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of Panama City Beach, Inc.

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From the President's Desk

Cheri Leistner

Ladies – Do you have your running shoes on? I hope so, because the WCC is off and running! I think we have a very exciting year ahead of us. Julie Bailey and her committee have a wonderful year of lunches planned, Connie Peterson and her committee have planned a very special evening to celebrate our 50th anniversary, and I have met with all the committee chairs who are excited and eager to get their committees underway.

I also would like to say a special and big thanks to the St. Joe Community Foundation who made a generous grant to our club to fund our 50th Anniversary Celebration. It is because of this foundation and MANY other businesses in our community that we are able to continue the wonderful

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All members contributed to Installation Bouquet

Connie Peterson led the Installation Ceremony at the May meeting at Harpoon Harry's restaurant.

A beautiful bouquet was created by the members for the annual Installation of Officers' ceremony.

(See picture at right.)

This is a good reminder to members of the meaning behind the ceremony. Just as each member contributed to form the bouquet, each member can contribute to the success of the WCC.

Each individual flower increased the beauty of the whole bouquet, just as each member's contribution increases the greatness of the Club.

Women's Civic Club of PCB celebrates 50th Anniversary

Thanks community for fifty years of support

A 50th Anniversary celebration will be held on Thursday, October 26, 2017, from 4 to 6 p.m. at 5141 Gulf Drive, two doors west of Schooners.

The purpose of the event is to thank the community for supporting the club throughout the last fifty years.

All members, past and present, are invited to attend. Most club members are not expected to work during the event so that they, too, may enjoy mingling with guests while enjoying served hors d'ouerves, desserts and beverages.

There will be a short program at 5 p.m. with a champagne toast. Past presidents will be honored and President Cheri Leistner will thank all community members who have so willingly helped the club in the past.

There will be wonderful background music and valet parking for guests' convenience. It will truly be an event to remember.

There is no charge!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

R. S. V. P. by Mon. Oct. 16!
E-mail: frofrot6@gmail.com
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Kirby Holt returns for Holiday Showcase



Kirby Holt presents new ideas every year to put you in the holiday mood!

It's not too early to start thinking about the holidays!

Once again, WCC will partner with the Gulf Coast State College Foundation to present world famous designer Kirby Holt of Blossoms in Chipley. He will give two performances at the Gulf Coast State College Student Union on Tuesday, November 7, 2017 and Wednesday, November 8, 2017.

The only responsibility of WCC is to sell tickets. For each \$20.00 ticket sold, the club will receive \$8.00.

Kay Vider has agreed to distribute tickets to members for sales. Get those tickets soon by calling Kay at 596-0638 or see her at the next meeting.

More details will follow soon!

President's Message

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work we do for our beautiful beach community. I am so proud to be part of the WCC and always bragging to others about the great work we do to make life better for all in PCB!

So keep those running shoes handy. We are going to be working Ironman October 31 – November 2, we're selling tickets for the Kirby Christmas showcase on Nov 7 – 8, and, of course, we're already starting plans for our Beach Boogie Dance and Silent Auction on January 13.

We have an aggressive budget planned for these and other fund raisers so that we can provide more support and service to the community. Working together, we can make beautiful things happen for PCB!

Thanks for being part of the WCC of PCB!

Cheri Leistner



WCC volunteers are needed once more for the Ironman Triathlon. This time it takes place back at Boardwalk on October 31, 2017.

Joyce Goetz has again agreed to be contact person and organize workers from WCC. Reach her at the following:

Phone: 850-249-2117

Email: goetzjoyce@gmail.com

Joyce says, "Send an e-mail to me with which days you can help and I will register you on line."

Dates & Times:

Wed. Oct. 31- 9 - 12 a.m.
Stuff bags and prepare athlete packets

Thurs. Nov. 1 - 1 - 7 p.m.
Athlete Check-in

Fri. Nov. 2 - 9 to 5 p.m.
Athlete Check-in

We need your help!

Recent Obituaries



Jan Pieterse

Past President and active member of The Women’s Civic Club of PCB for 34 years, Jeannette C. “Jan” Pieterse, 82, of Panama City Beach, passed away on Tuesday, July 04, 2017 in her home. She was born May 3, 1935 in Baltimore, Maryland. She was a member of the Woodlawn United Methodist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Harry J. Pieterse. She is survived by a sister, Norma Flauet of Baltimore; step-daughter, Jacqueline Pieterse (Jeff Cahall); grandchildren; Tyler Goldstein, Chelsea Goldstein, Daniel Goldstein; great grandson, Chip Rosenberg; niece, Carolyn Haegerich (Bruce); cousin, Joan Maybury; brother-in-law, Robert Pieterse; and close friends, Cindy M. Schwartz and Marie Knafe. In lieu of flowers, the family requested that memorial donations be made to Bay County Humane Society or to the Panama City Marine Institute in her memory.

