



The Civic Courier

The Women's Civic Club
of Panama City Beach,
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"From the President's Desk"



WOW – Can I just start off by saying what a wonderful time was had by all at the Hearts and Hands Celebration Dinner Dance and Auction! It was a night that celebrated the work we do that touches the hearts and hands of so very many in the PCB community. Thanks to ALL that made this such a memorable evening. It was truly a club effort to bring all the pieces together and I cannot thank everyone enough.

And in true WCC fashion, we move right into more fundraising! I hope everyone can volunteer or shop at our upcoming Spring Fling Arts & Craft Show on March 7 at Frank Brown Park. The Arts & Craft Committee has a wonderful line up of vendors and the Kitchen Committee has planned a delicious menu, so please come out and invite friends and family to support the club.

Special Beach Events Committee will be working UNwineD on April 4. This is such a fun event that really kicks off the spring season in PCB. It always reminds me of Kentucky Derby time in Louisville with all the ladies in pretty sundresses and hats, and the guys in seersucker and plaids.

And to thank you all for being such wonderful members of the WCC and supporting our fundraisers as well as our other community efforts, the annual Member Appreciation Picnic will be April 19. The Member to Member Committee is planning a wonderful menu and a day of fun, games and fellowship at Camp Helen. Please add the date to your calendar and plan to join us!

An article popped up on computer the other day that discussed how staying busy can be good for your health. Per the article, staying busy increases cognitive functions, and improves mental health. I think the Women's Civic Club of PCB might be part of the health care industry!

Blessing to all.

Cheri Leistner

"Recognition of the Club's Mission"

Cheri Leistner



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Latitude at Watersound Foundation Award

"February's Luncheon - Organization "

April Gibson



CHO! CHO! (WOW -WOW for us of non Cajun descent). Big Easy exceeded our expectations... well at least mine. The chef, staff, manager were on hand and did a wonderful job of making us feel welcome. Of the feedback I have received everyone was very pleased with the food and wants to go back there again. They really worked well with us, and considering they have a very small kitchen they did a 5 Star luncheon. Please when you go to the restaurant in the future let them know how much you appreciated them hosting our February luncheon. In addition, we had an interesting and thought provoking speaker, April Gibson. April's company is "Pretty Neat Organizing". She talked on methods and strategies to declutter your house, which

happens to declutter your mind. A couple quotes I remember her saying: If an object doesn't have a "home", then it is clutter. If you find something and you didn't know you had it, should you keep it? As a reminder April offers a 30-minute free consultation.

On March 5th, we will be going to our 3rd new restaurant for this year, Bella Roma. We are able to have a luncheon there since they enclosed their side room and we are looking forward to having a great Italian meal at one of the best Italian (if not the best) restaurant on the beach.

Arrivederci!

Gloria Turner, Lunches and Programs Chair

"Welcome New Members"

Nancy Glaze



Rhonda Stephens



Membership Chair Kelly Bertin, Nancy Glaze, Rhonda Stephens

Nancy Glaze

My name is **Nancy Glaze**, and I am dedicated to supporting my family and community. My husband, Mark, and I have been married 34 years. Our daughter (22) recently graduated from Auburn University and lives in Fort Worth, Texas, while our son (25) resides in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Originally from Houston, Texas, I earned a degree in Tourism and Event Planning from Texas A&M University. My career began in hospitality and expanded into customer service, social media management, marketing, and higher education. I worked at the University of Colorado Boulder in the Aerospace Engineering department and served as the social media manager for an entrepreneur overseeing four businesses. I have transitioned into real estate, which has become my passion.

Having lived in Texas and Colorado, I moved to Florida four years ago to live in Margaritaville. I value community involvement and the positive influence it brings to others and myself. I'm honored to be accepted into this wonderful organization and look forward to contributing, supporting, and growing with the club.

