



# The Civic Courier

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## From the President's Desk

Dear Members,

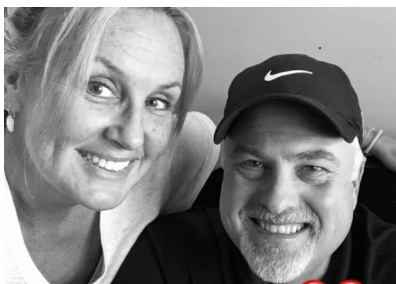
In many ways, September can feel like the busiest time of the year. School is back in session, football season starts and Thanksgiving will suddenly be upon us. It is the time when our club focuses on what the year has in store for us.

The summer months have not been idle. Committee chairs have been busy planning for the year. The Member to Member Committee had three fun Bunco events and a Princess House Party, the Lunches and Programs Committee has secured the luncheon venues and is completing the speaker confirmations and the Library Committee supported the "Free Library on Wheels" sorting activity.

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## Texas Roadhouse owners selflessly help community in times of need

Helen & Paul Schreiner received high honors from the Florida Restaurant & Lodging Association (FRLA) recently for outstanding accomplishments and service in Florida's Hospitality Industry. They placed in the top three in the Spirit of Hospitality Award category, which was created "to acknowledge a member who has shown extreme generosity, kindness and dedication to the hospitality industry, our state and to making our community better." Areas of contribution



may include disaster response, political involvement, community service, or innovative business concepts. They proudly serve the community!

## New officers start new year



Past president, Gayle Oberst, (L) is seen above swearing in the officers for the 2019-20 fiscal year. New officers (L to R) are Nancy Stovall, President; Gail Claffey, First Vice President; Diane Vitale, Second Vice President; Cheri Leistner, Secretary; Eadie Lloyd, Corresponding Secretary; and Sue Jiles, Treasurer.

The officers and Board members have worked hard all summer to plan this upcoming year's activities in hopes of another enjoyable, fruitful year for WCC.

## Meet New President for 2019-20: Nancy Stovall

Nancy Stovall was installed as President at the May meeting. She was raised in South Dakota, in a small ranching/farming community. She learned a great work ethic by helping with the farm work. She also learned how valuable family is to her.

She loves to read, walk, hike and travel. She has walked the Ravenel Bridge in Charleston, SC, the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco, the Crazy Horse Monument in SD and, of course, the Hathaway Bridge.

She enjoys watching her granddaughters compete in competition cheer. She traveled with them and her daughter to Italy. She also visited her sister in England and had the opportunity to also see Ireland, Scotland, Germany, Switzerland, Austria and France.

Nancy received a Bachelor of Sci-

ence in Business Administration from the University of Washington in Seattle. Upon graduation, she started her career at the Boeing Company in Industrial Engineering and later in Operations. Her career with Boeing took her from Seattle to Oak Ridge, TN and then to Huntsville AL. After 36 years with the company, she retired and relocated to Panama City Beach.

Her daughter and her husband live in PCB and her son lives in Knoxville, TN.

Nancy believes in supporting the community, and as part of the Women's Civic Club will give back to the community.

She met with the new officers and Board throughout the summer to ensure the club would get off to a smooth start for 2019-20.

## Committee Activities



### Domestic Violence

Last spring our members collected work outfits—purses, shoes and more - for the Salvation Army Domestic Violence Program.

Shown is Committee Chairman, Judy Hardegree delivering the items.

She would like to thank the members of WCC for their generosity.

### School Projects

School Projects Committee - We would like to have donations for the classrooms of Hutchison and West Bay Elementary schools. Please bring them with you to the meeting on September 6th. Needed are dry eraser markers (Expo or like brands), spiral notebooks, quart-size zip lock bags, Clorox wipes, Lysol spray, large bottles of antimicrobial hand wash, tissue and paper towels. There are over 55 classrooms to supply, but the teachers would be grateful for anything we can provide.

If you have any questions, please call or e-mail us.

