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Diane Vitale

From the President's Desk

Dear Members:

I start out this month with one of my favorite words "Positivity". The definition is the practice of being optimistic in Attitude. It's usage since 1659 speaks to its staying power.

What I observed and more importantly felt throughout not only our wonderful dance event but in all the days and hours leading up to February 5th was positivity. How much potato salad, pasta salad, deviled eggs and desserts, which were lovingly prepared by our members, was needed? The smiling helpfulness of everyone in the silent auction was glowing with the thankfulness we felt for all those participating to make it the huge fundraising event we were hoping for. Our D.J. generated dance floor enthusiasm, lots of line dancing which is always a big hit. The dance with a hero portion was a fabulous success in every way.

Positivity was overflowing in all the comments from the attendees, warming our hearts knowing that all the hard work was worth it.

Moving onward to March 5th and the Arts and Crafts show and sale. Let's maintain our "Positivity"

I leave you with a quote from writer Lucy Montgomery, "There is so much in the world for us all if we only have the eyes to see it, and the heart to love it, and the hand to gather it to ourselves."

*Sincerely,
Diane, President*

"Foundations of the Club"

The Women's Civic Club is recognized throughout the Panama City Beach Community for their integrity in the execution of their mission to promote community improvements and give aid to worthy civic projects. With recognition comes a great responsibility. At all club functions and when representing the club to our chosen charities/organizations and benefactors, it is the duty of each club member to act in a manner that promotes the club's integrity and professionalism. The club has been successful because it is built on a strong foundation and the positive actions of its members.

The March edition of The Civic Courier, "Foundations of the Club" is highlighting Clara Register and focusing on "Planning for our coming 2022-2023 year!" plus "How do I get reimbursed for expenses made on the club's behalf?"

Clara Register, a lifetime member, joined our Club in October 1988. Clara and her husband Jack grew up in Graceville, Florida. Both Jack and Clara worked for trucking businesses. Jack started out driving trucks for a large trucking company and eventually became their manager. Clara, before her children were born, worked for a different trucking company and inspected trucks when they came back in as a O.S. and D. (Overages/Shortages/and Damages).



Clara Register

After their children were born, and before they were 6 years old, they moved from Atlanta, Georgia to Dothan, Alabama. Clara said she and her husband just did not want to raise the children in a big city. From Dothan, Jack was transferred to Bay County and they raised their children here on the Beach. Clara said there were no school buses then and she drove her two girls to school.

Clara did not remember who introduced her to the W.C.C. but she was active for years and helped with various activities and fund raisers. She said she met so many good friends through the organization. While living here she worked for the Council on Aging and delivered meals on wheels to St. Andrews South and she worked for a rental car company at the Airport. She has two daughters and five grandchildren. One daughter lives in Alabama and one here on the beach. She can no longer drive because of health issues but is grateful she can stay in her own home with the help of her daughter. Clara still has several of our past yearbooks and reads our Newsletter online. When asked if she had any words of wisdom for Club members she said "STAY WITH IT AS LONG AS YOU CAN!"

Planning for our coming 2022-2023 year!

Each year all active members are required to complete a committee sign-up sheet and serve on at least three standing committees, at least one of which is a fund-raising committee. While members are required to serve on three committees, they are not limited in the number they may choose to serve on. Those willing to serve as committee chairs or co-chair should indicate their willingness on the form. Members who would like to be considered for the liaison of an appointed committee should indicate their preference on the form. The liaison contacts the designated organization to determine if there are any special needs with which the club may be able to assist. The President will have the final say on who will be appointed chair, co-chair or liaison of each committee. (Reference: By Laws, Article IX. Committees and Duties, Section 3. Committee Membership)

Inactive membership shall be granted to the following: a) any member who is unable to attend meetings or b) participate in club activities on a regular basis, and c) any member who informs either the president or first vice president that they wish to be inactive, and d) any member who pays their dues unless they are a life member, and e) any inactive members who on or before July 1 notifies the president or first vice president that they wish to continue as an inactive member. Inactive members are encouraged to sign up for committees as possible. There are many committees in which you can participate from the comfort of your home. One example is the Sunshine Committee. (Reference: By Laws, Article I. Membership, Section 3. Inactive Membership)

