"*

### **Member to Member**

#### **CPR Training**

Are you ready for emergencies in your home, church, workplace, etc? The WCC would like to make sure you are prepared for these emergencies.

The Member to Member Committee is sponsoring an introductory CPR training class. This course will cover the basics of CPR from infant to adult. It is a 1 hour session that provides an overview only.

CPR certification is not included in this session but could be offered at a later date if there is enough interest.

This course will be held Saturday February 11, 2023 at 10am. It will be held in the training room of the new PCB Fire Station on Nautilus, behind the Busy Bee. The training room can hold 40 participants. This training is open to friends and family.

Please RSVP to Tina Dufresne at [tdufr1@gmail.com](mailto:tdufr1@gmail.com) if you would like to be included in this class.

We encourage everyone to bring a notebook and pen to jot down key points. We hope you can join us for this very informative class.

#### **Bunco**

The Member to Member Committee is starting the new year off with a little twist to our bunco. We will be playing SATURDAY, January 28 at 10am. The location will still be at Taylor's Restaurant on Thomas Drive. (Please note the date change due to a mix up at Taylors). We were requested to try a day where some of our working members could come join in the fun! So we are hoping that Saturday will work for EVERYONE ! Play begins at 10am, so please arrive a bit early to get checked in. Cost is \$18 and includes your play, prizes and lunch! Please reply to Patty Rocco (812-276-8115 or [pattyarocco@gmail.com](mailto:pattyarocco@gmail.com)) to make your reservation. NO EXPERIENCE necessary! If you haven't played bunco before, it is a fun dice game that requires no skill and can be learned in a matter of minutes. Hope you can join us!

#### **AmazonSmile**

Thanks to the creativity and innovation of some our members who identified different ways for the club to raise money, the club has been able to receive donations from Amazon Smile, Winn Dixie and Rada. All you had to do is shop!!!

In 2013, AmazonSmile was launched which made it easy for customers to support their favorite charities. However, after almost a decade, the program has not grown to create the impact that Amazon had originally hoped. With so many eligible organizations—more than 1 million globally—their ability to have an impact was often spread too thin.

Amazon will wind down AmazonSmile by February 20, 2023. You have an opportunity to support the club before the program ends by designating The Women's Civic Club of Panama City Beach as your selected charity. When you shop on AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation donates 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the club.

How to sign up for AmazonSmile.

- Go to [SmileAmazon.com](https://SmileAmazon.com). Either create an account, or login to your current Amazon account.
- On your first visit to AmazonSmile ([smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)), you are prompted to select a charitable organization.

Every dollar you spend will help the club bring "Smiles" to our community!

The Member to Member Committee hosted a bunco party on Saturday January 28<sup>th</sup>. Twenty members and guests enjoyed each other's company, competed for prizes and had a wonderful lunch.

After a roll off for 1st place - most wins, Patti Maloy took home the prize. Sue Jiles won most buncos and Jackie Logan competed valiantly for last place - most losses. Julie Sanders won for the last bunco of the day. Door prizes were won by Sue Jiles, Jackie Logan, Patty Rocco, Nancy Stovall, Monica Thomas and Gloria Turner. Many thanks to all that joined the fun!



Monica Thomas and Dacia Smith encourage Nancy Stovall, Sharon Williams, Luciann Jacobs



Diane Vitale, Darlene Conrad, Arlene Klaas, Susan Curry in serious contemplation



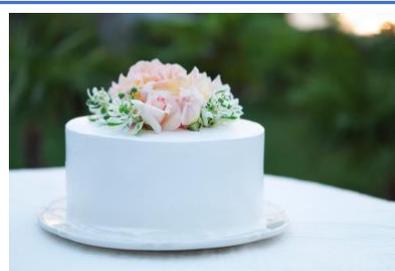
Jackie Logan, Patty Rocco

### *"Recognizing our Members"*

### Happy Birthday Wishes!!

#### February

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



*"You can't help getting older, but you don't have to get old!"*

### *"Upcoming Events"*

- February 2 Luncheon at Runaway Island, 11AM
- February 4 Beach Boogie Dance and Silent Auction at Lyndell Center, 5:30PM
- February 11 CPR Training at PCB Fire Station on Nautilus, 10AM
- February 16 Board Meeting at Chamber of Commerce Conference Room, 10AM

- March 2 Luncheon at Capt Jack's Family Buffet, 11AM
- March 4 Spring Fling Arts and Craft Show at Frank Brown Park, 9AM
- March 30 Board Meeting at Chamber of Commerce Conference Room, 10AM
- April 6 Fashion Show and Luncheon at Harpoon Harry's, 11AM

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