

The Civic Courier

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From the President's Desk

Nancy Stovall

Dear Members,

If there was ever any doubt about the creative abilities of the members of the Women's Civic Club, one just needed to attend the new member orientation on April 22nd. The enthusiasm of the Committee Chairs, from decorating their table spaces to enticing members and potential members to join their committee, was evident. A special thank you to Patty Rocco, her team and the Committee Chairs for making it a special evening.

As the 2020-2021 year comes to an end, I want to personally thank each of you for allowing me to be the President the last two years. It has been a wonderful opportunity to work with each of you and to get to know each of you better. Although it has been a time of being "flexible", the club has still accomplished its goals.

I know you will give Diane Vitale, as she assumes the Presidential role, the same support you have given me.

Nancy

"Caring has the gift of making the ordinary special." George R. Bach



Two new members inducted at April meeting



Shown at the Installation, are (above L to R) Nancy Stovall, President; Barbara Vecrumba, sponsor; Jackie Logan and Doris Bayliss, new members; and Gail Claffey, Installing Officer and sponsor of Doris. The new members were presented with flowers, the club yearbook, their name pin and club shirt. They are looking forward to taking an active part in the Women's Civic Club of Panama City Beach.

(For more on the new members, turn to Page 5)

(Photo courtesy of Gloria Turner)

New Member Orientation well planned and helpful to many

Patty Rocco, Chairman of the recent WCC New Member Orientation, was very pleased with the informative displays that the various committee chairmen presented.

The purpose of the event was to give an overview of the club's various committees and their functions so members, new and old, could make their choices for the yearly signup.

It was held at the Todd Herendeen Theatre which was an excellent setting for the event.

After an hour or so of visiting all the booths, a light supper was served by Patty Rocco and her team. An enjoyable evening was had by all who attended.

(For more on this event, please see page 8)



Serving food at the Orientation, Sharon Williams, Lynn Padgett and Patty Rocco are a perfect example of what the Kitchen Committee does. (See more on page 8)

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Shown are Lisa Stretch and Barbara Vecrumba delivering the goods to Larry at The Ark.

Community Outreach

Thank you for the items donated for The Ark. The items were delivered right after the April meeting. Larry, our speaker at the March meeting, was very happy with the items donated. We received 11 sets of sheets, 375 Solo cups, 73 pairs of panties, 11 bras and one pair of men's pants.

Dear Ladies, you were so generous!

Barbara Vecrumba



Parry Rocco is shown with Lisa and Barbara and the men from The Ark.

Committee Activities



Fundraiser for club

Barbara Vecrumba says, "More volunteers are needed for Ironman!" The 70.3 race (half) will be held on May 15, 2021. WCC members are needed!

The club will be stuffing bags on Wed. May 12 from 9 - 12. We will be helping with registration on Thurs., May 13 from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Fri., May 14 from 9 a.m. to 1p.m. and noon to 4 p.m. with registration.

All activities will be at the Shoppes of Edgewater Parking Lot on R. Jackson Blvd.

We benefit the community and have fun doing it! Husbands, friends or neighbors are invited to help!

Please email me if you can work on any of the shifts.

bjvecrumba@hotmail.com
Thanks for helping on this project!

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More Committee Activities

Dance Committee

The Beach Boogie Dance was cancelled this year and members were notified via email. The Lyndell Center has been reserved for February 5, 2022.

Even though Jim Lawson has retired, he has agreed to be the DJ for our dance in February.

Diane Vitale

Silent Auction:

Tammy Haight announced that 27 items have been collected for the Silent Auction. Now that it has been cancelled, donations with perishable food will be returned to the donor. Items that can be stored will be placed in the club storage unit for the next auction, unless the donor wants their item returned.

Tammy, with Nancy Stovall's assistance, will send a letter to all donors thanking them and letting them know what we are doing.

Cheri Leistner will speak with the St. Joe's Community.

Donations for May

Anchorage Children's Home

Gail Claffey reports that the McElvey Sibling Home, which operates under the auspices of the Anchorage Children's Home, could use the following items now that the weather is warmer and they are often visiting the beach.

Child-sized beach chairs, towels and sand toys

Please bring to the <u>May</u> meeting. Thank you so much for your generosity!





May Birthdays

- May 6 Babs Umenhofer
- May 8 Kay Vider
- May 17- Barbara Britson
- May 21 Pat Diamond
- May 23 Glenda Densmore



Sunshine Committee

Please keep the following members in your thoughts and prayers

Sharon Williams

Kay Vider's husband, Jim

Alice Jacobs

When you hear of any of our members who are having health issues, please contact Peg Lowery.

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Coming Events

• May 1 - Kentucky Derby



May 7 - Luncheon Meeting 11 a.m.
 Dee's Hangout
 Shoppes at Edgewater
 Program: Installation of Officers

• May 9 -

Happy Mother's Day!

May 27 - Meeting of New Board 10 a.m.
 Chamber Board Room
 New Board puts plans for new fiscal year into action.



Enjoy your summer everyone!

This is our last newsletter. We have enjoyed serving you over the years.

