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From the President's Desk

Cheri Leistner

May is here and for the Women's Civic Club of PCB, that means : Happy New Year!

We finished off last year by making some wonderful one-time donations to the Police K-9 unit to build a training facility; the Boys and Girls Club for swim lessons for 20 kids from PCB; the Thomas Drive volunteer fire department for training and equipment; Supper at Grace to feed the needy; and the PCB Senior Center to kick off their building fund.

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MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 3 – Jan Pieterse
- 8 – Kay Vider
- 14 - Barbara Olson
- 17 – Barbara Britson
- 21 – Pat Diamond
- 23 - Glenda Densmore
- 24 – Lori Becerra
- 24 – Barbara Doblin

New Officers Prepare for 2017-18



Photo courtesy of Elaine Lichtenberger

Cheri Leistner, (center) will serve a second term as President during 2017-18 . Others serving are (L to R) Sue Jiles, Recording Secretary; Peg Lowery, Corresponding Secretary; Joyce Goetz, Treasurer; and Basma Swearingen, First Vice President. Missing from the photo is Julie Bailey, Second Vice President.

Members invited to Leadership Day at Hutchison Beach School

The staff and students at Hutchison Elementary School are inviting WCC members to attend Leadership Day on Friday, May 19, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at 12900 Hutchison Boulevard, Panama City Beach.

Some members have attended past Leadership Days and have found it very interesting and rewarding to see the students in action.

Online reservations are re-

quired no later than May 13th on the Leadership Day tab at www.bayschools.com/bes. The registration password is "Leadership".

If you have any questions, please contact Christopher M. Coan at 850-767-1411 or coancm@bay.k12.fl.us.

They are empowering students to develop leadership in and out of the classroom. "Come see how we are rethinking Leadership."

Brenda Bryson installed in April

Hello to all my fellow members!

I have recently become a new member in your organization and am looking forward to meeting you and working on different events with you. I would like to let you know a few things about myself and what I have accomplished.

My husband and I were both born in Atlanta, GA, lived on the north side of Atlanta and raised our children of four. We both worked in the printing industry for 20 years in production and sales. My husband, Tony, and I moved to Panama City Beach in 1993 and started a new business in 1994 called Coastal Communications. We still work and have the business providing graphic design, printing and mailing.

Through the years, three of our children have moved here and work in

the area as well. So I guess you could say we have earned our dues as Floridians. My oldest daughter, Deanna runs her own in-your-home grooming business. My middle son Landon, works in sales for Cox Pools and my youngest son Daniel, manages our new dermatologist's (Dr. Jeremy Sunseri) office as well as his lab in town. We have another daughter and son-in-law that live in Commerce, Georgia with our two grandchildren.

I have worked on many committees through the years and am always looking for an area where I can be of service. Some of the organizations that I have served are the American Cancer Society, Panama City Beach Chamber of Commerce, Beach Care Services, Supper at Grace, Bay Point Women's Club,



Vice President Debra Fazzzone is seen (above L) presenting flowers, a name tag, club t-shirt and a yearbook to newly installed member Brenda Bryson at the April luncheon meeting .

and Highland Park Baptist Church.

Now I'm looking forward to helping serve in the Women's Civic Club of PCB.

Best Regards, Brenda Bryson

From the President's Desk

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The School Projects committee, with the help of donations from members at the April luncheon, made an impressive donation of clothing and personal items to Hutchison Beach Elementary. (Can you tell how proud I am of the work this club does in our community?!) THANK YOU for all the work you do so that our club can make such a difference in PCB!

The Board has already begun planning for the new year, and we hope to be just as successful as this past year. I know with your help, we will be. Enjoy our brief hiatus over the summer months. We'll see you in September!

Blessings to ALL!

Cheri

PS - If you have not sent in your dues and committee signup sheet, please do so. It will save us a lot of work over the summer if we are not hav-



WCC volunteers are needed once more for the Ironman Triathlon. The event was so successful in November that it was decided to have a spring triathlon also. This time it will be in a new venue - Edgewater Beach Conference Center on Richard Jackson Blvd..... (entrance across from Taco Bell) on May 13, 2017.

Joyce Goetz has agreed to be contact person and organize workers from WCC. Reach her at the following: Phone: 850-249-2117 or 954-649-2929
E-mail: goetzjoyce@gmail.com

Dates & Times:

- Wed. May 10 - 9 - 12 a.m.
Stuff bags and prepare athlete packets
- Thurs. May 11 - 1 - 7 p.m.
Athlete Check-in
- Fri. May 12 - 9 to 5 p.m.
Athlete Check-in

Joyce says, "Send e-mail to me with which days you can help and I will register you on line."

We need your help!

Member to Member Social

by Elaine Lichtenberger

Sue Jiles hosted a lovely social for members at the Magnolia Bay Condominiums. It was a nice time to just chat and get to know fellow members. The Kitchen Committee provided a variety of goodies, including Basma's middle eastern treats. Attendance was approximately 12. We missed Judy Hardegree who was under the weather. However, we enjoyed the snacks she sent!



Left: Maddie Niederberger, Sue Jiles, Gayle Oberst and Brenda Bryson are seen enjoying conversation.

Below: Others enjoying the windy day inside are Jean Sturman, Kay Vider, Carole Breitweiser and Basma Swearingen.



