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From the President's Desk

Nancy Stovall

Dear Members,

Although St. Patrick is the most well-known of all the Irish saints, and the anniversary of his death is celebrated on March 17th, he was born in Great Britain and kidnapped by Irish raiders. He escaped but later returned to Ireland to bring Christianity to the people. One would assume the phrase "*the luck of the Irish*" originated in Ireland, but in fact it started during the gold rush days when it was found most of the prospectors who struck it rich were of Irish descent. As you celebrate St. Patrick's Day, seize "*the luck of the Irish*" and toast your happiness and good fortune.

Thank you to the many volunteers who supported the Panama City Beach Mardi Gras and Music Festival on February 22nd. The event is a great fundraiser for our Women's Club and also an opportunity to show our commitment to the community.

March comes "in like a lion" with the Spring Fling Arts & Craft Sale at Frank Brown Park on March 7th. As you support the vendors and our club, you may want to take a side trip to the Scottish Festival. On March 21st, volunteers will be needed for UNwined. It is also time to start signing up for committees and chair positions for the next year. Also, don't forget to invite your friends and family to the April 2nd Luncheon Meeting at Harpoon Harry's in support of our fashion show.

"The hard work puts you where the good luck can find you."

Nancy


**Happy
St. Patrick's Day**

WCC welcomes three new members



Left to right, First Vice President Gail Claffey; Jane Fillingim with sponsor Sue Jiles; Laura Gumm with sponsor Lynn Padgett; and Patty Rocco also sponsored by Lynn Padgett, are seen at their installation at the February meeting. They received their club shirts, yearbook, nametag and flowers.

See more about the new members on Pages 3-5

"Spring Fling" coming Saturday, March 7.

Spread the word to all your friends, that Saturday, March 7, is the big date for "Spring Fling", the club's annual juried Arts & Crafts Show, which will be at Frank Brown Park's gymnasium from 9 AM to 3 PM.

The Scottish Festival is

also taking place in another part of the park that day, so there will be many fun things to see and do.

Vendors are coming from many locations to show their beautiful items. There will be jewelry, paintings, chil-

dren's items and much more.

A snack bar will be open throughout show hours and beautiful gift baskets will be raffled.

There is no charge, but donations are always welcome.

Civic Club helps TDC celebrate Mardi Gras



WCC members and friends manned two tents to serve beverages during the concerts at Aaron Bessant Park.

"It was a very profitable event," said chairperson Sue Jiles.

Shown here are the workers, who battled the wind and cold, plus a view of the bundled-up concert attendees.



Committee Activities

Nominating Committee:

The Process of Electing New Officers

According to the WCC Bylaws, each January a Nominating Committee of seven (7) members is appointed. Each member at the January general meeting may complete a nomination form stating whom they wish to nominate and sign her own name and deposit the form in a box. The President then draws a nomination form from the box, announces the name and gives the nominee a chance to decline or accept. The drawing continues until seven have agreed to serve.

The President officially appoints those seven members as the Nominating Committee. The committee members select a chairman and hold meetings as they determine necessary. The Nominating Committee selects a nominee for each office and verifies that the nominee will accept and serve.

The Nominating Committee announces their choices at the March General Meeting. After the presiding officer repeats the list of nominees, she will call for nominations from the floor.

Voting takes place at the April Meeting and Installation is in May.

This year's committee consists of Co-chairs, Judy Hardegree and Diane Vitale, Kay Vider, Sharon Williams, Gail Claffey, Rowan Quave and Cheri Leistner.

Auction Committee

Thank you for your support with the 2020 Silent Auction. Thank you to each member who went into our community to ask for items, and to the members who directly donated items.

Sincerely,

Felicia England & Barbara Vecrumba,
Co-chairs



Shown above is the Member-to-Member Committee at one of their recent meetings. Left to right, Lynn Padgett, Susan Curry, Nancy Stovall, Judy Hardegree, Kay Vider, Sue Jiles and Sharon Williams.

Member to Member Committee

The purpose of this committee is to provide fundraising and social events for the club in an informal, small setting. Events can include bunco, parties, Tastefully Simple parties or other such activities. Member raffles are also included. The committee also will assist with New Member Meetings and Member Mix and Mingles.

Upcoming Event:

A New Member Reception will be held 5:30 PM- 8:00 PM on Thursday, March 19, 2020 at the Todd Herendeen Theatre on Front Beach Road. Members installed since January 2017 are invited to munch and mingle with the elected officers and committee chairs. This is a great opportunity for our newer members to learn more about committee opportunities.

School Committee delivers the goods!



