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"From the President's Desk"



PRIDE - is defined in Webster's as the pleasure that comes from some relationship, association, achievement, or possession that is seen as a source of honor, respect, etc.

I have great pride in the Women's Civic Club of PCB! I find pleasure in the relationships that have been built among our members as well as our relationships built with our partners in fundraising. How can I not feel proud when we are constantly asked to continue our relationships with partners like Visit Panama City Beach, The Food Truck Festivals of America and Kirby Holt?

I have great pride in the achievements of the WCC. We continue to grow our contributions to the PCB Community. We are recognized when we are out working in the community, whether at Backpack

Blessings, the senior homes, or delivering needed items to schools, food pantries, etc.

I feel that it is an honor to be a member of the WCC. And I hope that each of you feel the same.

But we cannot just sit by and bask in our achievements. We need each member involved in our fundraising so that we can continue providing for our supported beach organizations. And there is much you can do! Right now, you can purchase or sell tickets to the Kirby Holt Holiday Showcase. You can volunteer a few hours at Pirates Fest. You can remind your friends about our Fall Arts & Craft Show. You can get your friends together to purchase tickets for the Hearts & Hands Celebration Dinner Dance & Auction or seek out sponsors for the event. You can ask for donations for the Silent Auction from businesses/restaurants that you frequent. And you can "share" our events on our facebook page to drive more views.!

There is definitely something that each of us can do to show our pride in our club. We are truly "United for a Better Community"

Cheri Leistner

"September Luncheon Tidbits"



What a great start for the 2025-26 session! Captain Jack's, as always, gave us a warm welcome back feeling and provided us with a delicious "all you can eat" buffet.

Our School Projects Committee started off by collecting much needed supplies for our beach schools showing our club's commitment to education. Going along with the school projects theme, we had as our guest speaker Steve Moss, Bay County Board of Education Chairman, and our district representative. Mr. Moss covered a variety of issues that the school board has contended with, i.e. covid and hurricane Michael, and the future decisions on how to provide school space for the new families moving into the county. Following Mr. Moss, Kirby Holt made a beautiful fall decoration which was given to the Club to raffle off at the luncheon. Mr. Holt is partnering with our club and will make a \$10 donation back to the club on every ticket we sell to his Christmas tree decorating class in Chipley, FL.

Next up, on October 2nd, we are looking forward to our lunch and business meeting at a newer restaurant on the beach, McGuire's Irish Pub. This is our first visit as a club to McGuire's so be sure to give a member of the luncheon committee feedback on the food, service and space.

Also, October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. *PLEASE WEAR SOMETHING PINK* and be a messenger of breast cancer awareness, expressing your support and encouragement to breast cancer patients and survivors. I personally have gotten my pink adornment ready to go.

Sla'n go fo'ill (go ahead and google the definition).

Gloria Turner, Chair Luncheon and Programs.

"Welcome New Members"



I am very happy to get started being an official member of WCC!

I moved to PCB 4 years ago after my husband, Dennis, retired. Dennis and I have been married 41 years and have one son and one daughter, Alex and Emily.

I received my B.S. in Dental Hygiene from the University of Maryland Dental School in 1985. I worked part time with my husband in our dental practice for 30 years.

I enjoy cooking, baking, entertaining, traveling, decorating, crafting, gardening and time with our friends. We love our life here!

Barbara Lambrow, sponsor Joyce Kippes

Susan was born and raised in Miami, FL. Graduated from the University of Florida in Gainesville, FL and received a Bachelor of Arts.

Susan has one son, Jonathan, who served in the US Air Force from 2008 to 2013. He is currently living in the Cocoa Beach, FL. area.

Her significant other, Charlie, have been together since 1991. They purchased their house in Panama City Beach and moved here early 2016 to be closer to her 95 year old Dad. They have 2 dogs and 2 cats.

Susan has been a Licensed Realtor – Broker Associate for 18+ years, 10 years in Georgia and over 8 years here in Florida. She was the President of the Central Association of Realtors (CPAR) in 2022. Susan is currently on the Board of Directors for CPAR as well as on the Florida Realtor Board of Directors for 2025. Susan has served on the Habitat for Humanity Bay County, Family Services Committee since 2024. She also has been involved with the Panhandle Gator Alumni Club since 2017.

Susan West, sponsor Jenna Hall

"Fulfilling Our Mission of Improving Life in Panama City Beach Community"

Raising Funds

Arts and Crafts Show



Get Ready! November 8th - Fall Fling!!

