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Cheri Leistner

From the President's Desk

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!

I just can't say that enough. Our 50th Anniversary celebration was a smashing success, thanks to all of you! It was a special night from start to finish.

The 50th Celebration committee and the Kitchen committee really out did themselves! The Celebration committee made sure we had a wonderful venue, great attendance, wonderful gentlemen to shuttle everyone from the parking lot, and just a memorable night overall! The kitchen committee provided us with wonderful food, drink and, of course, cake! I don't think we could have asked for more.

I heard so many wonderful comments about our club from our guests, and it was a delight to meet our 2nd President, Frances Hundley. I hope everyone enjoyed themselves as much as I did.

This event was truly a TEAM effort. Again it proves we can make wonderful, beautiful things happen when everyone works together!

And without skipping a beat, we're now on to our next event – The Beach Boogie Dance & Silent Auction! As our club's largest single fundraiser, we rely on the success of this event. Our Silent Auction committee is already soliciting donations, but to truly be a success, we need support from each of you. Please ask your favorite restaurant, nail technician, a friend / neighbor / family member, etc., to consider making a donation for the Silent Auction. Or if you would prefer, please donate an item to the auction or make a cash contribution to be used by the Kitchen Committee. I'm confident that you will make this event special as well!

Thank you again. Blessings to ALL.

Cheri



50th Anniversary Huge Success



Past presidents gathered at the recent 50th Anniversary celebration. Seen (L to R) are Elaine Lichtenberger, Connie Peterson, Lorraine Odam, Mugsy Parens, Nan Vandenberg, Janet Roan, Gayle Oberst, Kay Vider and Cheri Leistner gathered around Frances Hundley (seated) who was the second president in 1966-67. (See more p. 5)

Silent Auction/ Dance date changed to February 3, 2018

Mark your calendars and year-books to remember that the Silent Auction and Dance are going to be held on February 3, 2018.

Plans are well under way for another fun-filled evening at Lyndell Center. According to Debra Fazzone, Co-Chairman, "We had a great kick off meeting for our committee today at Culver's. The date of the dance has been changed to February 3, 2018. Members can start getting their items now - and please let me know when you receive them so we can add to our list."

Members are encouraged to either solicit an item valued at \$30 or more or make a \$30 donation to the Kitchen Committee. As our largest fundraiser of the year, we need all members supporting this event to ensure that

we are able to support our charities and organizations as planned.

Some items obtained so far are a Panhandle Helicopter gift certificate from Cindy Mulla; passes from Disney World and a Grand Marlin Restaurant certificate from Cheri; and Culver's ice cream from Arlene Geneva.

Also, Debra says, "We are collecting items starting now! You may bring them to each club meeting to be logged in."

If you have any questions, please contact Debra at 850-625-8660 or dfazzone@trustmark.com

“Spring Fling” committee looking for more vendors for March 3, 2018 event

The Art and Craft Sale Committee held its first meeting Thursday, October, 19, 2017, at The Egg & I. In attendance were Co-chairs, Deborah England and Elaine Lichtenberger, Nan Vandenberg, Barbara Vecrumba, Sony Edwards, Margaret Ivey, Lana Lowery and guest Joan Deener, Peg Lowery and Rowan Quave.

“Spring Fling” will be held March 3, 2018 at the Lyndell Conference Center from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. A snack bar will be run by the Kitchen Committee.

The Arts & Crafts committee asks all club members to look for artists and crafters to make this year’s event a success.

A “Call to Crafters” will go out soon on Facebook. When you see it, please “share” the post with all your friends and ask them to “share” it with their friends, too.

Eight openings available for “Cuisines of the World” luncheon at GCSC Culinary Center

Kay Vider reports that on Monday, November 13, 2017, at 11:30 a.m. WCC members are invited to a “Cuisines of the World” luncheon in the John Holley Dining Room of Gulf Coast State College, where it has previously been held.

“I only have eight places this year, so if you want to go, please let me know, and the first eight people will get to go. The price is \$10 a person. Please pay when you make your reservation.”

It’s a fun and elegant experience hosted by the Culinary Arts Program.