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President Nancy Stovall is shown with Board members at the August 29th Board Meeting at the PCB Chamber of Commerce Board Room, as they finalize plans for the 2019-20 year.

(Photo courtesy of Cheri Leistner)



Basma Swearingen and Karen Gunsaulus presented a check to Chef Billy Redd and Robert Wright of Arnold High School's Culinary Arts Academy.

## WCC presents grant to Arnold Culinary Arts Academy



### 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 crafter 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

## Elaine Lichtenberger receives Life Membership



Elaine Lichtenberger was honored last spring for being in the club for 10 years. She is now a Life Member. She is a Past President and is presently chairing up the Spring Fling Arts & Craft Sale



## SEPTEMBER

- 7 – Candy Peszko
- 10 – Barbara Vecrumba
- 14 – Lynn Padgett
- 15 – Basma Swearingen
- 22 – Nancy Parker
- 24 – Ann Hawk
- 25 – Shirley Brown
- 30 – Jean Sturman

## News of our Members

Helen Schreiner underwent surgery last spring for a hiatal hernia and gastric sleeve. She has since recovered nicely.

Elaine Lichtenberger has been having some recurring medical problems for a few months. She has been having all kinds of tests and good medical care, but it has not been completely diagnosed yet

Cherry Creekmore has been having many health problems. Please keep her in your prayers and send a cheerful card occasionally!

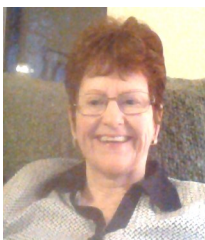
Peg Lowery has received word that she is now cancer free! What wonderful news!

Nancy Parker Condolences go out to Nancy Parker for the loss of her sister-in-law, Katherine (Kitty) Carruth of McCombs, MS, who died of heart problems recently. Nancy has been in Mississippi for over a month to help her brother take care of Kitty.

### SUNSHINE LADY

Whenever you hear or know about a member who is ill or having problems of any sort, or if you yourself are having health problems, please contact Sunshine Lady, Eadie Lloyd. The club wants to help, but needs to know about situations when they develop!

Call Eadie @ 850-230-0793



Eadie Lloyd

## From the President's Desk (Continued from page 1)

Best of all, proceeds from the Lori Morgan concert, the TDC event on the Pier, the May Ironman event and the New Year's Eve event have been deposited in our bank account.

This month, to show appreciation to our teachers, who not only teach but also buy supplies for their classrooms, we are asking for donations to the classrooms of Hutchison and West Bay. (See page 4) It is also time, for volunteers to sign up for the Iron Man Event, October 29-31. And as always, continue to bring your donations for the Food Pantry.

*"When there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved."*

*Nancy*

## Reach out to the Community

Invite a friend or neighbor to one of our meetings! If you know someone who cares for 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

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### Food Pantry:

Food staples are always needed, as are paper products, hygiene articles, razors and dish or laundry soap.



## Coming Events

September 6 - Luncheon Meeting - 11 a.m.  
Texas Roadhouse

Speaker: Carol Putnam Smith  
Certified Integrative Nutrition Health Coach

September 26—Board Meeting—10 a.m.  
Chamber of Commerce Meeting Room

October 3—Luncheon Meeting 11 a. m.  
Fish Ale

Speaker Topic: Fraud & Scams  
Domestic Violence Awareness Month  
Another "Dress for Success" drive of outfits  
to wear for job interviews

November 2—Ironman



### IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR MEMBERS:

RESERVATIONS FOR THE LUNCHEON EACH MONTH  
MUST BE CALLED IN TO SUE JILES BY THE MONDAY  
MORNING BEFORE EACH MEETING! TAKE NOTE  
THAT MONDAY IS A HOLIDAY, LABOR DAY, SO CALL  
SOONER IF POSSIBLE.



## Community Food Pantry Volunteers

Above are pictured the loyal workers in The Community Food Pantry who work year long to provide help to those in need. (Missing is Brenda Bryson)

They appreciate very much all the help and support from The Women's Civic Club of PCB!

