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From the President's Desk

Diane Vitale

Dear Members:

Hope this Holiday Season finds you enjoying all the bountiful treasures this time of the year provides.

We experienced a fine example of just that sentiment on December 2nd at our Christmas luncheon at Edgewater. The delightful Patronis Chorus filled the room with joyful, exuberant song. The animated choreography was perfectly executed. I know my spirit was nourished. We need to keep an eye on "The Voice" for future sightings of these extremely talented youngsters.

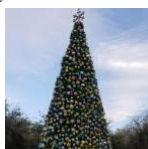
It was my privilege to disperse to our community recipients, the fruits (in the form of checks) of our labors. What an awesome feeling which I know all of you shared in from the audience.

I heard many positive comments from our attendees who were in the spirit of the season visiting with each other and reaching out to make new friendships. This has always been my favorite luncheon.

"Christmas is not a time nor season but a state of mind. To cherish peace and goodwill to be generous in mercy is to have the real Spirit of Christmas". Quote from Thoreau.

Merry Christmas Everyone!!!

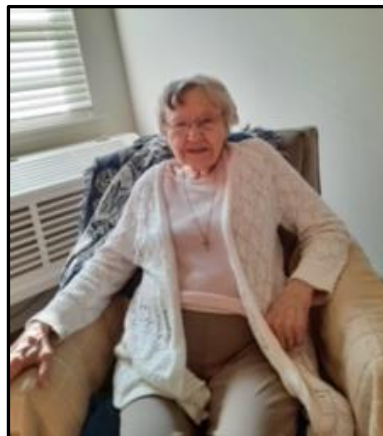
Diane, President



"Foundations of the Club"

The January edition of The Civic Courier, "Foundations of the Club" is highlighting Alice Jacobs and focusing on the Nominating Committee

Alice Jacobs



Alice



Charlie and Alice

Alice Jacobs, a member of our club since 2005, was born in 1934 near Indianapolis. She graduated from Carmel High School which at the time housed all grade levels in one building. At the age of 21, she married "Charlie" and they had four children. After her last child entered the first grade, she started her career working for Alcoa and was an employee for 26.5 years. Alice is quick to point out even when the children were home, she was "working". In addition to caring for her children, she cared for other children in her home, made and sold candles or other craft items, always keeping active.

When Alice started at Alcoa, she was the only employee in the one room office. She was transferred several times to different locations and various departments. At each location her responsibilities included establishing procedures, training and supervising employees. She loved traveling to the Alcoa plants throughout the country. At the age of 61, she retired from a full career with Alcoa. After her retirement, and having vacationed several times in Panama City Beach, they decided to move here.

Always wanting to stay active and at the age of 70, Alice answered an ad at Janet Roan's Real Estate Office, working parttime on weekends. Janet introduced her to the Women's Club. During her "active" time with the club she was involved in everything the club did. She remembers volunteering for Iron Man, Kitchen and Dance Committees.

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"Foundations of the Club"

Alice Jacobs

As the First Vice President, when Nan Vandenberg was President, she was "Membership Chairman" and computerize the membership list. Alice's fondest memories with the club events are dancing with her husband at the Women's Civic Club dances.

When asked if she had any "words of wisdom" to share with the club members, she quickly responded: "Be active, attend meetings, form new friendships and most of all, even when you get older, stay active."

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee selects a nominee for each office and verifies that the nominee is willing to serve. Each January, the members at the general meeting have the opportunity to submit a person's name who they wish to nominate to the Nominating Committee. All members are eligible for the committee. Once all the nominations are collected, the President will draw a nomination, announce the name on the form and give the member nominated an opportunity to decline or accept. The drawing continues until seven members have agreed to serve. The President officially appoints those seven members as the Nominating Committee.

The Committee selects a chair and hold meetings as deem necessary. At the February general meeting the Nominating Committee chair will present their slate of officers to the membership. The Committee is a one-time function and is dismissed after performance of their initial duty.

At the March general meeting, the presiding officer will reread the slate of officers selected by the Committee and call for additional nominations from the floor. All members, including the dismissed members of the Nominating Committee, are eligible to be nominated as a candidate. Voting is held at the April general meeting.

" Members and Guests Enjoy the Christmas Luncheon"



Latina Reed (Boys & Girls Club), Kate Robinson (Boys & Girls Club), Bay County Sheriff Ford, David Finn (Thomas Drive Volunteer Fire Department), Terry Parris (PCB Administrative Fire Chief), PCB Fire Chief Ray Morgan, PCB Police Chief J.R. Talamantez, Paul Casto (Beach Care Services), Diane Vitale (WCC President), Gail Claffey (Anchorage Children's Children Home - Sibling Group Home), Marydale Moore (PCB Parks and Rec), Erica Butler (Anchorage Children's Home Sibling Group Home) Larry Thompson (Beach Care Services).

The Christmas Luncheon is a special time of the year. Not only were the members and guests transported across the world with "song and dance" by the Patronis Chorus, under the direction of Kenny Kirland; the club had the joy of giving back to our community. Each receiving organization shared what they would do with their gift. For the organizations that were not able to attend, the gift was delivered to their location.

