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Inc.

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From the President's Desk

Nancy Stovall

Dear Members,

On the fourth Thursday of November each year, millions of people in the United States celebrate Thanksgiving. However, studies show continuously giving thanks and counting blessings boosts your health, slows down the aging clock, puts the brakes on stress, helps in relationships and can even contribute to a lower caloric intake. I am thankful for each member of the Women's Club. Your commitment in time, support to the community and to each other is remarkable.

During the October Luncheon, Panama City Beach Mayor Mark Shelton shared his vision for our community, but it was also an opportunity for him to learn about us.

The generosity of our group was demonstrated with the thank you gift of \$800, and, of course, the tambourine, given to Todd and Angel Herendeen. The Herendeens have selflessly supported our club.

The Lunch and Program Committee has scheduled another exciting speaker for our November meeting at Texas Roadhouse - Visit Panama City Beach President and CEO Dan Rowe.

In this edition of the newsletter there is some great information on what the Community Outreach and Scholarship Committees have accomplished. The Ironman Committee is still looking for volunteers for November 2nd-6th. Please support them.

In future editions you will hear more about what the Dance, Silent Auction, Member to

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Giving Thanks



Community Outreach Committee helps make local children happy with Trunk or Treat at Frank Brown Park



The Community Outreach Committee has been very busy lately. On Tuesday, October 27, 2020, twelve members filled 384 Trunk or Treat bags, and members donated 85 filled bags.

Working with the Department of Recreation, the above group of "Scarecrows" was at Frank Brown Park on Thursday, October 29 distributing the bags to local children. Barbara Vecrumba, Chair, says, "Thank you for donating the candy needed for the project!"

See if you can spot some of the scary "Scarecrows" above: Arlene Klaas, Brenda Bryson, Gail Claffey, Susan Curry Jane Fillingim, Arlene Geneva, Laura Gumm, Peggy Lowery, Lynn Padgett, Ginny Schmertmann, Sheila Steele, Nancy Stovall, Lisa Stretch, Charyl Thew, Gloria Turner, Barbara Vecrumba and Sharon Williams who are all members of this busy committee.

(Photo courtesy of Gloria Turner)



Help still needed!

According to Barbara Vecrumba, this year's chair person for WCC's participation in this event, help is still needed for the Ironman event.

WCC members will be needed to help with preparations as follows:

- 11/02 Stuffing -Oatfield Center
- 11/03 9AM-1PM 1PM-5PM
- 11/04 Checking In-Aaron Bessant Park
- 11/05 (in large white tent)
- 11/06 8:30 AM-1 PM 12:30 -5PM

We need your help! This is one of our big fund raisers each year!

Husbands, neighbors and friends are welcome to help on this project.

Remember that our club luncheon is on the 5th at Texas Roadhouse!

"Thank you for your support! If you have any questions, please contact me."

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COMMITTEE REPORTS



Shown above are last year's recipients receiving their scholarships from President Nancy Stovall at the June luncheon. (L to R) Isabella Gobel, Caroline Adair, Merritt Reece and Abigail Capes.

Scholarship:

The club has been very generous over the years in providing a scholarship to students at Gulf Coast State College and most recently Arnold High School. As far back as 2000-2001 the club has budgeted money for scholarships.

Prior to the scholarship /endowment to GCCC in 2007-2008, the board received applications from students attending GCCC and selected the recipients. Once the endowments were established at GCCC, the Foundation's Scholarship Committee handled the applications and selected the recipients.

A second scholarship /endowment was made to Gulf Coast State College for \$15,000 in 2013 for their Culinary students. In 2011-2012 we did not have mon-

ey budgeted for scholarships, but the club voted to donate \$1,000 to Arnold High School to help with the purchase of band uniforms for the new school. Beginning, in our calendar year, 2016- 2017, we have budgeted \$2,000 each year for two Scholarships for graduating seniors at Arnold High School.

For our \$1,000 scholarship recipients, the Scholarship Committee works with Arnold High School principal and counselors to identify two high school graduating seniors residing in Panama City

Beach who will be attending an accredited college or vocation training, .

Graduating seniors can download our scholarship application online at www.wccpcb.org. Applications must be post marked no later than April 1st. Once all applications are received, the Scholarship Committee selects the recipients, who are then invited to one of our business/ luncheon meetings.

If anyone has any further questions, please contact Gloria Turner.

gloturn1@gmail.com.

Beach Boogie Dance:

Co-chairs: Diane Vitale and Jane Fillingim

This committee met on Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2020 at Panera Bread at 10 a.m. Keep the following in mind:

Date: Saturday, Feb. 6, 2021

Place: Lyndell Center

Time: 5:30—10 p.m.

Cost: \$15.00 presale - \$20 at door

Music: Jim Lawson

BYOB - Setups provided

More helpers needed for setting up and especially cleanup afterward.

Silent Auction:

Co-chairs: Felicia England and Tammy Haight

It's that time of year again to start soliciting donations of items for the Silent Auction coming up February 6, 2021. That may seem like a long way off, but the busy holiday season goes by quickly, and before you know it, the time has arrived!

Letters for donors and forms for items will be available at the November meeting or call Tammy - 770-833-4838 or Felicia - 850-319-3713

Kitchen :

Co-chairs: Nancy Stovall, Arlene Klaas and Charyl Thew.

This committee is responsible for three events— Beach Boogie Dance & Auction in February, Arts & Craft Show Snack Bar in March and the Todd Herendeen event in April. We will have a meeting in mid November to discuss menu and serving.

Two new members inducted at October meeting



Seen above are (L to R) Nancy Stovall, President; new member Janice Taylor, with her sponsor Arlene Klaas; new member Monica Thomas, with her sponsor Sue Jiles; and Gail Claffey, 1st Vice President, who conducted the ceremony.