Rhonda Stephens

I came to PCB 3 years ago with my husband, Mark, from Maryland where we have lived for all of our 35 years of marriage. We have 4 daughters, 2 of whom are married and the other 2 will be married this year. We are blessed with 3 grandsons.

I love Jesus, my church, painting, reading, playing games and spending time together with my family and my sweet cockapoo, Pepper.

So many of you have inspired me to become a part of this amazing group of women who make a difference by serving and I am grateful to join you in the mission.

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

Raising Funds

Arts and Crafts Show

Spring Fling is right around the corner!!

Please join us on March 7 as a volunteer, a shopper, or both!! Shop our amazing line-up of vendors for unique handmade items from local artisans! Bring your gift list for birthdays and upcoming special occasions and select truly unique gifts for those on your list. And don't forget about yourself - You can probably find a treat or two for you! Bring your friends, family and neighbors too!

We will again be featuring our Literary Cafe with 8 local female authors who will be signing and selling their books! Now is the time to stock up on those Spring and Summer reads for the beach and the pool! So get ready to drop everything and read with many genres to choose from...

- Author, **Katie Buxton** will be back with her children's books, including **Grandma Tell Me a Story**.
- Author, **Stephanie Brown** is returning with both her inspirational book, **The Door** and her newest fiction book, **Corner Promises**.
- Award-winning Author, **Kelley Rene**, will join us with a selection of her suspenseful fiction stories, including the most recently published, **Intrigue!**
- Author and former adoption attorney, **Alice Murray**, will have mysteries and inspirational stories laced with humor.
- **Ellen Fannon**, author and veterinarian, will have her "dog" stories, including **Don't Bite the Doctor** that will amuse and entertain.

- New addition to the cafe, **Kendra Hoey**, will have her **Panhandle Mystery Series** - stories set right here!
- **Krystina Dixon, Breath Life Coaching** will have her inspirational books for women, based on Christian principles and achieving dreams.
- Author, **Paulina Aguilar**, will join us with her book, **Two Steps Forward and Never Going Back**, a book written for dynamic women!

Hope to see you on March 7 supporting these authors, our vendors and of course, our club!!

Julie Sanders, Jayn Collins, Arts & Crafts Chair & Co-Chair

The Spring Fling Flyer is included at the end of the newsletter. One of the ways you can help promote the event is to either print the flyer and hang on bulletin boards or post it to your local Facebook page.

Dance and Silent Auction



The Hearts and Hands Celebration, held Friday, February 13, 2026, 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM at the Boardwalk Beach Hotel and Convention Center opened its doors early for Sponsors and their guests. They were greeted by our friendly, knowledgeable member volunteers. After a speedy registration, they were ushered into the Auction Salon, the Dinner – Dance Ballroom and their designated table seating. These professional young people were volunteers from Arnold High School and Florida State College.

Kay & Jim Vider



Todd Herendeen



Donna McElroy, Soula Dortch, Flo Watson, Rhonda Zartman, Sandy McTrusty, Julie Sanders, Pam Sanders

As dinner of grilled flat iron steak and breast of chicken marsala was being served guests, enjoyed quiet dinner music. They continued to review and bid on the beautifully displayed auction items, socialize while making memories at the three photo stations. THEN – ELVIS! The unexpected, KING of Rock-n-Roll. Elvis made an appearance for the lively, robust, and fun Live Auction. Guests were thrilled with the Trip Package & Diamond Heart Necklace. Next the Spotlight Elvis Serenades began: “Burning Love”, “Can’t Help Falling in Love”, “Suspicious Minds”. Elvis brought the room to its feet with his patriotic salute to service personnel singing “American Trilogy”.