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"Delivering the Gifts"



Arnold High School

Chef Billy Redd (Culinary Program),
 Diane Vitale, AHS Principal Brett Smith,
 Sue Jiles, Amy (Administration), Josh
 Laatch (Hospitality/Tourism Program)

The Ark



Liz Bennett, Sue Jiles

PCB Library



Diane Vitale, Laura Laspee

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

Raising Funds



TICKETS AVAILABLE JANUARY 6, 2022!

Beach Boogie Dance & Silent Auction

Saturday, February 5, 2022

Lyndell Center Ballroom

423 Lyndell Lane

Panama City Beach, FL 32407

6:00-10:00 PM - Doors Open 5:30 PM

GET YOUR TICKETS!

Our Biggest Fundraising Event - Beach Boogie Dance & Silent Auction Is Just A Few Weeks Away

Don't miss it. Mark your calendar now and plan to get your tickets early. It's going to be a great, fun and entertaining evening. Our theme this year is "Dancing By the Sea" so plan to come and dance the night away while enjoying the live and silent auction, heavy Hors d'Oeuvres, 50/50 raffle, and music by our DJ, John Conrad.

Individual Tickets/Sponsored Table Tickets Available At Our January 6th Luncheon

Individual \$20 tickets will be available along with the opportunity to sponsor a table that will seat 6 for \$250 at our January 6th luncheon. We will have 8 designated tables available for sponsorship and they will be sold on a first-come, first-serve basis. We expect the tickets to sell out fast and we highly recommend that you secure yours as soon as possible.

To Our Volunteers

This event would not be possible without you and we thank you for dedicating your time and talents to ensure a successful fundraiser. As a reminder, if you are volunteering during the event hours, you will need to purchase a ticket.

On-Line Purchase!

We are excited to offer individual ticket sales online at wccpcb.org/events. Individual tickets may also be purchased on "open" days at the Lyndell Center and Senior Center beginning the second week in January. If you would like to sponsor a table, please call Kay Vider at 850-596-0638. You may also contact Gloria Turner at 828-280-1727 for additional ticket information.

Thank You Members!

We look forward to making a difference in our community and we appreciate your support and generosity for this important event. See you there! Co-Chairs: Jane Fillingim and Darlene Dial

Raising Funds

In Support of the Beach Boogie Dance & Silent Auction

The Kitchen Committee has planned a wonderful offering of heavy hors d'oeuvres for the dance which include a cheese plate, BBQ sliders, meatballs in marinara sauce, deviled eggs, potato salad, pasta salad, french bread and finger desserts. We are asking for members to supply finger desserts (cookies, brownies, tarts) and deviled eggs. A sign-up sheet will be available at the January 6th general meeting or you can contact Nancy Stovall nlstovall@gmail.com or 256-527-0195. If you would be willing to assist with the prep work or in the kitchen the night of the dance, please contact Nancy.

The Silent Auction Committee will be hosting both a live auction and a silent auction. Although they have received several items, they are in need of additional items to make the event a success. Please continue to solicit and/or donate items. Contact Tammy Haight tdhaight@bellsouth.net for solicitation forms and more information.

Home for The Holidays



Monica Thomas, Tommy Thomas, Sony Edwards, Carol Lynn, Greg Thew
Kay Vider, Charyl Thew, Jackie Logan, Beth Reedy, Cheri Leistner



Tim Rocco, Patty Rocco, Lynn Padgett



Dena Roewe, Diane Vitale, Jackie Logan



Cheri Leistner, Jackie Logan, Karen Demeester,
Doris Bayliss

Members of the Women's Civic Club along with grandsons, husbands and friends handed out s'mores kits and hats to the many visitors at Aaron Bessant Park on November 26th and 27th. It was a site of carol-themed concerts, s'mores, lighting of the Christmas tree, the Polar Express movie, an appearance by Santa Claus with an encore of fireworks each night.

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Home for the Holidays



Back Row: Rhonda Senkbeil, Diane Vitale, Jane Fillingim, Sue Jiles, Karen Demeester, Dave Demeester, Brenda Bryson, Carol Breitweiser, Jackie Logan, Patty Rocco, Dena Roewe, Barry Roewe, Luciann Jacobs, Omar Lange, Cesar Lange, Lynn Padgett, Maddie Niederberger, Bobbi Griggs, Doris Bayliss, Cherie Lagace, Susan Curry



Ironman

Thank you again to each and every one who volunteered to work at the Ironman. The Club received a generous check from the foundation to THANK US for our work. You are definitely a wonderful and generous group of ladies. Thank you to the men who also volunteered their time.

