



# The Civic Courier

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## From the President's Desk

Remember how excited, as a child and maybe still as an adult, you became in October when you started planning your Halloween costume and thinking about all the goodies you would collect. You could be a princess, a superhero or anything you wanted to be. However, in the early days, people wore masks when disaster struck as they believed their misfortune would be frightened by the mask.

October is "National Domestic Violence Awareness" month. Unfortunately, millions of people are affected and they hide behind a mask everyday. Many victims suffer in silence, afraid to seek help or not knowing where to turn. Sometimes just reaching out and letting them know there are people who care can provide tremendous relief. This month we will be collecting items to help restock our domestic violence shelter.

West Bay and Hutchison teachers and staff were grateful for the generous classroom donations collected at the September luncheon. There is a need for additional volunteers for the Iron Man Event, October 29-31, so please sign up. And if you are wondering what to do with the extra Halloween candy, instead of it going to the hips, save it for the Christmas Parade. As always, your donations for the Food Pantry are appreciated.

*Nancy*

"Volunteers do not necessarily have the TIME, they just have the HEART"



## Volunteers Needed for Ironman



Shown above are volunteers working diligently at the Ironman event last May at Edgewater Beach Resort.

It's that time of year again for Ironman! Last year's race was cancelled due to Hurricane Michael, but now PCB is ready to welcome the event once again. At least fourteen volunteers are needed for each day—October 29, 30 & 31—in order to meet the volunteer commitments for the Ironman event. The club receives a generous donation for doing this, which helps in its outreach to the PCB community. It is being held on November 2, 2019 at Boardwalk, 9450 S. Thomas Drive this year.

The tasks that volunteers will be doing are as follows:

**Bag Stuffing:** Tues. Oct. 29 - 9 am until finished. Time varies.

**Athlete Check In:** Wed. Oct. 30, 9 am -1 pm and/or 1-5

**Athlete Check In:** Thurs. Oct. 31, 9/1 and /or 1-5

Please consider volunteering yourself and also soliciting friends and family.

There will be a signup sheet at the October 3rd luncheon meeting, or you may also notify me at [nlstovall@gmail.com](mailto:nlstovall@gmail.com), with the name of the volunteer, the day (s), time (s) and T-shirt size.

Thank you for the support of all the volunteers.

## West Bay Elementary welcomes donated teacher supplies



Gloria Turner and Gail Claffey, co-chairs of the School Projects Committee, delivered teacher supplies to West Bay Elementary after the generosity of club members at the September meeting. Left to right—Gloria Turner, Ms. Good, Assistant Administrator; Gail and Deniece Moss, Principal.

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# School items collected at September meeting

## Generous members help when needed



Above is shown all the wonderful items that were gathered at the September Luncheon Meeting. This picture was taken at West Bay Elementary School, but items were also taken to Hutchison and Breakfast Point schools.

### Arts & Craft Show

SPRING FLING ARTS AND CRAFTS SALE will be held at Frank Brown Park, March 7, 2020. Please let me know of any crafters or artists you would like us to invite. A flyer and craft-er application are on our website, [www.wccpcb.org](http://www.wccpcb.org). You can reach me at 850-814-2469 or [lichtnbrgr@aol.com](mailto:lichtnbrgr@aol.com).

Thank you, Elaine Lichtenberger

### Reach out to the Community

Invite a friend or neighbor to one of our meetings! If you know someone who cares about the community, who is willing to put in time helping others, who likes meeting people and having fun while doing it, they may be just the person to find out more about our club.

For any info and forms regarding membership, please call Gail Claffey, Membership Chair @ 850-708-3093

### Domestic Violence

October is Domestic Violence Awareness month.

The committee is requesting that you bring some of the following articles to the October meeting to help in this project:

#### SHOPPING LIST

- Laundry Detergent
- Dishwasher Soap
- Dawn Dish Soap
- Clorox Wipes
- Windex
- Kitchen Cleaner
- Bathroom Cleaner
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Body Wash
- Toothpaste
- Tooth Brushes
- Full Size Shampoo
- Full Size Conditioner
- Deodorant

Thank you so very much!

Co-chairs: Roberta Bernhardt and Arlene Geneva

## Committee Activities

### Silent Auction

The annual dance and silent auction are planned for February 1, 2020. Please start looking around your homes for items to donate to the auction. A few examples are as follows: art work, gift baskets, liquor, or items for regifting.

Any items, either donated by yourself or received from a business, friend or neighbor, can be dropped off at my office, Trustmark, located at 2305 Thomas Drive (beside McDonalds).

With the help of all members, this could be the best auction ever!

Thank you, Felicia England, Chairman  
O: 850.233.6533 | C: 850.319.3713 | [fengland@trustmark.com](mailto:fengland@trustmark.com)



Charyl Thew

## Meet member Charyl Thew

Charyl Thew joined WCC in February of 2019 and has led a busy life since. After moving from Grand Panama to Breakfast Point recently, she has now taken time to share some events of her life.