Throughout the evening Todd Heendeen, nationally renowned entertainer and Master of Ceremonies, kept the guests involved and informed of the evening’s events. These included the 50/50 Raffle Drawing, the Photo Kiosk, the Kissing Booth and the location of the Cocktail/Beverage stations. He routinely acknowledged the sponsors, while nearby the WCC Slide Show was playing. Along with Mr. Herendeen, disk jockey Tim Summerow kept the members, sponsors and our honored guests Beach Boogie Dancing all night long. The Women’s Civic Club of PCB fundraising event, Hearts & Hands Celebration, truly reflected our Mission: United for a Better Community.

Thank you!!!



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The Dance Committee would like to thank everyone who made the Hearts and Hands Celebration an unforgettable evening. Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors including, Event Sponsor, St Joseph Community Foundation, donors and auction contributors we will be able to support many Beach charities that improve the quality of life in Panama City Beach.

With profound gratitude and appreciation,

Rhonda Zartman, Dance Chair

Julie Sanders, Donna McElroy, Co-chairs



Silent Auction

Julie Sanders & Tammy Galloway with Cary and April Gibson, the live auction winners of a 2 night stay at Hampton Inn & Suites PCB Beachfront, gift cars to Diego's Burrito Factory & Firefly, Panhandle Helicopter Gift Certificate, VIP tickets to GCSC production of Charlie Brown and a sparkling wine basket full of goodies.



This year's Hearts and Hands Celebration featured an online bidding platform, allowing registered guest to conveniently browse and bid on over 200 auction items using their mobile devices or computers. The system enhanced the bidding experience and significantly streamlined check-in, item collection, and distribution process. The introduction of the online bidding system was well received.

The Silent Auction committee extends sincere appreciation to all members who contributed items, solicited donations from businesses, assisted with venue setup, and support the event operations. The collective efforts of everyone involved were instrumental in ensuring the event's success.

A list of sponsors and partners who contributed to the Hearts and Hands Celebration is provided at the end of this newsletter. Please consider expressing your gratitude when patronizing their businesses.

Kelly Bertin, Nancy Stovall, Silent Auction Chairs

Special Beach Events

Food Truck Festival

The Special Beach Events Committee is fortunate to receive fundraising opportunities from Visit Panama City Beach, Food Truck Festivals of America, etc. Unfortunately, we do not have the luxury of choosing the weather for any of these events. Such was the case for Mardi Gras at Aaron Bessant Park on January 31st when our brave members showed up and sold beer in sub-freezing temperatures with 20+ mph winds off the gulf. So, it is with hearts filled with gratitude that we thank all those members and friends and family who participated in both Mardi Gras and the Food Truck Festival the following weekend.

Now we turn to what is our most challenging staffing event. We have been asked to provide 70 beverage pourers for the outdoor garden party known as UNwineD on Saturday, April 4th at Aaron Bessant Park. It's always a fun event (especially as the day goes on!) and you will be receiving an email with instructions for sign up. So be enlisting friends and family to help us staff this event.

As always, many thanks for your dedication and commitment to fulfilling our fundraising goals for this year!

Karen Demeester, Sue Jiles and Dena Roewe
Special Beach Events Co-Chairs



"Supporting the Community"

Boys and Girls Club

The Boys and Girls Club, located at Frank Brown Park, needs our help the week of Spring Break. They will be doing craft projects each day from 10-12 the week of March 16-20. Monica will have a sign up sheet at the March Luncheon. If you would like to sign up beforehand, please email her at monicathomas@comcast.net

March Luncheon collections will be for the Boys and Girls Club.

Prepackaged Snacks
Flower Seed Packets
Potting Soil
4 Inch Small Planters
Quart Size Zip Locks

Popsicle Craft Sticks
Twine
Fairy Garden Decorations
Paint for Wood and Rock

4 Small Paint Brushed
Disposable Gloves - Size Small
Rice Krispie Cereal
Gummy Worms Candy

Monica Thomas, Boys and Girls Club Liaison

Community Outreach

Birthday Bag Donations collected at February Luncheon



Cheri Leistner assists Superior Residents with the making of Mardi Gras masks

Charter Senior Living



Charlotte Jeckel with a birthday wreath made by WCC Members

Gloria Turner and Sharon McDonald, Co-Chairs

Food Pantry



Pam Sanders took part in Winter Appreciation Days at the Boardwalk Hotel and Convention Center. She shared with the snowbirds that are preparing to return home, the locations of our local food pantries.

