



# The Civic Courier

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of Panama City Beach,  
Inc.

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## From the President's Desk

Nancy Stovall

Dear Members,

It is exciting to hear about the creative ideas the committees are pursuing. The Arts and Crafts Committee is looking at a variety of vendors, the Community Outreach Committee is reviewing different ways to make an impact on our community and the Member-to-Member Committee is researching fundraising opportunities for our club. The innovation and imagination of our members never ceases to amaze me.

The September Lunch Program was a very creative and hands-on activity which got everyone involved while showing how easily you can make an elegant center piece. Thank you, Brandi Hezinger.

Not only will the October luncheon feature the new Panama City Beach Mayor Mark Shelton, the menu catered by GRITS Southern Catering promises a delectable experience. Thank you, Lunch and Program Committee.

Thank you to the School Project Committee and all of our members for the bountiful collection of supplies which were delivered to our elementary schools: West Bay, Hutchison Beach, Breakfast Point and Patronis. Another testament of the generosity of our members.

Albert Einstein constantly challenged notions not only his own but those that came before him, to reach revolutionary new ideas. The creativity and new ideas of our Women's Club members are a great advantage in our ever-changing environment.

*"Logic will get you from A to B. Imagination will take you everywhere."* Albert Einstein

*Nancy*



## New officers lead off in 2020-2021

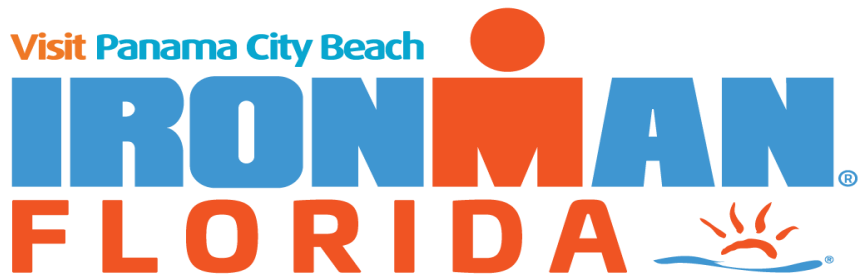


Shown above are this year's leaders: (From L to R) Secretary Arlene Klaas, 2nd Vice President Sue Jiles, Corresponding Secretary Peg Lowery, President Nancy Stovall, 1st Vice President, Gail Claffey and Treasurer Cheri Leistner. They have worked all summer to plan the year for members.



Past President Cheri Leistner is shown installing Peg Lowery as Corresponding Secretary at the September meeting.

Peg was unable to attend the installation in June.



IRONMAN Florida is one of the longest running events in North America. Competitors travel from all over the world.

Barbara Vecrumba is this year's chair person for WCC's participation in this event.

Barbara says, "The full Ironman will be run on November 7. There will also be a half Ironman the same day, but starting a little later. The half Ironman race is to make up for the cancelled May 2020 race.

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		8:30 AM—1 PM 12:30 —5PM
11/06		

We need your help! Sign up sheets will be available at the October meeting. This is a wonderful way to help earn money for our club.

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

Barbara: 850-236-7219 or 850-276-9320

# Generous WCC members give School Projects Committee many much-needed items



Two tables are filled at Taylor's restaurant with supplies donated by WCC to be sorted. There are also two smaller tables - one filled with paper towels and one with tissue boxes.

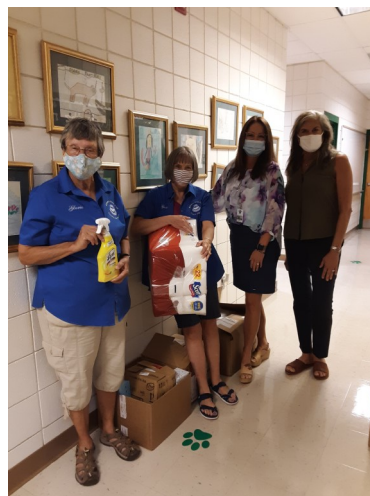


Hutchison Principal Glenda Nouskhajian, and staff were thrilled to receive The WCC donations. They raved about the much needed small masks. Thanks to all who contributed. Joyce Goetz at Hutchison



Sharon Hoffman, a friend of a member, sewed and donated 250 children's masks in various colors and patterns that were delivered to the elementary schools along with the other supplies.

Thank you so very much, Sharon!



