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Cheri Leistner

From the President's Desk

You ladies continue to amaze me! During the officer installation last year, we created a beautiful bouquet of flowers, which symbolized how we can create beautiful things when we work together.

Well, we certainly did that with the Beach Boogie and Silent Auction! What a wonderful event for ALL! We had great music, delicious and plentiful food, outstanding auction items and the Lyndell Center never looked so beautiful! I don't know how many guests stopped me to say thanks and that they had a wonderful evening. Just wait until you hear the financial report of the event!

I'm confident that our Spring Fling Art and Craft Sale will be just as wonderful and successful!

On a personal note, I cannot thank everyone enough for all the cards, thoughts, prayers, emails, texts, etc. after the death of my Dad. These truly have made me feel very blessed. I appreciate all of the support.

Blessings to ALL.

Cheri

Arts & Crafts Sale "Spring Fling" Saturday, March 3, 2018 to include Bake Sale this year

Vendors from around the country are packing up this week and heading here to Panama City Beach for the juried arts and crafts show "Spring Fling" sponsored by The Women's Civic Club of Panama City Beach, Inc.

A new addition this year will be a bake sale. Many home made goodies will be available to take home.

Chairman, Deborah England, said that everything is in order for the big day. She and

Co-chair, Elaine Lichtenberger and their committee have been working diligently to ensure that all goes well when the doors open Saturday, March 3 at 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at Lyndell Center.

A variety of interesting articles will be offered by vendors this year. The quality and variety seem to grow each year. The Kitchen Committee will have a Snack Bar set up to offer beverages and sandwiches.

WCC welcomes four new members during February meeting at TGIF



Seen above are four recently installed members and their sponsors. From left to right are Gloria Turner, with sponsor, Maddie Niederberger; Peg Lowery; First vice president, Basma Swearingen; Eadie Lloyd (sponsored by Peg); Fran Cassella, sponsor of Laura Laspee; and Lynn Padgett, sponsor of Susan Curry. The new members were installed by Basma Swearingen and presented with their nametag, yearbook, club shirt and flowers.

(Photo courtesy of Kay Vider)

Save the Date

Todd Herrendeen
Dinner/Show

Thursday, April 12, 2018



Gloria Turner

I was raised in N. E. Ohio in the tri-state area, along the Ohio River. After leaving "the valley", I lived in Columbus, Ohio while attending Ohio State University. After school I moved to Atlanta, Georgia and spent the majority of my career working there or around there. Before I retired I lived in Asheville, N.C. I retired (as a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist) in 2007 and moved here full time.

My main interest is fishing both inshore and off shore, and I do it as often as weather permits. I have been a volunteer on and off most of my adult life, mainly working with shelters or homelessness. Currently I am very involved with The Friends of Camp Helen State Park. I have served on their Board for several years and have been their Activities Director for five years. I also belong to the VFW Auxiliary, Post 10555, and assist there mainly with dinners and Veteran Nursing Home visits. I had some time free up, and knew Maddie through the VFW Auxiliary and learned about the volunteers' opportunities with the Women's Club and through her have become a member.



Susan Curry

New member Susan Curry is from the Atlanta area, where she worked for 25 years in the mental health business. She was active in many things there. She has one daughter, Laura, and a grandson Austin.

Since moving to Panama City Beach in 2005, she worked 13 years

for a time share resort and retired 2 1/2 years ago.

She now likes to read and travel, recently being in Scotland, Ireland and Asia.

She is especially interested in the upcoming "Spring Fling" event which is coming up Saturday, March 3, 2018, and is driving to Atlanta to help a close friend who will be a vendor at the event and staying with her here for the week.

Susan also helped at the dance, and is interested in helping at the Food Pantry, with Ironman and serving on the Kitchen, Member-to-Member and Christmas Outreach committees.

New Members have varied backgrounds and interests



Laura Laspee

I am new to Panama City Beach since moving here in June 2017. I moved here to take a position of Branch Manager at the Panama City Beach Public Library. I have been in library management for the past 10 years and received my Master's Degree in Library Information Science in 2014 while working full time as the Library Director in my last position.

I was very active in the Pennsylvania Library Association and was the 2016 Pennsylvania Library Association's Public Library Division Chair. I was in the first Pennsylvania Library Director's Institute and a Pennsylvania Academy of Leadership Studies participant. I presented a program at the Pennsylvania Library Association's annual conference on Fundraising in a Small Library.

I moved here from the Pocono Mountains in Pennsylvania. I am married with three children and six grandchildren. We just purchased a home in Panama City Beach and we are getting it ready to live in by April (hopefully)!

My hobbies include reading, cross stitching, crocheting, and baking. I love living here on the beach.

I was active in the Pocono Mountain Chapter of Federation of Women's Club. I am a Past President and volunteered with the Home Life Committee. I was the 2014 LEADS Pennsylvania candidate.

I was also active in the Tobyhanna Township Historical Society as a board member - Treasurer and a member of the Pocono Pines Improvement Association, plus a board member in my community where I lived.

Currently, I am a participant in the Sunshine State Library Leadership Institute, and I was just awarded a grant that I wrote for Lego Education Kits for our STE(A)M program in the library.