Pam Sanders, Food Pantry Liaison

"Spending Time Together"

Member to Member

New Member Orientation

The Women's Civic Club Board of Directors invites all new members installed this year (and those who were unable to attend last year's meeting) to a New Member Orientation on Monday, March 23rd at 4:30 pm. Invitations will be sent out

at the beginning of March. This is your opportunity to learn more about committee requirements before completing the sign up sheet for the coming year. Sponsors are also invited and encouraged to attend.

Please RSVP by email Janet Tettermer to Stardust8385@gmail.com or text 321-443-3692 by March 10th so we have a headcount for the light dinner that will be served.

Member Appreciation Picnic

The WCC appreciates ALL of your efforts that ensure our continued support of organizations on the beach that strive to improve life for all on the beach. This picnic is just a small token to express that appreciation. All club members and one guest each are invited.

You and a guest are invited to the Annual Member Appreciation Picnic on Sunday, April 19th at Camp Helen State Park (12:00 start time). We have reserved the Recreation Hall at the park for our use. This features a large screened in room with ceiling fan, picnic tables and indoor restrooms. The day will feature a catered lunch, boardgames, left right center (bring those quarters), cards games, etc. You will have access to the park facilities all day. Activities include swimming, beach combing, nature, study, hiking, and fishing. The park is under renovation so please understand if a feature is unavailable. We will need RSVP's for the lunch.

Reservations can be made at the April luncheon or email to Janet Tettermer at: Stardust8385@gmail.com - text 321-443-3692.

Sony Edwards, Janet Tettermer, Member to Member Chairs

"Recognizing our Members"



Please remember to inform the Sunshine Committee of any members who are ill, had a loss, need surgery or any other concern. Feel free to call if you know someone who needs a card. We don't want to miss cheering up our fellow members.

Sony Edwards, Sunshine Committee Chair (678) 478-1955

Happy Birthday Wishes!!

March

- 04 Rhonda Jones
- 05 Rhonda Blankenship
- 06 Eadie Lloye
- 18 Kim Escalle
- 30 Donna McElroy



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Cardiovascular Institute Of Northwest Florida
Carousel
Coastal Cryotherapy
Coastal Plastic Surgery Institute/30A Medical Spa
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The Restoration Center - PCB

The St. Joe Community Foundation
The UPS Store
Todd Herendeen Theatre
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"Upcoming Events"

March 5	Luncheon at Bella Roma, 11535 Hutchinson Blvd. Ste 101., 11:00AM
March 7	Spring Fling Arts & Crafts Show, Frank Brown Park
March 12	Backpack Blessings at 158 Griffin Blvd, 8:30AM
March 23	New Member Orientation at Senior Center, 423 Lyndell Lane, 4:30PM
March 26	Board Meeting at Chamber of Commerce Boardroom, 10:00AM
April 2	Fashion Show & Luncheon at Captain Jack's, 8208 Thomas Dr., 11:00AM
April 3-4	UNwined at Aaron Bessant Park
April 9	Backpack Blessings at 158 Griffin Blvd, 8:30AM
April 16	Backpack Blessings at 158 Griffin Blvd, 8:30AM
April 19	Member's Thank You Picnic at Camp Helen State Park, 12:00PM
April 23-26	Seabreeze Jazz Festival at Aaron Bessant Park
April 30	Board Meeting at Chamber of Commerce Boardroom, 309 R. Jackson Blvd., 10:00AM

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The Women's Civic Club of Panama City Beach Presents

Spring Fling

Juried Arts & Crafts Show

SATURDAY MARCH 7, 2026

9 AM – 3 PM

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