We are excited to announce that the Fall Fling is full and we even have vendors on a waiting list! Lots of new items and many returning favorites! We will also have six local authors in our Literary Cafe and they will be signing their books! Come get your holiday shopping done and give a unique gift while supporting the small businesses of these local artisans and authors. Help us get the word out so we have lots of shoppers!!

Thank you to everyone who has sent vendors our way! We will be reaching out for volunteers to assist Friday evening before the show and the day of the show! Let us know if you want to volunteer for an hour or two!

Thank you,

Julie Sanders, Chair - Arts & Crafts Committee

Jayn Collins, Co-Chair - Arts and Crafts Committee

The Arts and Crafts Show flier is included at the end of the newsletter. One of the ways you can help promote the event is to either print the flier and hang on bulletin boards or post it to your local Facebook page.

Dance and Silent Auction



Hearts & Hands United for a Better Community *Dinner/Dance/Auction/Entertainment*

**Gourmet Dinner Served
Silent and Live Auction
Local Entertainer - Todd Herendeen**

There was an excited buzz in the air of the September meeting as the “Beach Boogie Dance” and Silent Auction committees kicked off the club’s annual fundraiser. Committee members have been Busy Bees all summer in order to present:

HEARTS & HANDS CELEBRATION FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2026, 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM BOARDWALK BEACH HOTEL & CONVENTION CENTER

- Start by joining us in attending an extraordinary evening filled with an elegant dinner, dancing, silent & enthusiastic live auctions. Then be prepared to be Wowed throughout the evening by Todd Herendeen, Emcee, national recording artist and entertainer.
- Then invite local professional businesses to partner with us by becoming a Sponsor. All Sponsor packages available include Dinner Tickets Table for 10, early admission to Silent Auction, 10 Drink Tickets, social media and website spotlights.
- YOU as a WCC Member are an essential part of our Mission: United for a Better Community.

This is just the beginning of the planning, we need all WCC Members to share their talents and time to make this a successful event. We need everyone to help with the event – decorating, welcoming, registration, set up and the close down/clean up afterwards. We welcome the assistance of spouses and friends as well.

Let’s All Get Busy, Bees!

Your Dance Committee Chair & Co Chairs

Rhonda Zartman, Julie Sanders, Donna McElroy

The Dance Committee has set a goal of \$50,000 in dance income, as of date they have collected \$1,500. The sponsor introduction letter, sponsorship opportunities and sponsorship form are available by contacting Rhonda Zartman or Julie Sanders. The sponsorship opportunities and sponsorship form are also available at wccpcb.org/events.

The Silent Auction Committee has set a goal of \$40,000 estimate retail value of items. Merchant introduction letters and item donation information forms are available by contacting Kelly Bertin or Nancy Stovall. Thank you for helping the club to meet or exceed these goals.

Ironman

Ironman Florida - Saturday, November 1st race date. Volunteers needed to stuff bags on Tuesday morning, October 28th, and to assist with athlete check-in on Wednesday and Thursday, October 29th and 30th. For more details and volunteer registration link contact Kris Saddoris. You may additionally individually choose to work the stations during the race itself if you have an interest.

Kris Saddoris, Ironman Chairperson

Special Beach Events

Cheri Leistner, Kris Saddoris, Kelly Bertin, Sharon Burnett, Carol Adams, Dena Roewe, Sue Jiles



Special Beach Events Committee has already started the year fundraising by working the Food Truck of America Festival at the Publix Sports Complex. The ladies worked in two shifts selling entry and beverage tickets, scanning pre-sold tickets, checking age requirements and attaching ID armbands. And the event organizer has already asked that we work the larger food truck festival at Aaron Bessant Park in February 2026 and 2027!

And now we move on to one of our larger events, Pirates of the High Seas & Renaissance Fest at Aaron Bessant Park on Friday, October 10, Saturday, October 11 and Sunday, October 12. Yes, this is a three-day event, so we will need lots of help staffing this one. And Visit Panama City Beach has added a third beverage tent, so we have the opportunity

to make even more funds this year. Tips from a third tent...yes, please!! Committee members are busy signing up for shifts and we will be sending out an email in the next week requesting help from all members. Remember, you can dress in costume, and we know you'll have fun working this one!

Karen Demeester, Sue Jiles, Dena Roewe, Special Beach Events Co-Chairs

"Supporting the Community"

Community Outreach

Supporting Events

Carnival Night at Superior Residences



Nancy Stovall, Gloria Turner, Brenda Farmer, Sylvia Payne, Doris Bayliss, Dena Roewe

Backpack Blessings



Sue Jiles, Gloria Turner

Domestic Violence

Collections at the October Luncheon will support the Gulfview Methodist Church Domestic Violence Program. As each situation is different and the church does not have space for storing items the club will be collecting monetary donations.