I joined the Women's Civic Club because I believe in giving back to the community in which we work, live, and play.



Edith (Eadie) Lloyd

I moved here in 1999 from Foley, Alabama, where I taught twelfth grade English for many years. Here, I taught at Everitt and Surfside and have been retired for seven years.

I have degrees from the University of South Alabama and the University of Alabama. I like to read--Tudor history or historical fiction and mystery/suspense. I also enjoy crosswords, and I can't wait for spring so that I can start gardening. I am a great dog lover and currently live with Sweet Pea, a poodle mix rescue.

Many enjoy Bunco and lunch at The Egg & I recently



(Picture courtesy of Cheri Leistner)



Gathering around for lunch and conversation after the Bunco game at The Egg & I are (pictured clockwise starting lower left) Kay Vider, Joyce Goetz, Karen Gunsallus, Cary Deasaro, Ginny Schmertmann, Cheri Leistner, Eadie Lloyd, Jean Sturman, Peg Lowery, Gail Claffey, Deborah England, Gayle Oberst, Sue Jiles, Darlene Dial, Brenda Bryson, Judy Hardegree, Sharon Williams and Lynn Padgett. Absent from photo was Basma Swearingen.

(Picture courtesy of Sue Jiles)



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

6 – Eadie Lloyd

14 – Kathryn Younce

11 – Alice Jacobs

20 – Fran Cassella

20 – Lorraine Odom



Shown above is Cherry Creekmore celebrating her 85th birthday with friends at Triple J's restaurant in February.

Donations for March

I want to thank all of you who bring Food Pantry donations to each luncheon. It is not easy to lug in all those heavy things! I appreciate your help and loyalty by being committed to this project.

It is an on-going need in our community. Nan

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Coming Events

March 1—Luncheon Meeting 11 a.m.
Triple J's - 2218 Thomas Drive
Speaker—Mayor Mike Thomas

March 3 -"Spring Fling" Art & Crafts Show
Lyndell Center
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

March 17—St. Patrick's Day 

March 29—Executive Board Meeting
Chamber Conference Room, 10 a.m.

April 5—Luncheon - 11 a.m.
Harpoon Harry's
Election of Officers

April 12 —Todd Herrendeen Dinner/Show
Dinner catered by Texas Roadhouse

St. Joe Community Foundation sponsors dance and silent auction



At the February Luncheon meeting at TGI Fridays, speaker Janet Piepul of the St. Joe Foundation told about all that St. Joe does for the community. Then she presented a surprise check to WCC for the Silent Auction and Dance for \$2,500. She said, "We now know how much this club does for our community and we want to be a help." Shown receiving the check are (L to R) Debbie Fazzone, Janet Piepul, Lana Lowery, Connie Peterson and President Cheri Leistner.



Our Deepest Sympathy



**Father of President,
Cheri Leistner**

Jim Zoeller, Sr.

James William Zoeller, Sr. 95, of Louisville, Kentucky passed away on Wednesday, February 7, 2018. He was a Supervisor for the Piggyback Department for L&N and CSX Railroads and a purple heart recipient, U. S. Army Veteran of World War II. Besides Cheri, he is survived by a son Jim, and daughter Karen, nine grandchildren, three great grand- daughters and one great-grandchild on the way. The funeral Mass was held February 20, 2018 and entombment followed at Resthaven Memorial Park in Louisville, KY.

**Friend of Club
Started Library
Foundation**



Patsy Ann Duran, 77, of Panama City Beach, FL passed away on Thursday, February 15, 2018. She was born on July 8, 1940 in Elkton, KY. She spent most of her life in Las Cruces, New Mexico deeply involved in bettering the community.

She enjoyed her last eight years in Panama City Beach painting, playing bridge and spoiling the grandkids (after starting a library foundation of course).

She was a member of St. Bernadette Catholic Church. She created the Panama City Beach Library Foundation, headed the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico and was the CEO of the Memorial Medical Center Foundation in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

She is survived by her husband Juan Duran; one son, Craig Duran (Christy); two grandchildren, Ava Jane Duran, Roman Juan Duran; one brother, Bill Rutledge (Mary Lou); niece, Lori Rutledge; nephew, Jeff Rutledge. Funeral services were held on Monday, February 19, at 2 pm in the St. Bernadette Catholic Church. Graveside services were held in the Barrancas National Cemetery, Pensacola, FL on Tuesday February 20, 2018. In lieu of flowers the family requests that memorial donations be made to the Panama City Beach Library Foundation, 12500 Hutchison Boulevard, Panama City Beach, FL 32407 or beachlibrary.org in memory of Patsy Duran.

**Father of former member
Roberta Conner Bernhardt**

Robert "Bob" Conner



A celebration of life for Robert "Bob" Conner, 99, who died Feb. 19, 2018 will be held in Michigan at a later date. He was a WWII veteran and loved PCB. His last years were at Superior Residences. He is survived by daughters Roberta Bernhardt and Bianca Cousins and many grand, great and great-great grandchildren.

WCC gives aid to Domestic Violence



Lana Lowery (right) took donations from last month's luncheon to the Domestic Violence Shelter. "Christy (left) was so happy and grateful. She said they really needed things because the shelter is at full capacity," Lana stated.