News of our Members

Shirley Crawford had a bad fall and broke her leg. She is now in Health South recuperating.

Jean Sturman also injured herself earlier in the summer.



– Candy Peszko

10 – Barbara Vecrumba

15 – Basma Swearingen

22 – Nancy Parker

23 – Mary Lou Holm

23 - Clara Register

24 – Ann Hawk

25 – Shirley Brown

30 – Jean Sturman

Perfect Attendance

for 2016-2017

The following members had perfect attendance all last year:

Joyce Goetz

Sue Jiles

Connie Peterson

Beth Watrous



Marion Walsingham

Marion Walsingham passed away on July 1, 2017. She was born on March 10, 1923 to William and Jane Chance in Wausau, Florida. She attended Chipley High School. Marion married her childhood sweetheart, Alvin Walsingham. Together they had fifty wonderful years and founded the Alvin’s Island dynasty. She was very active in the business, but found time to do many other things. Marion was a founding member of The Women’s Civic Club of PCB, Inc., and served as Secretary. She was a member of the Library Committee to bring a public library to PCB and served as secretary when the inaugural beach library was built. She also was a very active member of St. Andrew United Methodist Church, Eastern Star and Gulf Beach Garden Club. Beyond all else, Marion was devoted to her family and always work for their happiness and well being.



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Food Pantry Donations Needed

SAVE THE DATE

SPRING FLING ARTS & CRAFTS SALE

MARCH 3, 2018

CO-CHAIRS: DEBORAH ENGLAND &

ELAINE LICHTENBERGER

Please help find crafters!!

Coming Events

- ◆ **September 7, Luncheon - 11 a.m.**
Texas Roadhouse Pier Park North
Speaker: Homeland Security
- ◆ **October 5 - Luncheon - 11 a.m.**
Runaway Island
- ◆ **October 31 - Ironman Triathlon**
Boardwalk Beach Resort
- ◆ **November 2 - Luncheon - 11 a.m.**
Mike's Dinner
- ◆ **November 6 & 7 - Kirby Holt**
Holiday Showcase
Gulf Coast State College Student
Union—Second Floor



Recipe of the Month

From Nan Vandenberg

Hearty Sauerkraut Casserole

1 pound mild Italian sausage links (cut into 1-inch pieces)

1 large onion, chopped

2 apples—peeled and quartered

27-oz. can or jar of sauerkraut—undrained

1 cup water

1/2 cup brown sugar, packed

2 tsps. Caraway seeds

Preheat oven to 350 degrees

Brown sausage and onion in skillet or Dutch oven. Drain fat.

Stir in remaining ingredients. Transfer to a 2 1/2-quart baking dish. Cover and bake one hour. Serves 4 as a main dish. It is also great on a bun for tailgating.



Our Summer Vacation 2017

By Elaine Lichtenberger

Last May, Ron, our two dogs and I began a motor home trip that would last through August. Our first stop was in Knoxville, TN, to visit daughter Lisa and family. Then we headed to Ohio for a two-month stay to see our other three children and lots of friends.

From Ohio we traveled through Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, South Dakota, Wyoming and Montana to Washington, where we spent a week with Ron's sister, Gloria. Our travels included stops in each state, as we didn't go more than 300 miles per day.

We saw the Corn Palace in Iowa, Custer State Park and Mt. Rushmore in South Dakota, the Badlands and Deadwood.

We stayed 5 days in Yellowstone and were amazed at the beauty of the mountains, lakes, rivers and wildlife. We didn't see any bears, but we did have a close encounter with a buffalo.

From Washington, we headed south to Salt Lake City, then Flagstaff, then east to Albuquerque, Amarillo, Oklahoma, Arkansas, then south through Mississippi, Alabama and back home to Panama City Beach.

Needless to say, we had the trip of a lifetime! I could go on and on but space. I will tell you more next month!



Julie Bailey travels to Alaska

Julie Bailey, left, had a beautiful catch of the day during her vacation in Alaska.