Jenna Hall, Domestic Violence Liaison

School Projects

Your donations make a difference!!!!

Breakfast Point Academy



Jeanette Poland, Admin Sherry Rouski, Sharon Cook, Principal Deniece Moss, Carol Benson

Sorting



Jan Schott, Pam Davis, Sharon Cook, Kelly Bertin

Hutchinson Beach Elementary



Jan Schott, Principal Glenda Nouskhajian, Tonia Sampson, Cindy Brost, Jeanette Poland

Walsingham Academy



Jan Schott, Tonia Sampson, Counselor Heather Winship, Jeanette Poland

Patronis Elementary



Deb Kesinger, Principal Brooke Loyed, Lisa Fish, Whitney Harwood, Jeanette Poland

West Bay Elementary



Pam Davis, Principal Bridgett Rhonda Zartman, Becky

Jeanette Poland, Karen Demeester - School Projects Co-Chairs

"Spending Time Together"

Member to Member

Bracelet Making with Denise Schmidt



The Member to Member committee held their first event on September 8th with Denise Schmidt of The Charming Sister. Ten members made beautiful bracelets and got to know one another just a little bit better.

Pictured: Sue Jiles, Janet Tettemer, Donna Schlosser, Cathy Schnader, Sony Edwards, Julie Sanders, Carol Lynn, Donna Maynard, Dena Roewe, Cheri Leistner

Kirby Holt Holiday Showcase

Hope you join in the next activity - the amazing floral designs of Kirby Holt on October 30th. Two show times for your convenience.

Join us for a great time of expert designer tips, tricks and techniques to make your holiday season festive and bright.

Contact The Women's Civic Club of PCB, FL for tickets
Website: <https://www.wccpcb.org>
Facebook: <https://facebook.com/groups/wccpcb.org>
321-443-3692 or 678- 478-1955 for information & tickets

Date: Oct 30, 2025	\$20	Location: Washington County Ag Center Chipley, FL
Time: 10am 6pm		

Sony Edwards and Janet Tettemer, Member to Member Chairs

"Recognizing our Members"



Please inform the Sunshine Committee of any members who are ill, had a loss, need surgery or any other concern. Feel free to call if you know someone who needs a card. We don't want to miss cheering up our fellow members.

Sony Edwards, Sunshine Committee Chair
(678) 478-1955

Happy Birthday Wishes!!

October

- 01 Donna Schlosser
- 03 Soula Dortch
- 09 Bobbi Griggs
- 10 Roberta Bernhardt
- 10 Julie Sanders
- 12 Pamela Sanders
- 19 Arlene Klaas
- 21 Gloria Turner
- 22 Nancy Stovall
- 23 Susan West
- 26 Barbara Lambrow
- 29 Jackie Logan
- 31 Gwen Odenheimer



"Cherish all your happy moments, they make a fine cushion for old age!"

"Upcoming Events"

October 2 Luncheon at McGuire's, 17290 Front Beach Rd., 11:00AM
October 9 Backpack Blessings at 158 Griffin Blvd, 8:30AM
October 10-12 Pirates of the High Seas and Renaissance Fest at Aaron Bessant Park
October 16 Backpack Blessings at 158 Griffin Blvd, 8:30AM
October 23 Board Meeting at Chamber of Commerce Boardroom, 309 R Jackson, 10:00AM-
"NOTE DATE CHANGE"
October 29-30 Ironman Support at Aaron Bessant Park
October 30 Kirby Holt's Christmas Decorating Showcase at AG Center in Chipley
November 6 Luncheon at Pineapple Willy's, 9875 S Thomas Dr., 11:00AM
November 8 Fall Fling Arts and Crafts Sale at Frank Brown Park
November 13 Backpack Blessings at 158 Griffin Blvd, 8:30AM
November 20 Backpack Blessings at 158 Griffin Blvd, 8:30AM
November 20 Board Meeting at Chamber of Commerce Boardroom, 309 R Jackson, 10:00AM
November 28-29 Home for the Holidays at Aaron Bessant Park, 500 W Pier Park Dr.

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The Women's Civic Club of Panama City Beach Presents

FALL FLING

JURIED ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW & SALE

FRANK BROWN PARK RECREATION CENTER
16200 PANAMA CITY BEACH PARKWAY
PANAMA CITY BEACH, FL 32413

8 NOVEMBER, 2025
9 AM-3 PM

CAFE WILL BE OPEN THROUGHOUT SHOW HOURS

DONATION ONLY \$1.00 FOR ADULTS

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