(To learn more about the new members, please see page 5.)

More Committee Reports

Member-to-Member:

The Member-to Member committee is excited to announce two new Bunko dates:

Tuesday, January 19, 2021 and
Tuesday, April 13, 2021

Both events will be at Taylor's
10 a.m. \$18.00

Submitted by Patty Rocco



Community Outreach

Police Department: We have purchased 156 small stuffed animals for the police to use as they see fit. They will be delivered soon.

Card Ministry: We now have 30 names of residents at Superior Living on R. Jackson Blvd. We would like each club member to "adopt" one person and then send a card once a month. The club has purchased Thanksgiving, Christmas and "Thinking about you" cards to get this project started.

Arts & Craft Fair

Co-chairs: Brandi Hezinger & Julie Sanders

The committee will be meeting November 12 at 11 a.m. at 5214 Finistere Drive for a light lunch and meeting.

Mark your calendar everyone!
Spring Fling Arts & Craft Fair
March 6, 2021



November Birthdays

11/3 - Pam Kirby
11/19 - Helen Schreiner
11/27 - Nan VandenBerg

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Member and Arts and Crafts Committees are doing. Thank you for the great work.

According to the White House Historical Association, President George Washington named November 26, 1789, as a day of public thanksgiving after a recommendation from Congress. The President spent the day attending services at St. Paul's Chapel in New York City, as well as donating beer and food to prisoners.

Nancy

"In everything give thanks. For this is the will of God in Christ Jesus toward you."

1 Thessalonians 5:18

New Member Information

(Please enter into your yearbook)

Sandra Wooden

111 Twilight Bay, Panama City Beach, FL 32407

Phone : (423)280-4556

Birthday: 01/20

Installation: 11/05/2020

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Sponsor: Cheri Leistner

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Coming Events

- ◆ November 5—Luncheon 11 a.m.
Texas Roadhouse
Speaker: Dan Rowe, President & CEO
Visit Panama City Beach
- ◆ November 7 - Ironman
- ◆ November 19 - Executive Board Meeting
- ◆ November 26 - Thanksgiving Day
- ◆ December 3 - Luncheon 11 a.m.
Edgewater Beach
Christmas Program
- ◆ December (tbd) - Christmas Parade
Pier Park



Needs at the Food Pantry continue as always.
Your continual help is appreciated so very
much!

Here are a few items we can always use:

- Canned fruit
- Pork & beans
- Powdered milk
- Soup
- Canned chicken
- Hot dog buns
- Snack chips, packets of crackers or cookies

At this time of year, any foods for the holidays
are appreciated, such as cans of yams, string
beans, mushroom soup, onion rings, stuffing
mix, etc.

All things are appreciated. Just be sure they
are not outdated!

Thanks for all your help!!!

Another scene from Trunk or Treat at Frank Brown Park with the Scarecrows on Halloween.



MEET OUR TWO NEW MEMBERS

Two members joined WCC at the October meeting. They agreed to share some of their backgrounds so everyone could to know them better.

On the right is Janice Taylor, who was sponsored by Arlene Klaas.

“I am 67 years old. I have five children and have been blessed with seven precious grandchildren ranging in age from 20 years to 10 years. (Six girls and one boy!)

I graduated from The University of Mississippi and began my career in banking.

Years later I began volunteering at a Crisis Pregnancy Clinic in Tupelo, MS. This turned into a second career, counseling young girls and women who found themselves with an unplanned pregnancy.

I enjoy sewing, reading and being with my grandchildren.

Since much of my life has included volunteering and helping others, I felt, even in retirement, that I must continue giving of myself. I feel the Women’s Civic Club presents a wonderful way to continue this part of my life.”

Sponsor: Arlene Klaas

Committees chosen: Dance, Ironman, Special Beach Events, Christmas Parade, Kitchen, School Projects and Telephone & Reservations.



Janice Taylor



Monica Thomas is seen with her son Matthew, husband Tommy and daughter Marianna.

“My husband Tommy and I moved to PCB in June 2019. We live in the Palazzo, which is located on Front Beach Road.

I attended North Georgia College in Dahlonega, Georgia, where I received my Bachelor and Master Degrees in education. I earned my Educational Specialist Degree from Nova Southeastern University.

We lived in Peachtree City, Georgia for 20 years. Prior to that we lived in Alabama, Kansas, Oklahoma and Missouri. I retired after coaching cheerleading and teaching school for 32 years, and Tommy retired from the U.S. Army and the Atlanta Airport. Our children, Marianna, 31, and Matthew, 29, live in Atlanta.

I enjoy spending time on the beach, reading and walking. I love spending time with our family, friends and our church family. We are members of Destiny Worship Center.

I look forward to getting to know the other members and getting involved in WCC. I love to give back to others.

I am excited to be a part of such a wonderful organization! “

Sponsor: Sue Jiles

Committees chosen: Arts & Craft Fair, Ironman, Special Beach Events, Fashion Show & School Projects.



The speaker for the day was new PCB Mayor Mark Sheldon. He updated members on all the latest businesses, street improvements and happenings on the Beach. He answered many questions from the audience.

SCENES FROM THE OCTOBER LUNCHEON



Angel and Todd Herendeen were very pleased and grateful to receive a tambourine signed by all members present, which was presented to them by President Nancy Stovall and 2nd Vice President Sue Jiles. A check was also given to them to help them through the rough times caused by the Covid 19 Virus.



Angel and Todd Herendeen are seen with Cheri Leistner.



Newly installed member Janice Taylor is seen adding her flower to the club wreath. Her sponsor is Arlene Klaas. Monica Thomas (background, with Sue Jiles) was also installed that day.



Jane Nendick gave the devotions for the day, which were very inspirational and interesting.