All dues must be paid on or before July 1. Failure to pay dues shall result in loss of membership. New members installed in February through May shall be deemed to have paid their dues for the year. All other members' dues are payable April 1. If dues are not paid by July 1 of each year, that member will be withdrawn from membership. (Reference: By Laws, Article II. Dues, Section 1. Dues Payable)

Committee sign-up sheets will be available at the March and April Luncheon Meetings and are also available on the website (wccpcb.org/forms). Inactive forms are available on the website. Completed sign-up sheets and dues should be returned at the April and May Luncheon Meetings (collection box will be available at the check-in table), to the Membership Chair Nancy Stovall, or via mail: Women's Civic Club, P.O. Box 9759, Panama City Beach, FL 32413.

The Member to Member Committee is planning a reception for new members later in March to share information about the committee responsibilities. If you have any questions regarding the sign-up sheet, including the duties of each committee, please refer to your yearbook, or contact either Diane Vitale, President (850-819-2236) or Nancy Stovall, First Vice President (256-527-0195).

How do I get reimbursed for expenses made on the club's behalf?

It's really very easy! There is a reimbursement form on the club's website (wccpcb.org/forms/) titled Request for check / reimbursement. Simply complete this form and attach original receipts and/or invoices. The form may be mailed to the club's address: PO Box 9759, Panama City Beach, FL 32417 or hand delivered to the Treasurer at a luncheon or board meeting. Please do not email copies of invoices to the treasurer. Often the quality of the original receipt is not clear enough to produce a clear image for transmission and then printing. Please do not hand deliver at an event where there is the possibility of having the request misplaced due to the flurry of activity.

WCC checks require two (2) signatures, so please allow enough time to process your request.

Committee members who are submitting invoices for reimbursement should provide a copy of their reimbursement request and receipts to their committee chair. The committee chair is responsible for ensuring all expenses are within budget and for preparing a final report of their committee's activities.

" Members and Guests Enjoy the February General Meeting"



Club Members and Guests

Members and guests enjoyed lunch at the Springhill Suites for the February Women's Civic Club General Meeting. Dr. Richard Smitherman from the Animal Care Center opened with the question "how many people in this room have pets?" With the exception of a couple of people everyone raised their hand. "We all know what pets bring to our lives, but it is also important we know what we need to do to care for them and keep them healthy" he said. He explained the importance of finding an animal care center you are comfortable with and starting a wellness program for your pets.

A special "thank you" to the Lunches and Programs Committee for the great choice of luncheon venues and speakers. Each month, they coordinate the menu, send out luncheon invites and coordinate with the restaurant to ensure everything runs smoothly. Food quantities and table settings are based on the headcounts received by the luncheon deadline date. Ensuring reservations for members and guests are made and on time is the responsibility of the member and shows respect for the efforts of this committee.

"New Member Installation"



**Sue Jiles (Sponsor), Sallie Clackley, Tina Dufresne, Nancy Stovall (Sponsor),
Diane Vitale (President)**

"Welcome New Members"

I have lived in Panama City Beach since 1984, coming here from Dothan, Ala. I have two children and two grandchildren that live here also. I worked in sales for many years before retiring. I have belonged to the Women's Club in Panama City and I am looking forward to being a part of this club and working for my community.



Sallie Clackley



Dan and Tina Dufresne

Tina Dufresne is a native of Maine, as is her husband Dan Dufresne, with three grown children who currently live in Nashville and Dallas. Tina has moved to several states as a part of her healthcare career and has been a homeowner in the area since 2013. She has recently retired and plans to serve in the community while traveling in their RV to the US National Parks with her husband.