Gloria Turner (left) and Gail Claffey are seen above at Patronis School with Principal Mrs. Spivey and School Secretary Lisa Fish.



New member Tammy Haight is shown with Principal Clint Whitfield at Breakfast Point

## A Note of Thanks:

The School Projects committee along with member donations did A WONDERFUL JOB this year collecting supplies for our four elementary schools on the Beach: Hutchison, Patronis, Breakfast Point and West Bay. The committee met at Taylor's Restaurant in September for breakfast to fortify ourselves with food prior to sorting, because we had two long tables covered with supplies and two smaller tables filled with paper towels and tissue boxes.

From Taylor's the supplies were taken to each school....and each school was so thankful.... smiles all around.

Gail and I are so grateful to each member of the committee for their involvement with this project. It would not have been a success without them and the kindness of our members who donated school supplies.

At the beginning of 2021 we will again contact the schools to assess their needs.

Co-Chairs Gail Claffey  
and Gloria Turner



# Meet new member Tammy Haight



New Member Tammy Haight is seen above with her two grandchildren, Miller 11 and Marinn 9

Tammy Haight was installed into WCC at the September meeting. She wrote the following article so members could get to know her better

“I am 62 years old. I have two children, Kalib 42 and Josue 19. I have two wonderful grandchildren Miller 11 and Marinn 9.

I worked in the banking industry for over twenty years. I also worked as CFO of a 13 county Hospice in Georgia. I have owned and operated my own business and currently manage rental properties.

I have served on several boards and auxiliary committees. I also served as a volunteer in Honduras at Orphanage Emmanuel for many years.

I enjoy playing golf, pickleball and hiking. I love the sunrises in the mountains and the sunsets at the beach. I love God, family and country.

The best of days are spent with people who appreciate the simple things of life.

I believe the purpose of life is best served when helping others.”

Tammy is serving on the following committees: Dance, Special Beach Events, and School Projects, for which she has already done a great deal.

Tammy’s sponsor is Sharon Williams. Her phone number, etc., are already listed in this year’s yearbook.



Our deepest sympathy goes out to Gayle Oberst and her family for the recent loss of her mother-in-law Dorothy (Dot) Mullin, who died on Sunday, September 20, 2020 at age 99. She outlived three husbands and her only child, Walt Oberst. She was cremated according to her wishes and her ashes will be taken to Starkville, Mississippi, where they will be scattered over Walt’s father’s grave.



## October Birthdays

- 8 - Cindy Mulla
- 9 - Bobbi Griggs
- 10 - Roberta Bernhardt
- 10 - Julie Sanders
- 15 - Joyce Goetz
- 16 - Arlene Geneva
- 19 - Arlene Klaas
- 21 - Gloria Turner
- 22 - Rita Englert
- 22 - Nancy Stovall
- 31 - Gwen Odenheimer

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## Coming Events

- ◆ **October 1 - Luncheon 11 a.m.**  
**Todd Herendeen Theatre**  
**Speaker: PCB Mayor Mark Sheldon**
- ◆ **October 31 - Halloween**
- ◆ **November 5—Luncheon 11 a.m.**  
**Texas Roadhouse**  
**Business Meeting**
- ◆ **November 7— Ironman**



Needs at the Food Pantry continue as always. Your continual help is appreciated so very much! Several WCC members are now regular workers, which is so wonderful! Thanks again to Sue, Cheri, Arlene Klaas, Brenda, and subs Gloria and Bobbie. Susan Curry is there often, also.

Here are a few items we can always use:

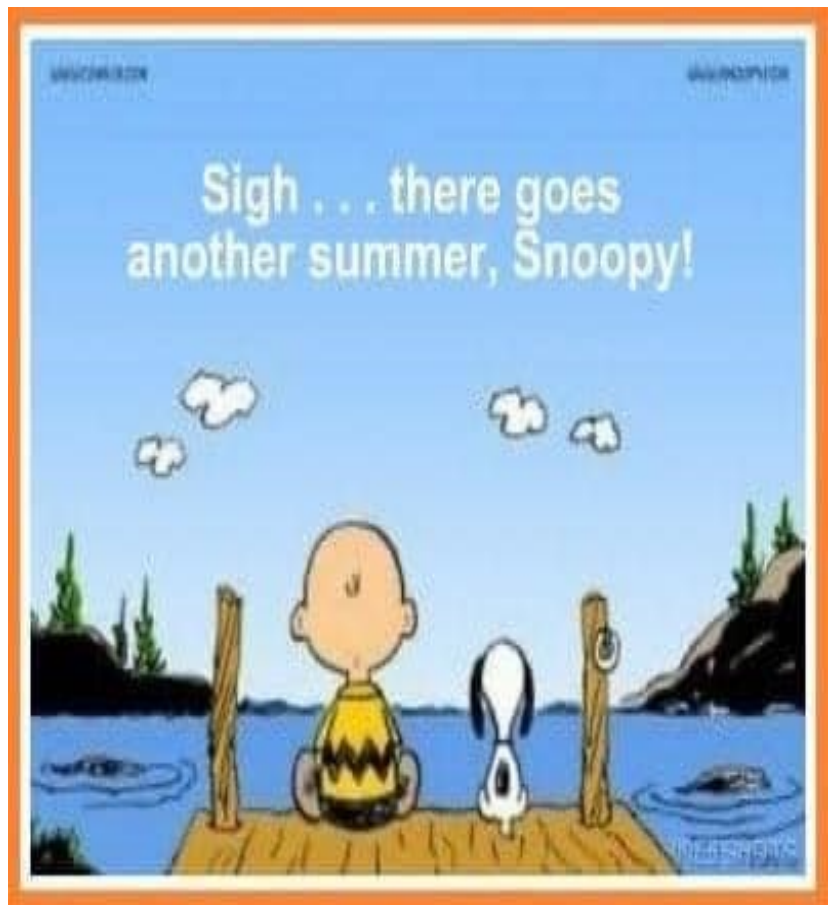
- Canned fruit
- Pork & beans
- Powdered milk
- Soup
- Canned chicken
- Hot dog buns
- Snack chips, packets of crackers or cookies



Packets of crackers

Thanks for all your help!!!

Nan Vandenberg





## Gloria Turner now liaison between WCC and Gulf Coast State College

Since becoming Liaison for Scholarships for the club, Gloria Turner has been doing a great deal of research. She has come up with the following report, which she hopes will clear many misunderstandings about the club's endowments and scholarships. Hopefully, this will help show where some of our money goes,



### WCC Endowment Scholarship to Gulf Coast State College

The Club established two endowment scholarships to Gulf Coast Community (State) College, each for \$15,000. The first endowment scholarship agreement was signed on Sept.9, 2007 by WCC President, Nan Vandenberg. This is a general scholarship for a student enrolled in the college.

The second endowment scholarship is a Culinary Arts Endowed Scholarship and is for a student enrolled in the Culinary Management Program at Gulf Coast State College. This agreement was signed on April 4, 2013 by WCC President, Kay Vider.

Gulf Coast State College Foundation combines money received from all endowments to the college. The interest earned on the principal of all the endowments should be enough to sustain the scholarships in perpetuity.

The Foundation Board manages the fund and determines each year how much money will go to the recipients. Students attending Gulf Coast State College apply for an application to the Gulf Coast State College Foundation. Selection of the recipients for the scholarships will be made by the Gulf Coast State College Scholarship Committee. Both our scholarships are for students who reside in Bay County with first priority to Panama City Beach residents and second priority to Panama City residents.

For the last three years the Foundation has awarded \$1400 to each recipient, \$700 in the spring and the fall.  
Gloria Turner Chairman -Scholarship Committee 2020-2021

If anyone has any further questions, please contact Gloria at [gloturn1@gmail.com](mailto:gloturn1@gmail.com)



## Football Season is finally here!

**This is the best taste treat of the tailgate season! Just open an 8-ounce package of cream cheese, unwrap, put it in a microwave-safe bowl and heat for one minute to soften. Mix until smooth with mixer. Add one jar of Harry & David Classic Recipe Pepper & Onion Relish. Mix thoroughly. Chill in refrigerator. Serve with Scoops. Everyone loves this!**

**You may make it the day ahead, as it keeps well.**

**You may purchase the relish at the Harry & David, Destin Silver Sands store, or order it on line.**

# Scenes from the September meeting



Tammy Haight, center, is installed at the September meeting by First Vice-president Gail Claffey as Sharon Williams, her sponsor, looks on.



Speaker for the day was member Brandi Hezinger, who gave many ideas on how to beautify our homes. She is an interior decorator and had many handouts which she shared. She also had everyone do a hands-on project of a little garden in a bottle to take home.