# OBITUARIES



## EILEEN F. WELLS

(Sophie)

**April 3, 1952—August 10, 2019**

Eileen Wells passed away on August 10, 2019. Funeral services will be in Massachusetts. She was an active member of WCC since March 1999, serving on Christmas Outreach, Kitchen and Special Beach Events committees. She will be greatly missed.



Eileen F. Wells

## Francis M. (Frank) Cooney

**1922 - 2019**

Francis M. "Frank" Cooney, 97, of Panama City Beach, FL husband of WCC member Jean Cooney, died June 3, 2019. He was born in Providence RI to Charles W. and Ellen Cooney.

Frank was a WWII veteran having attained the rank of Staff Sergeant while serving in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater during wartime. He then returned to Rhode Island and resumed working for Read and Lundy Supply for 55 years. Upon his retirement, Frank and Jean moved to Panama City Beach, FL. As the middle child of 7, he was a faithful, kind and loving husband and adoring father. He truly was a selfless and unassuming man, always putting his family first. Frank was admired and respected by all he met, and truly defined the greatest generation.

Survivors include his loving wife of 73 years, Regina (Capron) Cooney; his beloved children, Dr. Gale Cooney-Akin and husband Dr. Rush Akin of Panama City and Brian Cooney and wife Lisa of North Stonington, CT. Frank was a grandfather of three as well as a great-grandfather.



Frank & Jean Cooney

# A Tribute To Deborah England



Deborah England joined the Women's Civic Club of PCB in November of 2016. She had been a vendor at one of the club's Spring Fling Arts & Craft Shows, and after meeting many of the members, she decided she would also like to become a part of the club. Her daughter-in-law Felicia England was a member, too.

She soon became active on various committees, especially the Arts & Craft Show, which was near and dear to her heart, and agreed to co-chair the show with Elaine Lichtenberger. This worked out well and the next year she herself became the Chairman.

About a year ago, she had certain signs and warnings that things were not right with her body. She was told she had lung cancer and only had a few months to live. She had only had two weeks of radiation therapy for lung cancer before Hurricane Michael hit.

Then Bay Medical Sacred Heart shut down its department where she got her treatments. Her doctor was un-

reachable.

For two months after the storm, she had no access to care and considered moving in with friends in North Carolina to get treatment there.

She said, "Things were difficult for a while.... I feel like I was caught in the middle of things. I was pretty worried because I didn't want to stay with friends, since I didn't know how long I'd have to be there." Then she learned about Florida Cancer Affiliates in Panama City. She was on chemotherapy at the center after that until she died in April.

Deborah was born in Michigan in 1950. She then lived in Cincinnati, Ohio and attended University of Cincinnati.

Moving south to Tennessee in the 70's, she raised two sons there before moving to the North Carolina Chapel Hill area. In North Carolina she spent 20 years working in a large non-profit Community Health Center organization.

She retired in 2015 and relocated to the PCB area where her son and daughter-in-law, Felicia England, and her only grandchild live.

To be safer during Michael, she went into Panama City to her son's home. They were hit hard, but all huddled in the bathroom for hours. Her companion and best friend, Jim Cherry, stayed behind at the Beach house and had no damage.

Deborah was very talented. She loved art in many forms, reading and all the beautiful sunsets here on the Gulf.

She will be greatly missed by family and friends.

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## Editorial Note:

Please forgive me for the lateness of this article. Deborah died about the same time that I lost my oldest son up in Michigan, so I was unable to do anything at that time.

Nan VandenBerg

SATURDAY MARCH 7, 2020 9AM-3PM

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

The Women's Civic Club of Panama City Beach presents:

## Spring Fling

JURIED ARTS AND CRAFT SHOW AND SALE



SNACK BAR WILL BE OPEN THROUGHOUT SHOW HOURS

Beautiful Gift Baskets will be raffled

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