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

Raising Funds

Beach Boogie Dance & Silent Auction - "Dancing By the Sea"

In a sea of blues, the "Dancing By the Sea & Silent Auction" theme was enjoyed by all who attended. Although everyone had the opportunity to dance, only three very lucky ladies were able to dance with a "hero" from the Panama City Beach Police Department. A silent auction, a live auction and hors d'oeuvres added to the excitement of the evening.



Jane Filligim, Beth Reedy



Dan Kinsinger, Pamella LeMay, Monica Thomas, Sally and Robb Edwards

Silent Auction with over One Hundred Items



**Sponsor
Tables**



**Table
Decorations**



Moving with the Beat



Jan Schott, Jackie Logan, Patty Rocco, Nancy Stovall, Carol Lynn, Beth Reedy, Arlene Klaas

Dancing with Heroes



Corporal James (Bones) Jones, Captain John Deegins, Sergeant Nick Caliguire



Dancing with Corporal Jones



Dancing with Captain Deegins



Dancing with Sergeant Caligiure



A thank you note can barely express our gratitude to all of you who supported the Dance and Auction fundraiser event! To those who volunteered their time, energy, and resources, we are exceptionally thankful to you for helping to make our evening a special and successful event. You are all such astonishing ladies, and we are so grateful for each of you! Thank you again for helping us make a difference. *Jane Filligim and Darlene Dial*

Many thanks to all who stepped up to help with the Silent Auction. This event most definitely takes an army, to be a success, and that is exactly what happened. Hats off to the mighty warriors who battled the trenches to get the items donated, the logistical organizers making the process move smoothly, the financial experts collecting the cash for the purchases, the front line watchers who secured the live auction participants, and the Commander's who followed the battle plan to lead the forces to a WIN! Thank you EVERYONE for a job well done! *Tammy Haight*

Raising Funds Special Beach Events



Lynn Padgett, Tammy Haight, Nancy Stovall



Julie Sanders ready "to serve and take your money"

"Mardi Gras Panama City Beach"

Combined with the excitement of an authentic Mardi Gras celebration and live music by the Swingin' Medallions and Guess Who, the Women's Civic Club's beer concessions was very busy. Thanks to the many volunteers who made this fundraiser a great success. **"Laissez les Bons Temps Rouler"**



Mardi Gras "Foules "



Monica Thomas and Lynn Padgett Rockin'

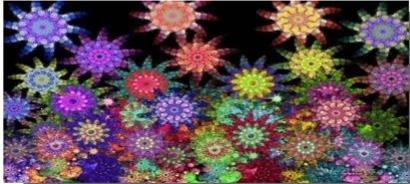
Raising Funds

Spring Fling Arts and Craft Show

The Women's Civic Club of Panama City Beach presents:

Spring Fling

JURIED ARTS AND CRAFT SHOW AND SALE



SATURDAY MARCH 5, 2022 9AM-3PM

**FRANK BROWN PARK RECREATION CENTER
16200 PANAMA CITY BEACH PARKWAY
PANAMA CITY BEACH, FL 32413**

CAFÉ WILL BE OPEN THROUGHOUT SHOW HOURS

Donation only \$1.00 for adults

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VENDOR INFORMATION AND APPLICATION ON OUR WEBSITE www.wccpcb.org

Questions may be emailed to womenscivicclub@ol.com

Get Ready to Shop Til You Drop!

On Saturday, March 5th, the annual Spring Fling will take place at Frank Brown Park's Recreation Center from 9 AM to 3 PM! There will be 38 vendors, some new and some returning. A wide variety of handcrafted items, including jewelry, home decor, clothing, food, soap, candles, and much more will be available. Please help spread the word to all your family, friends and neighbors. Come out and shop with us on Saturday, March 5th!

Please remember to:

- **Mark March 5, 2022 from 9-3 on your calendar!**
- **Show up on March 5th to shop - bring friends, neighbors and family!**
- **Share the Spring Fling Flier and/or information on your neighborhood newsletters, on your condo bulletin boards, on your neighborhood Facebook page, and with friends and family!**

Supporting the Community

Food Pantry

Food Pantry Donations Collected at February Luncheon



Again, we are seeing a rise in the number of clients being served in the food pantry at Gulf Beach Presbyterian Church, located on Highway 79.

