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From the President's Desk

Nancy Stovall

I recently saw a post which said "Goodbye 2020, thank you for everything. I have learned lots of lessons from you. I will never forget you."

There are so many things we have learned from 2020. We have learned to be flexible. Our meetings have changed to maintain social distancing. However, throughout the year we continued to show our support to one another and to the community.

Although it has been a challenging year, experiencing the appreciation of the organizations we recognized at our December luncheon was rewarding.

After careful consideration, the Beach Boogie Dance and Silent Auction, our largest fundraiser, has been moved from February 6th to April 24th. Thanks to the efforts of the committee, a grant for the dance and silent auction has been received from the St. Joe Community Foundation.

Nancy

Best Wishes to you all for a
Happy New Year

A good reminder for 2021 is "Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year."
Ralph Waldo Emerson



Boogie Dance and Silent Auction moved to April 24

Get out those new 2021 calendars and turn it to the April page. That's right! The Dance and Silent Auction Event, originally scheduled for February 6, 2021, has been changed to April 24, 2021.

According to co-chairs, Jane Fillingim and Diane Vitale, "After closely monitoring the situation with COVID-19, a decision has been made to reschedule the February 6th Beach Boogie Dance and Auction event. Given the current state of our Bay County coronavirus numbers, we feel this is a vital decision and in the best interest of our attendees, members and vendor partners.

"Good news is the Lyndell Center and Jim Lawson (DJ) have been rebooked for April 24, 2021.

SAVE THE DATE

"We are in unprecedented times and I know all of you will understand. Thank you for your many efforts to promote and support this wonderful event! We are looking forward to the new date of April 24th and will let you know when a date and time has been scheduled for our next committee meeting. Everyone stay safe! Have a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year. With much appreciation,"

Jane Fillingim - 850-499-0223
and Diane Vitale - 850-819-2236

Ball Drop in Pier Park cancelled Fireworks still on in three areas

Although the annual New Year's Eve Beach Ball Drop in Pier Park in which the WCC participated, was cancelled this year amid the Covid-19 Virus pandemic, the fireworks will remain. Three fireworks dis-

plays will set off simultaneously at midnight, from Schooners, Russell-Fields City Pier and M.B. Miller County Pier. Masks and social distancing are encouraged along the 27 miles of sandy beaches.



THANK YOU to all members, family and friends who worked for the preparation of this year's Ironman and Half Ironman.

Our club received a check for \$2,500.00!

This donation will help the club in a year when we have had fewer fundraising opportunities.

Happy New Year to all club members!

Barbara Vecrumba

Getting reservations in on time crucial



Sue Jiles

Committee Activities

Luncheons & Programs:

Chair of Luncheon and Programs Committee, Sue Jiles, would like to remind members that it is urgent to get luncheon reservations in by the deadline before each luncheon meeting. Typically the deadline is noon on the Monday before the meeting, but this can change depending on the venue.

Many of our venues charge a fee for their meeting rooms. We have negotiated with them to waive that fee by guaranteeing that those present will be a paid lunch. So if you miss the deadline and offer not to eat, it doesn't accomplish anything. If you are there, we have a lunch for which to pay.

Also, the venues need the count to adequately prepare the correct amount of food and set up the space to comfortably accommodate us. After the count was called in for the December luncheon, an additional 20% of our members and their guests called in with a reservation. It is simply not cost effective for a venue to plan to provide 20% more, and it's not fair to ask them to do so.

We are not trying to embarrass anyone, but the problem has been getting worse! Our meeting does not change—it's the first Thursday of each month, September through May. We are just asking members to be more considerate and reliable in getting their reservations in on time. Please!

Domestic Violence

Needed for February

Roberta Bernhardt has made up the following shopping list for the Domestic Violence Safe House.

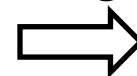
- Laundry detergent
- Dishwasher Soap
- Dawn Soap
- Clorox Wipes
- Glass Cleaner
- Bathroom Cleaner
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Body Wash
- Toothpaste
- Tooth Brushes
- Full Size Shampoo
- Full Size Conditioner
- Deodorant

These will be collected at the February Luncheon Meeting. Thank you so very much for your generosity!

**BEACH BOOGIE
DANCE & SILENT
AUCTION
SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 2021**



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More Committee Activities

Boys & Girls Club

WCC members are asked to bring Art Supplies for the Boys & Girls Club to the January Luncheon.

Also, although many of their activities have been curtailed, the children have enjoyed going to swimming classes.