Following the WCC's generous response to the request for items to help students and teachers at four elementary schools, seen above is Michele Thompson, Assistant Principal at Hutchison Elementary School, as she gratefully accepts items from Gail Claffey and Gloria Turner.

New Member Information

Please enter into your yearbook!

Jane Fillingim

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Panama City Beach, FL 32408
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Birthday: 04/15
Installation: 02/06/2020
E-mail: janefillingim@gmail.com
Sponsor: Sue Jiles

Laura Gumm

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Panama City Beach, FL 32408
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Birthday: 06/12
Installation: 02/06/2020
E-mail: lauragumm16@icloud.com
Sponsor: Lynn Padgett

Patricia (Patty) Rocco

216 Wisteria Lane
Panama City Beach, FL 32413
Phone: 812-276-8115
Birthday: 06/13
Installation: 02/06/ 2020
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Sponsor: Lynn Padgett

Corrections & Additions for Yearbook

Arlene Klaas:

New address: 334 Basin Bayou Drive
PCB, FL 32407

Lisa Stretch:

Corrected phone number: (850) 238-8635



March Birthdays

6 – Eadie Lloyd
11 – Alice Jacobs
20 – Fran Cassella
20 – Lorraine Odom
25 – Charyl Thew

Joanie Orr missing in Virginia



Joanie Orr

The niece of member Fran Cassella is missing in New Kent, Virginia, where she lives with her husband Bill.

Joanie Orr has been missing for over two weeks.

She has often taken part in WCC when here visiting Fran. The above picture was taken working in the kitchen during the recent Boogie Dance & Silent Auction.

Fran asks that everyone keep her in their prayers.

Life is
Precious,
handle it with prayer

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Coming Events

- ♦ March 5—Luncheon Meeting –11 a.m.
Captain Jack's Family Buffet
12628 Front Beach Road
Speaker: Member Cindy Mulla
Beach Mosquito Control
- ♦ March 7 - "Spring Fling" Art & Crafts Show
Frank Brown Park
- ♦ March 17—St. Patrick's Day 
- ♦ March 19—New Member Orientation
5:30—8 p.m.
Todd Herendeen Theatre
Front Beach Road
- ♦ April 2—Luncheon & Fashion Show
Harpoon Harry's
Election of Officers for 2020-2021
Invite your friends



Jane Fillingim

Meet Our New Members

My name is Jane Fillingim and I am delighted to be a part of the Women's Civic Club and look forward to getting to know each of you. To tell you about myself would require me to tell you about my childhood first.

I was born and raised in Dothan, AL but I feel like I have been here forever, because many of my most cherished childhood memories are of Panama City Beach and the white sandy beach and beautiful emerald water of the gulf. My Dad, a lover of fishing and saltwater, brought his family down for regular weekend visits to his fishing camp on West Bay. For an afternoon treat, he would load the kids in the car and off we would go to the beach. Little did I know this familiar and beloved place would later become "home" for me and my family.

My husband Earl's job brought us to Panama City in 1986 and a couple of years later, we opened a door and window business. Studying art and glass in Chicago, our business gave me the perfect opportunity to design and produce custom stained, etched, and beveled glass door units. I am a little prejudice when I see one of our custom door units still standing after the storm!

Currently employed with Counts Real Estate Group, Inc. as a licensed realtor, I am specialized and have certification in buying, selling, or managing of properties for investment, development, retirement, or second homes. I love to assist all of my clients' buying and selling needs and take great pride in my work and consider honesty and integrity as hallmarks of my profession.

Earl and I will be married for 46 years this year. We have 2 children, 7 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren who are the love of our lives. Hobbies include spending time with our family, travel, artistic activities and being involved with our church.

I have served with many non-profit organizations and consider being able to live and work in this beautiful community truly a blessing. Being constantly in awe of the spirit of those around me that want the best for their community, I look forward to participating with this wonderful group and local outreach projects.



Laura Gumm

I am honored to have become a member of the PCB Women's Civic Club!! My name is Laura Wilson Gumm. I have been married to my husband, Greg, for 31 years. We have two "kids" Dale, 25 and Lydia 26.

Our daughter was the captain of the FSU Girls Golf team for three years which gave me even more reason to visit the area as much as possible. She now coaches girls golf team at the University of Houston. Our son also graduated from FSU last year and is currently working 24/7 in real estate and loving it !!! Neither of them are married and could care less that I am more than ready for grandkids!!

My husband retired and moved here to teach/ and coach baseball at Arnold HS 6 yrs ago. I retired from teaching high school math and guidance counselor in KY and joined him 3 yrs later. We always vacationed here and our dream to retire here came true!

My hobbies include baking/cooking and being outdoors!!! I love all types of outdoor activities! I have a heart for helping people....especially the elderly. I look forward to making friends while working with some of you in our upcoming events.