In December and January, the pantry served 485 people which equates to 4,365 meals. In comparison, the months of October and November served 3,555 meals. The Food Pantry continues to be open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9-12. Clients can receive food from the pantry once a week.

The pantry is able to provide these meals only through the generosity of Corporations, Churches, Organizations (such as ours) and individual donations.

If any of you would like to see how things operate at the food pantry, please contact me and I will be glad to show you the facility.

Gloria Turner. WCC Food Pantry Liaison

Community Outreach

The Community Outreach Committee will be making spring baskets for the residents at The Blake Senior Assisted Living & Memory Care Facility and will be collecting the following items at the March General Meeting.

- Travel Size Hand Lotions
- Word Search Large Print Books
- Spot the Difference Large Print Books
- No Skid Socks
- Small Packages of Chips
- Small Packages of Cookies

Supporting Members

Nominating Committee

At the February General Meeting, the committee chair presented the 2022-2023 slate of officers proposed by the nominating committee.

- President - Diane Vitale
- First Vice President - Nancy Stovall
- Second Vice President - Julie Sanders
- Recording Secretary - Sharon Williams
- Corresponding Secretary - Gloria Turner
- Treasurer - Sue Jiles

During the March General meeting, after the reading the proposed slate of officers, the President will call for any additional nominations from the floor.

Member to Member

Healthy Meal Prep

On March 10th from 2-4PM in the clubroom at Hibiscus By the Bay Condos, Julie Sanders will present Healthy Meal Prep using your freezer, crock pot and instant pot. You can create healthy meals that are ready for busy nights. These meals are also great to “gift” to a new mom, or to a family that is going through a stressful time. Julie will have some samples so you can taste the finished product! We will also be sampling some of the Rada dips. So many of you have asked when we will be placing another Rada order for knives, kitchen ware and dip mixes. This will be your chance to sample some items that you might not have tried before and to pick up a catalog for you, your family or friends to make an order. If you haven't tried one of the Rada products yet, we have heard nothing but high comments on them.

Recognizing our Members

Happy Birthday Wishes !!

February

- 11 Alice Jacobs
- 20 Lorraine Odom
- 25 Charyl Thew
- 31 Sallie Clackley

"You're older today than yesterday but younger than tomorrow."



*Important Dates
for your
Calendar*

In Appreciation

The efforts and donations of the Women's Civic Club are appreciated. We receive many thank you cards and letters throughout the year. Starting with this edition of "The Civic Courier" an "in appreciation" section is being added to share the information with you.

From the Walsingham Staff:

Women's Civic Club of PCB,
Thank you so much for the generous donations for our teachers!

From Mrs. Peters, Pre-K ESE, Walsingham Academy:

Thank you so much for your generous donations! They were much needed in the classroom and thanks to caring people like your organization, we're able to provide the very best to our students! Thank you for all you do.

From Sally and Jeanne:

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

You all rock. Your efforts at your dance were out of this world. You were so well organized and staffed. Your decorations/lighting were gorgeous. The food was superb. The policemen were a hoot. Congratulations to everyone on a job that was well, well done.

Sally and I thank you all for allowing us to be a tiny part of your group. We are so glad to help in any way. We also want to thank the kitchen crew for the very generous food boxes. Great job all around!! We would like to make a small donation to your group. Blessings to all.

Upcoming Events

- March 3 General Meeting at Captain Jack's Family Buffet, 8208 Thomas Drive, 11AM
- March 5 Spring Fling Arts & Craft Sale at Frank Brown Park, 9AM-3PM
- March 10 Healthy Meal Prep at Hibiscus By the Bay Condos, 2-4PM
- March 19 UNwineD at Aaron Bessant Park, 1PM
- March 31 Board Meeting at Chamber of Commerce, 309 Richard Jackson Blvd, 10AM

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