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From the President's Desk

Nancy Stovall

Dear Members,

The leaves of four-leaf clovers are said to stand for faith, hope, love and luck. It's often said that Ireland is home to more four-leaf clovers than any other place, giving meaning to the phrase, "the luck of the Irish". According to superstition, the four-leaf clover is a lucky charm that can ward off evil, help you meet future love, lend you good fortune and allow you to see fairies. Although you may not have a four-leaf clover in hand, I know each of you has faith, hope, love and luck.

The Arts and Crafts Committee has been busy planning the Arts and Craft Fair to be held on March 6th. The committee has incorporated CDC guidelines to ensure the safety of the vendors and attendees. The selection of vendors, although fewer than previous years, is excellent. Please support the event.

I am hoping you will be able to attend the April Luncheon meeting, as we will be voting for the 2021-2022 slate of officers.

"May your troubles be less, and your blessings be more. And nothing but happiness come through your door."

An Irish Blessing

Nancy



Chairman Julie Sanders

Spring Fling Arts and Craft Show still on for March 6, 2021

Help still needed

I hope everyone is doing well in these crazy times! My committee and I are so excited that the Spring Fling 2021 is proceeding on schedule for March 6! We finally get to have a fundraiser! Over half of our vendors are new this year and we are excited about the quality and variety of items that will be available! Something for everyone!! I know I plan on doing a little Christmas shopping, as well as taking care of some upcoming birthday gifts!

As always this is a team effort and we need your help. Please take time to read through this message.

1. Promote the event:

We have our vendors, now we have to generate customers.

2. Be a worker:

We need help in many areas. Please call or e-mail me at
281-536-3862
jqsander@aol.com

3. Be a customer

Do some shopping from our vendors.

4. Help with clean-up!!!

Dance & Silent Auction date still uncertain

In discussing the feasibility of having the Dance and Silent Auction this year during the Covid 19 crisis, the WCC Board of Directors discussed various options at the latest Board meeting. Most of the other major events on the Beach for this year have been moved to 2022.

Dance Chair, Diane Vitale was asked to check with the City Parks & Recreation Department about their regulations on such events.

Diane reported, "In speaking with Cheryl Joyner at Parks & Recreation, it was indicated that tents and outdoor music are not allowed in the parking lot of the senior center. There is a history of such requests.

"She was trying to encourage me to move the dance to 2022. I mentioned that the Board will be making that decision soon and will let her know."

Domestic Violence Committee delivers generous donations to Safe House

Committee Activities



Roberta Bernhardt, (R) is shown delivering the items that she gathered up by February 4th to the Salvation Army Safe House.

Picture courtesy of Roberta Bernhardt

School Projects

Gail Claffey is asking members to bring the following items to the March meeting at the request of the four schools:

- Antiseptic Wipes and Sprays
- Child-size masks
- Paper towels
- Tissues
- Expo markers

Boys & Girls Club

At right, is a photo from delivering the arts and crafts supplies collected at the January luncheon to the Boys and Girls Club at Frank Brown Park.

They were thrilled to get these items.

The Unit Director of the club at Frank Brown Park, Latina Reed, took time to tell the boys and girls about the Women’s Civic Club of PCB and the good work that it does in the community. It was a great civics lesson for the kids.

Photo and article contributed by Cheri Leistner



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Member-to-Member:

The next Bunco will be April 13.
10 a.m. \$18.00
Submitted by Patty Rocco



Silent Auction:

Co-chairs: Felicia England and Tammy Haight

A decision will be made soon whether the club will hold the dance and silent auction or not. As soon as we know, you will be notified.

Please keep all items until a decision has been made. Thank you very much for your patience.

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



March Birthdays

- ◆ 06 - Eadie Lloyd
- ◆ 11 - Alice Jacobs
- ◆ 20 - Lorraine Odom
- ◆ 25 - Charyl Thew



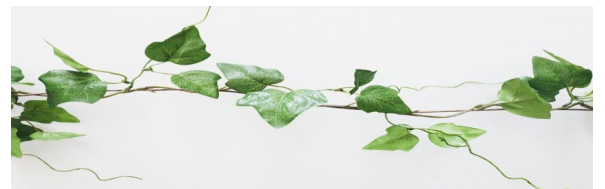
Eager customers and buyers are seen at a previous Spring Fling

News of our Members

Arlene Klaas is having knee surgery around March 19th.

Roberta Bernhardt is now on an Inactive member.