Cheri Leistner, Liaison

Member-to-Member:

January Bunco Cancelled

The Member-to-Member committee is sorry to announce that the Bunco date, Tuesday, January 19, 2021, has been cancelled.

The next Bunco will be April 13.



Silent Auction:

Co-chairs: Felicia England and Tammy Haight

Even though the dance and auction have been moved to April, members can still keep soliciting donations of items for the Silent Auction coming up April 24, 2021. That may seem like a long way off, but the busy holiday season goes by quickly, and before you know it, the time has arrived!

Letters for donors and forms for items will be available at the next meetings or call

Tammy - 770-833-4838 or
Felicia - 850-319-3713

Arts & Craft Fair

Chairman: Julie Sanders

Mark your calendar everyone!
Spring Fling Arts & Craft Fair
March 6, 2021



January Birthdays

- ◆ 02 - Shirley Crawford
- ◆ 09 - Jane Nendick
- ◆ 18 - Maddie Niederberger
- ◆ 20 - Sandra Wooden
- ◆ 21 - Betty Dunn
- ◆ 27 - Deanne Taylor



Soloman Blackston Williams

Sol, husband of Sharon Williams, went to be with the Lord on November 30, 2020 at the age of 73. He was born in McMinnville, TN, but lived the last 45 years in Panama City.

Sol is lovingly remembered by his wife Sharon, his daughter and son-in-law Catherine and John Bland; his step-children, Jeff and Jamie Gilmore; and Meredith and Brian Smith; and six grandchildren.

He served in the Air Force and retired from the Civil Service Engineering Department. He was a mentor to many and made a tremendous impact on others. He will be greatly missed.

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JANUARY DONATIONS



ART SUPPLIES for
Boys & Girls Club
AND



Coming Events

- ♦ **January 7 - Luncheon Meeting 11 a.m.**
Spring Hill Suites
Business Meeting
Appointment of Nominating Committee
- ♦ **January 28 - Executive Board Meeting—10 a.m.**
Chamber of Commerce Board Room
- ♦ **February 4 - Luncheon Meeting - 11 a.m.**
- ♦ **March 6 - Spring Fling Arts & Crafts Sale**
Frank Brown Park
- ♦ **April 13 - Bunco**
- ♦ **April 24 - Dance & Silent Auction 6-10 p.m**

Dear Members,

As soon as you receive your monthly luncheon notification, please do three things:

1. Call or e-mail Sue Jiles.
2. Mark your calendars!
3. Remember to attend!!!



Sue Jiles

Changes at Community Food Pantry

There have been some changes recently at the Community Food Pantry located at Gulf Beach Presbyterian Church.

Linda Coleman, who has been coordinator for the Food Pantry for the past three years, has completed her term as the Elder of the church who handles that position.

Tony Young will now be the coordinator. He and his wife Sandy have worked graciously in the pantry for several years.

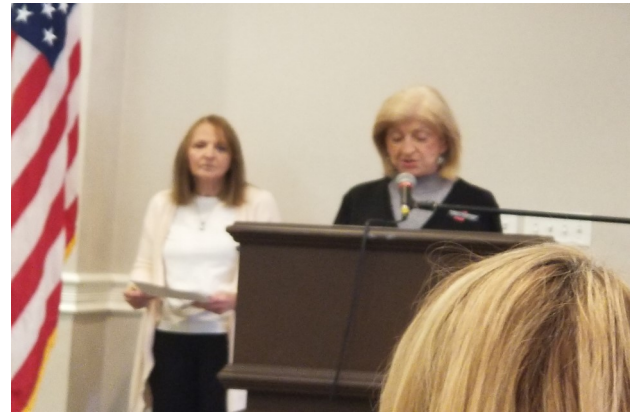


Above are Sandy and Tony Young working in the Food Pantry. Tony is now the new coordinator.

SCENES FROM THE DECEMBER LUNCHEON



Entertainment was provided by Ken Helton and John Alexander and soon everyone was in a holiday mood!



The invocation was given by Roberta Bernhardt.



The lobby of Edgewater Beach Conference Center was adorned in the Christmas spirit by Kirby Holt.

Photo courtesy of Kay Vider



Those receiving 2020 donations represent the Bay County Sheriff's Dept., PCB Police, Beach Care Services, Boys & Girls Club, Community Food Pantry, Maggie Still Park, PCB Fire Dept., Thomas Drive Volunteer Fire Dept., West End Vol. Fire Dept., PCB Library, Supper at Grace and McKelvey Home. They were very pleased and thankful!



The musical program put everyone into the Christmas Spirit. The food was excellent and the decorations were beautiful.

Pictures courtesy of Cheri Leistner