Peg Lowery



As guests entered the poolside meeting room, they passed by the two dolphin statuettes that were donated to the club for the dance. The Club has no place to store them, so displaying them by the pool was a wonderful solution.

New Member Information

Other changes in membership:

Resignations: Debbie Smalley
Sherry Swartout

Moved to Inactive:

Glenda Densmore
Shirley Williams
Candy Peszko

Dear Members,

I would like to thank you for the flowers and many, many get-well wishes I received during my recent illness. My heart valve replacement was a huge success, and it's wonderful to know that I have so many caring friends!

Your editor, Nan

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REMEMBER
THE FOOD PAN-
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MER LONG!!

COMING EVENTS

- * **May 4 - Luncheon**
Harpoon Harry's 11 a.m.
Installation of 2017-18 Officers
- * **May 13 - Ironman 70.3**
Edgewater Convention Center
- * **May 14 - Mothers' Day**



May 27-29 - Memorial Day Weekend

Have a Wonderful Summer !



Photo Courtesy of Joyce Goetz

Happy delivery to Hutchison Beach

Shown left, is Jessica Cross, chair of the School Projects Committee, presenting the generous donations received from members at a recent meeting to Hutchison Beach Elem. School.

Seen, (L to R) are Cheri Leistner, Pres.; Debra Fazzone, 1st VP; Rachel Kelly-Franklin, parent liaison for HBE and Jessica.



WCC recently made a \$2,000 donation to the Thomas Drive Volunteer Fire Department. It will be used to provide additional training to the fire-fighters and to purchase tools and gear. Pictured above (L to R) are Captain Gabe Moschella, Karen Gunsaulus, Fireman Chad Stokes, President Cheri Leistner and Cary Deasaro. Photo Courtesy of Sue Jiles

Women's Civic Club of PCB..... reaching out to our community



WCC recently made a \$3,000 donation to the PCB Senior Center Building Fund. This fund will finance an expansion of the Oatfield building to house office and administration space. Pictured (L to R) are Cheri Leistner, President WCC of PCB; Alice Clay, President PCB Senior Center Board; Joyce Goetz, Treasurer WCC of PCB; and Lana Lowery, member WCC of PCB.



WCC recently made a \$2,000 donation to the Grace Episcopal Church to assist with their "Supper at Grace" program. Supper at Grace is a weekly dinner offered free of charge to the hungry, the poor, the lonely, the unemployed and under employed in our area. Pictured (L to R) are Basma Swearingen, 2nd VP; Fr. Joseph Hagberg; Cheri Leistner, President; and Joyce Goetz, Treasurer.



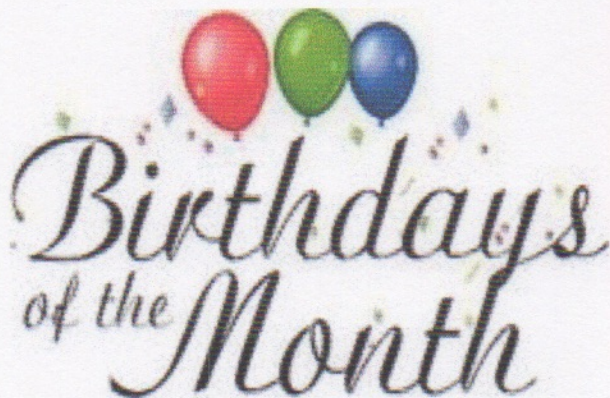
WCC recently made a \$1,600 donation to the Boys and Girls Club of Bay County. This donation will be used to provide swim lessons at the PCB Aquatic Center for 20 of their members. Pictured (L to R) are PCB Parks and Recreation Supervisor Cheryl Joyner, WCC President Cheri Leistner, WCC Treasurer Joyce Goetz, and WCC Member Lana Lowery.

The Women's Civic Club of Panama City Beach, FL recently made a \$3,000 donation to the Panama City Beach Police Department to be used to build a training facility for their K-9



unit. The primary responsibilities of the K-9 team include the safe apprehension of serious criminal offenders, the timely discovery of evidence, the protection of the public and officers, and the search for missing persons. Pictured (L to R) are WCC President Cheri Leistner, Cheryl Joyner, Parks and Rec, PCB Police Chief Drew Whitman, Joyce Goetz, WCC Treasurer, and WCC Member Lana Lowery.

SUMMER BIRTHDAYS



JUNE

- 1 – Elaine Quigley
- 2 – Edith Ellis
- 5 – Brenda Bryson
- 6 – Martha Bice
- 15 – Lisa Zweig
- 19 – Carol Lynn
- 23 – Diane Vitale
- 28 – Bea Alessandrini

JULY

- 12 – Phyllis McLane
- 16 – Gail Claffey
- 19 – Jean Smith
- 19 – Debra Fazzone
- 21 – Shirley Williams
- 22 – Jessica Cross
- 25 – Janet Roan
- 26 – Judy Hardegree
- 26 – Patricia Stoops
- 27 – Suzanne Britson
- 28 – Maxine Mackey

AUGUST

- 6 – Peg Lowery
- 9 – Cary Deasaro
- 11 – Karen Gunsallus
- 12 – Gayla Howell
- 13 – Eloise Cox
- 19 – Cheri Leistner
- 20 – Lana Lowery
- 25 – Sheri Peters