Alice Jacobs is recovering nicely at home after an extended illness.



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Coming Events

- ◆ March 4 - Luncheon Meeting 11 a.m.
Captain Jack's - 8208 Thomas Drive
Business Meeting
- ◆ March 6 - Spring Fling Arts & Crafts Sale
Frank Brown Park
- ◆ March 25 - Executive Board Meeting 10 a.m.
Chamber of Commerce Board Room
- ◆ April 1 - Luncheon Meeting 11 a.m.
Harpoon Harry's
Election of Officers
- ◆ April 13 - Bunco
- ◆ April 24 - Dance & Silent Auction 6-10 p.m.
(Still uncertain)

CONGRATS!



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MARCH DONATIONS

School Projects:

- Antiseptic wipes & sprays
- Child-size masks
- Paper towels & tissues
- Exop markers

FoodPantry:

- Paper products, dish & laundry soap, hygiene products, disinfectants, grape or strawberry jam, condiments & pork & beans



The above photo is of member Betty Dunn on a recent birthday, celebrating with former member Mary Lou Holm and Betty's daughter Gail Pike.

FOOD PANTRY WORKERS HOLD FIRST JOINT MEETING SINCE COVID 19

Sandy and Tony Young are now managing the Food Pantry. They started off with a “Meet and Greet” meeting of the workers recently. Since volunteers work on different days of the week, they seldom get to see each other and get to know one another. The joint meetings give everyone a chance to hear others ideas and opinions. Fifteen workers met recently in the sanctuary of Gulfview Presbyterian Church. Normally they meet the first Monday of each month at noon, but this was the first meeting in almost a year.

Several things were discussed.

New donors: Starbucks and The Rock Church

Surprise Bags—made up of surplus food items. To be given to each client after they have received their allotted food.

The pantry is getting two new freezers.

We are partnering with Mercy Chef to distribute food. (Details later.)

St. Bernadette’s Child Care did a food drive for the pantry.

Gulfview Methodist did a Souper Bowl collection and delivered over 600 cans of soup.

The pantry will be keeping the Monday, Wednesday, Friday schedule for the time being, before going back to opening every weekday.

For January: 140 People/1,260 meals were served!



New leaders, Sandy & Tony Young, are shown with a poster made by the children that accompanied a load of food items that was donated by St. Bernadette’s Childcare Center.



Sheila Rucks (R) a regular worker at the pantry, delivers over 600 cans of soup which were gathered from the United Methodist Women’s group at Gulfview Methodist Church on “Souper Bowl Sunday”. Worker Arlene Klaas (L) helps her sort and store the soup. This picture is just one pallet of the two that were delivered by Sheila, Bonnie and Tom.



Monica Thomas & Susan Curry are WCC members who work regularly at the Food Pantry.

Very busy recent Friday!
Sue Jiles and Cheri Leistner were extremely busy on their regular Friday to work. They prepared meals for 30 people to the tune of 90 meals! This was one of our busiest days and weeks for our pantry! Great job, Sue and Cheri!
Tony and Sandy



All workers practiced social distancing at the meeting and Sandy and Tony thoroughly sanitized the sanctuary.



Cheri Leistner shares a favorite recipe



Apple Dutch Baby

Ingredients:

- 4 Tbsp butter
- 2-3 Gala apples, sliced thinly
- ¾ cup flour
- ¾ cup milk (room temperature)
- ½ tsp salt
- ¼ tsp baking powder
- 1 Tbsp sugar
- 4 eggs (room temperature)

Cinnamon topping

- ½ cup sugar
- 2 tsp cinnamon

Instructions:

Preheat oven to 400.
Place butter into a 12-inch cast iron pan and place in the oven to melt the butter.

In a bowl, combine flour, baking powder, sugar, salt, milk and eggs.

Place the sliced apples into the bottom of the pan on top of the melted butter. Pour egg mixture over the apples.

Combine sugar and cinnamon and sprinkle over the top of the egg mixture evenly.

Bake in oven for 20 – 25 minutes until golden brown.



Peterson dancing at Sawgrass

Past president Connie Peterson is enjoying her retirement years! After teaching Line Dancing at the Senior Center for many years, Connie is now sure that everyone is up and moving at her retirement place, Sawgrass Village.

It's a great way to exercise and have fun doing it! She keeps moving to the music and gets young and old to participate! She livens up the place!

The pictures were taken at the Valentine Dance.