“I was born in Rockford, Illinois not far from the Wisconsin border. I was raised with three brothers and one sister and had a very happy childhood. Two years after graduating, I married and had three sons. When the oldest was three years old, my husband and I divorced. I was a single mother for 14 years until I married my current husband Greg. He had two sons from a previous marriage, add another baby... and that makes six sons. We now have 12 grandchildren!

My profession was a mental health technician. I worked with children, which I enjoyed immensely. After 25 years, I retired. A few years after retirement, we moved to PCB, and here we plan on living happily ever after.”

Charyl’s sponsors were Barbara Vecrumba and Nancy Stovall. She is on the following committees: Christmas Parade, Christmas Tree Lighting, Food Pantry, Ironman, Kitchen and Special Beach Events.

### Year Book Changes

Lana Lowery—lanajlowery@gmail.com  
 Charyl Thew— 307 Breakfast Point Blvd.  
 PCB, FL 32407



### OCTOBER

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

### News of our Members

**Mugsy Parens:** Condolences go out to Mugsy Parens, whose daughter-in-law, Tami Parens, died recently. Tami was the wife of Mugsy’s step-son Mark.

**Elaine Lichtenberger:** Elaine fell recently and is recovering from a fractured shoulder. She must use the sling for four more weeks. She is in Ohio, but is still busy and in touch and working on the Spring Fling Arts and Craft Sale.

**Jean Sturman :** Jean tripped over a machine at the gym, but is doing fine now.

**Judy Hardegree :** Judy has bursitis in both hips and is trying to stay in for awhile.



*Our Deepest Sympathy*



Word has reached me that Cherry Creekmore died this past weekend. See more on Page 5.

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## October Donations Domestic Violence Program

This month's focus is on the Domestic Violence Program for donations to be brought to the Luncheon Meeting.

Please see page 2 for suggested items that Chairman Roberta Bernhardt has listed.

### Food Pantry:

Food staples such as crackers, soup and peanut butter are always needed, as are paper products, hygiene articles, razors and dish or laundry soap.



# Coming Events

- ◆ October 3—Luncheon Meeting 11 a.m.  
Fish Ale  
7715 Front Beach Rd.  
Speaker: Paul Vecker, BCSO  
Fraud & Scams
- ◆ October 31— Halloween 
- ◆ October 31—Executive Board Meeting—10 a.m.  
Chamber Board Room
- ◆ November 2—Ironman—Boardwalk
- ◆ November 3— Daylight Savings Time Ends  
Fall Back
- ◆ November 7—Luncheon Meeting 11 a.m.  
Wicked Wheel  
10025 Hutchison Blvd.

### IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR MEMBERS:

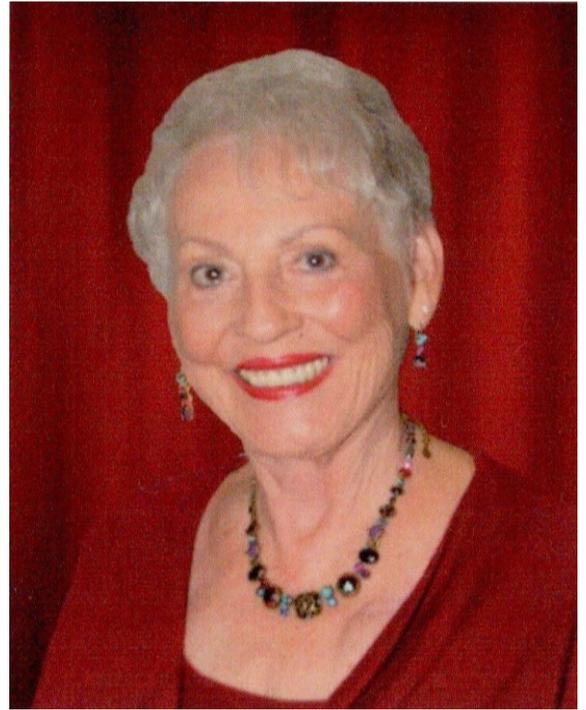
Reservations for the luncheon each month must be called in to Sue Jiles by the Monday morning before each meeting! This is so important so that the restaurants can supply us with a nice meal. Thank you!



Above is another view of last May's Ironman volunteers.



*Our Deepest  
Sympathy*



**Cherry H. Creekmore  
1923—2019**

**Cherry H. Creekmore 86, of Panama City Beach, FL passed away Saturday, September 28, 2019 at a local care facility. Funeral services will be held at 11:00am Thursday, October 3, 2019 at the Kent-Forest Lawn Chapel with Rev. Craig Brannon officiating. Entombment will follow at Forest Lawn Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Kent-Forest Lawn Funeral Home. The family will receive guests from 10 am until time of service Thursday at the funeral home.**

**Cherry was a Life Member of The Women's Civic Club of PCB, Inc., after becoming an active member in 1986, always working on the Fashion Show and Special Beach Events committees, entertaining graciously in her home and always attending Board Meetings. She will be greatly missed.**