Happy New Year,
Luciann and Barbara

Spring Fling Arts & Craft Show

Vendors Needed - Spring Fling 2022

If you know anyone who designs and crafts quality handmade items for sale, please give them information about our upcoming Spring Fling Arts and Crafts Show. It will take place on Saturday, March 5, 2022 at Frank Brown Park's recreation center. It is an indoor event and will take place rain or shine. Booth spaces are \$40. Please direct possible vendors to the WCC website/forms/ or to Julie Sanders at jqsander@aol.com. We will also be seeking volunteers to assist with this event!

Thanks,
Julie

Supporting the Community

Community Outreach

A 2021 Christmas Adventure of Three Community Outreach Elves

Once upon in the land of Panama City Beach there lived three elves that decided to take a Christmas journey. The elves were named Barbara, Luciann and Jackie and they wanted to make many people happy.

Being an excited elf, Barbara decided to start early so in November she delivered 13 dozen small stuffed animals to the Panama City Beach Police Department. The department was full of delight as they knew it gave them a little something to give to children in unusual or stressful situations to hold onto and give them a little bit of comfort.

The shopping and adventurous elves, Luciann and Jackie, decided they would find the best deals for wrapping paper and scotch tape to give to the Panama City Beach Police Department for inclusion with the gifts they were giving to 100 families. With their little bag of gold, the search began! First, wrapping paper! Going to several stores, they compared prices and footage per roll. The winner was \$0.98 per roll. Now to make sure they had 100 rolls of wrapping paper: the count begun. After multiple counts, they were satisfied.

Now where to get the best deal for scotch tape! After a visit to three different stores, they hit the jackpot, 2 rolls of tape for \$1.25. And once again, the counting of rolls began.

Luciann and Jackie had such a good time and during the search, Luciann found the Christmas tree lights she was looking for and Jackie found the mints she wanted. The Christmas Community Outreach elves have been very busy this year.

The End

Food Pantry



The Food Pantry continues to see a rise in clients. In October and November, the pantry served 395 people which equates to 3,555 meals. This is 1,044 meals more the number served in September and October. Thank you for your continued interest and support.

Gloria Turner, WCC Food Pantry Liaison

School Projects

The School Projects Committee will be collecting school supplies at the Luncheon Meeting in January.

They are requesting members bring:

- Dry Erase Markers
- Clorox Wipes
- Tissues
- Colored Card Stock
- Girls Elastic Waist Pants, Shorts, or Leggings (Sizes 5-10)
- Boys Elastic Waist Athletic Pants or Shorts (Sizes 5-10)
- Kids Tennis Shoes (Sizes 1-5)

Spending Time Together

Member to Member



Let's BUNCO !!

Bunco is defined as a social dice game. And the WCC bunco games definitely are social! I'm sure some of Taylor Restaurant guests must wonder who is having so much fun in the meeting room when we host one of our games. We'd love to include you in this fun! No experience required but be prepared to laugh and enjoy each other's company.

We will be playing Bunco on Thursday, January 20th at Taylor's Restaurant on Thomas Drive, near the Navy Base. Cost is \$18 and includes your lunch and drink. Play begins at 10am, so arrive a little early to get checked in and to receive your door prize ticket. Prizes will be awarded following play.

This is a great opportunity to meet other members and to introduce potential members and friends. Be on the lookout for an email from Patty Rocco with details on how to make a reservation. We are looking forward to playing with you!

Recognizing our Members

Birthday Wishes !!

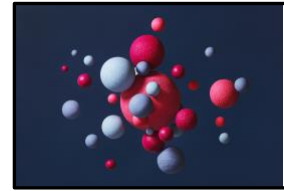
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| 02 | Shirley Crawford |
| 04 | Carol Metaxas |
| 09 | Jane Nendick |
| 12 | Dena Roewe |
| 14 | Rhonda Senkbeil |
| 18 | Maddie Niederberger |
| 20 | Sandra Wooden |
| 27 | Deanne Taylor |
| 29 | Sheila Steele |

Happy Birthday

**Count your age *by friends*, not years.
Count your life *by smiles*, not tears.**

Save the Date



Upcoming Events

- January 4 Beach Boogie Dance & Silent Auction Committee Meeting at the Lyndell Center, 10 AM
- January 6 Luncheon Meeting at Boardwalk Beach Hotel, 9600 S Thomas Drive, 11 AM
- January 7 School Projects Committee Meeting at Palazzo Condominiums, 17281 Front Beach Rd, 1 PM
- January 10 Beach Boogie Dance Decoration Working Meeting at Gulf Beach Presbyterian Church, 271 FL-79, 10 AM. Bring glue guns and lots of willing hands.
- January 11 Community Outreach Committee Meeting at Grand Panama Board Room, 4 PM
Please RSVP to: bjvecrumba@hotmail.com
- January 13 Arts & Crafts Committee Meeting at Hibiscus By the Bay Community Room, 6502 Bridge Water Way, Panama City Beach, 10 AM
- January 18 Kitchen Committee Meeting at Grand Panama Board Room, 10 AM
- January 20 Bunco at Taylor's Restaurant, 1114 Thomas Drive, 10 AM
- January 27 Board Meeting at Chamber of Commerce, 309 Richard Jackson Boulevard, 10 AM

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