Kay may be reached at 850-596-0638 or kayvider@gmail.com



“Spring Fling” committee members are planning for March 3 event.

Shoppers needed for Christmas Outreach Project



Karen Honeycutt and Nancy Parker, Co-chairs of the Christmas Outreach Committee, committee members and helpers will meet on November 11, 2017 at 9 a.m. at the Walmart SuperCenter on the corner of Hutchinson Blvd. and Front Beach Road. According to Karen, “We will meet inside the first entrance door nearest to Hutchinson Blvd. to shop for seven children ages 6, 7 and 8.”

“After checking out everything we shopped for from their lists given to me in early November, we will take everything to the Regency Towers Condos (on the Gulf side off Thomas Drive) in the Regency Room, located on the ground floor facing Thomas Drive, where we will wrap all the gifts/toys that were listed on each child's form.

Then we will have a few snacks, sit down and talk. Any club members who didn't sign up to work on the Christmas Outreach Project are always welcome to join us to shop and wrap all gifts.”

It’s a very fun and worthwhile project. To be a part of this, or for more information, please call Karen at 814-3018.

Holiday Decorating Showcase features designer Kirby Holt in three shows—sales going well

Kirby Holt’s holiday event will have three performances this year at the GCSC Student Union East: Tuesday, Nov. 7 at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. and Wednesday, Nov. 8 at 10 a.m. Tickets are \$20.00. Remember, WCC receives \$8 for each ticket our members sell. Enjoy refreshments as well as drawings and give aways.

Following the presentation, Kirby’s holiday themed centerpiece trees, wreaths and ornaments will be available for purchase. See Kay Vider at Thursday’s meeting for tickets, or call 850-233-5375 /850-596-0638 or E-mail: kayvider@gmail.com



Meet New Member Sony Edwards



Sondra Edwards is being installed at the November meeting. She has graciously agreed to share a few things about herself and family so members can get to know her better.

“ We (husband Curtis) lived in Maryland forever, then a job transfer took us to Kansas. We moved (retired) here from Peachtree City, Georgia, where I worked as an elementary school teacher. I have three grown "kids" and a very large golden retriever.

I am enjoying living at the beach, the fantastic weather and learning to play bridge and do quilting.

I wanted to join Women's Civic Club so I would feel I really live here and am not on vacation. You really do have a great group and I was surprised at the number of ways you support the community.”

Sony's sponsor is Joyce Goetz.



Birthdays of the Month

NOVEMBER

2 – Margaret Ivey

5 – Betty Malin

19 – Helen Schreiner

27 – Nan VandenBerg



Some members are seen chatting with Paul Castro at the 50th Anniversary Event.

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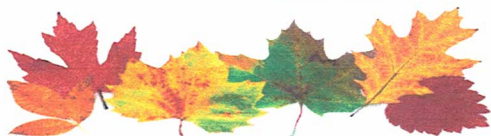
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November Giving Theme

The Domestic Violence Safe House will be the "Giving Theme" for this month. When you attend the meeting on November 2, please consider bringing some of the following items: paper towels, toilet tissue or laundry detergent.

Also, please remember extra Halloween candy for the Christmas Parade which is on Dec. 9.

Last, but not least, always remember your items for the Food Pantry. Your efforts are greatly needed and appreciated. All sealed items are welcome!

Soups, canned or packaged meals, and chili are great, as are personal items such as soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, razors, detergent and

Coming Events

- ◆ Oct. 31 - Nov. 4 - Ironman Triathlon
Boardwalk Beach Resort
- ◆ November 2 - Luncheon - 11 a.m.
Mike's Café & Oyster Bar
17554 Front Beach Road
Program: Scott Clemons/Michelle Matt
Telemedicine, Insurance & Trends in
Health Care
- ◆ November 6 & 7 - Kirby Holt
Holiday Showcase—GCSC
See Kay Vider for Tickets
- ◆ November 30—Executive Board Mtg.
- ◆ December 1 - Christmas Tree Lighting
Frank Brown Park
- ◆ December 7—Luncheon 11 a.m.
Dolce— Grand Panama Center
- ◆ December 9 - Christmas Parade
Pier Park—5 p.m.



It's that time again! What a busy week!





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