Patty Rocco

Hi, I am Patty Rocco. I was born and raised in southern Indiana. I lived in California and then in Colorado for a few years after graduating high school, but it was back to Indiana for decades after that.

I've been married to my awesome husband, Tim, for 38 years. We have been blessed with a great daughter, Jessie and a wonderful daughter-in-law, Susan. My adorable fur babies are snuggly dog, Tuff and monster cat, Buddy.

I worked in a variety of retail positions, mostly in the early years and for many years with young people with disabilities in the school system and with the local LARC. At LARC, I led a small group which worked with local businesses to find and maintain jobs in the community for the more capable LARC clients. As Jessie was growing up I was active with the church youth group and with the local Girls Club. I was also fortunate to be able to take a break from work to care for my mother during her long battle with Alzheimer's disease. I have always enjoyed being active in the community and am motivated to assist the less fortunate members of society.

We first came to Panama City Beach the weekend we delivered Jessie to Anderson University. They wouldn't let us stay, so we just headed out for a "new beach". We loved it and vacationed here several Octobers over the years after that. We have always been beach people and have visited many. None of them have been more beautiful or more accommodating than right here.

Five years ago I retired. The day after Tim's retirement, a couple of months later, we packed up the cars and a huge rental truck. The day after that we all drove straight through to the beach. Although we still miss our friends and family in Indiana, we wouldn't trade the move to the beach for anything in the world. We are especially thrilled that Jessie and Susan have also relocated to PCB.

I have most recently been a full time homemaker while my husband went back to work. However, we are really looking forward to his second (and final) retirement at the end of this month. I love cooking for my friends and family. I also get great pleasure from working with my plants and flowers, and just relaxing in my Zen garden.

I love this community and am very happy to be joining the Women's Civic Club.

I have really enjoyed the wonderful social outings and am looking forward to helping the group support many worthwhile activities in this great community. I am very grateful to my sponsor, Lynn Padgett, for bringing me to the group.



Patty Rocco is telling members a little about herself at the induction ceremony;

Scenes from the February Meeting at Fishale



President Nancy Stovall



Laura Gumm is happy to become a new member and is looking forward to making new friends.



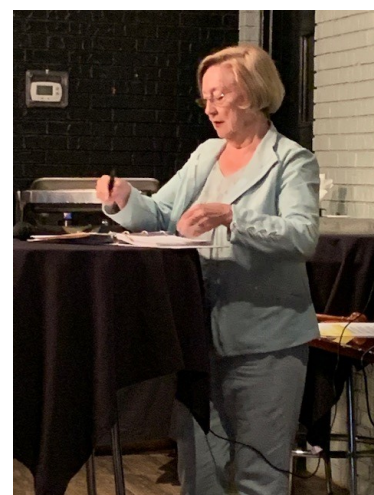
PCB Mayor Mike Thomas was the speaker for the day and he caught members up on all the latest developments of businesses, buildings and roads in the area.



Former PCB Mayor Gayle Oberst and Present PCB Mayor Mike Thomas catch up on city news before the February meeting.



Jane Fillingim thanks Sue Jiles for being her sponsor and inviting her to join the club.



Gayle Oberst, Chairman of the Constitution & By-Laws Committee, read changes to the By-Laws to the membership for final approval.

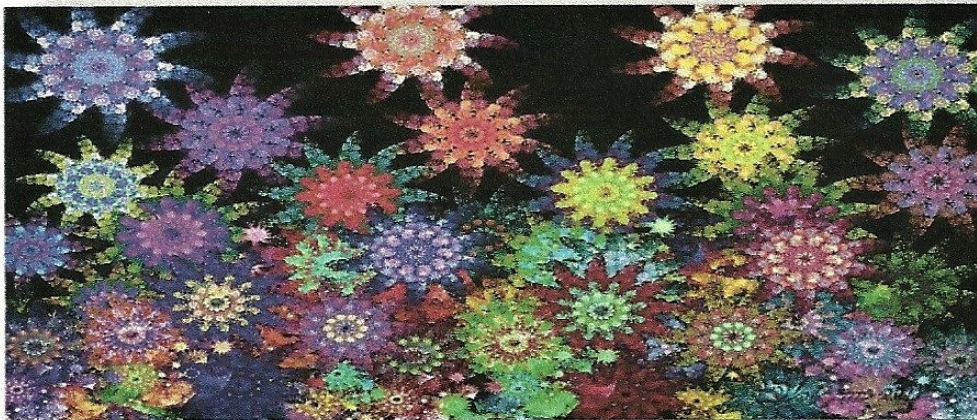
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