Nan and Elaine



Judy Hardegree

MUCH REQUESTED RECIPE SHARED

GARLIC-LEMON SPAGHETTI WITH SPINACH from Judy Hardegree

This recipe has a lot of ingredients, but isn't hard to make if you measure all the ingredients before you start cooking!

2 TB extra-virgin olive oil 2 1/2 TB minced garlic 1/4 tsp. red pepper flakes 1 pound spaghetti Table salt for cooking pasta 2 tsp. grated lemon zest
2 TB lemon juice
1 cup fresh baby spinch leaves
2 TB fresh chopped basil
2 TB capers
1/2 cup pine nuts, toasted
1/2 cup Parmesan cheese

Combine garlic and 2 TB olive oil in 8-inch skillet. Cook over low heat until garlic is pale golden brown, about 8-9 minutes. Remove from heat; set aside.

Toast pine nuts for a few minutes in clean skillet; set aside.

Bring 2 quarts water to boil in large pot, add pasta and 2 tsp. salt. Cook until al dente. Dip out one cup of cooking water. Drain rest, leaving drained pasta in the pot. Add 1 cup reserved pasta water and spinach leaves to hot pasta, and toss until spinach is wilted. Add lemon zest and juice, and the reserved garlic-oil mix. Stir until no water remains in the bottom of pot.

Add basil, capers, parmesan and pine nuts; toss to combine. Serve with salt and pepper to taste, and additional Parmesan if desired.

Many friends who have tasted this have often requested the recipe!

Welcome New Members

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Jackie Logan

Jackie Logan became a member of WCC at the April meeting. Here she tells a little about herself.



"I was born and raised in Portland, Oregon for the majority of my school years. There were a couple of years in Idaho and California. I moved with my family 18 times before I graduated from high school, because my dad's company transferred him a lot.

"After college, I lived in the Portland area for 10 years. Then I moved to Hawaii in '85, and loved the beach, sunshine, multiple cultures and the beauty of the islands. During my time in Hawaii, I met several amazing friends that meant the world to me.

"Due to some family issues, I moved back to Oregon after 12 years, living in the Hillsboro area, west of Portland. I reconnected with my dad, sister and young nephews.

"I got a job at the Washington County Sheriff office, and ended up there for 23 years, working in the Records department. I loved my job, was proud of where I worked and met so many amazing people. I retired in April of 2020.

"My family is very small now, only my last nephew. My mom, dad, sister and nephew all passed away.

"I enjoy swimming, movies, traveling, the beach, working on art projects, meeting new people and loving on my dachshund JJ.

"I am so glad I ran into the ladies from the Civic Club at the Ironman last year! In talking to them, it sounded like what would fit into how I feel about helping people. I did a lot of community events/volunteering while in Hawaii and Oregon. The Civic club will be a way I can continue with these projects here in PCB."

Jackie's sponsor is Barbara Vecrumba. As you can see, she is already taking an active part in the club.

Dues & Signup Sheets are due

We are planning <u>now</u> for next year! Please bring completed form and dues check for \$20 to May meeting.

Need a packet? Call me!
Gail Claffey
Membership
850-708-3093
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Cheri Leistner narrates the $\,$ Fashion Show, here describing the outfit worn by Lynn Padgett.



Monica Thomas is ready for a night (or day) on the town.

A few of the guests enjoy the new fashions, lunch and view from Harpoon Harry's.



Patty Rocco picked this outfit for a day of shopping or meetings.



Scenes from the Fashion Show



Barbara Vecrumba leads the line-up of models as they await the start of the show.



President-elect, Diane Vitale, takes time off from her busy schedule to model the perfect thing for life here in Panama City Beach.



Thank you, members, for taking part in the Fashion Show sponsored by Chico's. They are (L to R) Barbara Vecrumba, Jane Nendick, Diane Vitale, Sharon Williams, Lynn Padgett, Patty Rocco and Monica Thomas.



Jane Nendick is ready to go anywhere is this attractive outfit.



Sharon Williams walks in with an outfit perfect for shopping or lunch beachside.



Elaine Lichtenberger and Jean Cooney are listening as Cheri Leistner sells off a few of the RADA paring knives. They are very popular and she may have a few left if anyone is interested.



Karen Gunsaulius, Maddie Niederberger, and Joyce Goetz thoroughly enjoy the whole event.

Member-to-Member-Cheri Leistner

New Member Orientation

Each WCC chairman set up a table demonstrating what role her committee plays in the club. This process was to help members best channel their likes and interests into their choices of committees for the coming year, as they help to serve the community.



Community Outreach—Barbara Vecrumba



Lunches & Programs - Sue Jiles



Dance - Diane Vitale & Jane Fillingim



School Projects - Gail Claffey



Arts & Craft Show - Julie Sanders



Ironman - Barbara Vecrumba



Arlene Klaas and friends



Sharon Williams and Tammy Haight



Rowan Quave and Darlene Dial



Lisa Stretch and two neighbors who are prospective members



Prospective member, Pamela Kremm and Gloria Turner.



President Nancy Stovall, Cheri Leistner & Arlene Klaas



Gloria Turner and Gail Claffey are with a prospective member



Elaine Lichtenberger greets Luciann Jacobs