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From the President's Desk

Nancy Stovall

Dear Members,

I am sure each of you were reminded of the different pranks you have played after receiving the April 1st luncheon invite (No Kidding) sent out by Sue. For the average trickster, there is always the classic April Fool's prank of covering the toilet with plastic wrap or switching out sugar and salt, which brings a smile to the prankster. There will not be any pranks, at least I hope so, at the luncheon. but you will smile as the fashion show models walk the runway.

A sincere thank you to the Arts and Crafts Committee for execution of a very successful event. With the amount of shopping bags being carried out from the center, the selection of the vendors provided something for everyone. Whether you were a member of the committee, a volunteer or a shopper, your contribution was greatly appreciated.

Although our fundraising activities have been limited, each of you make a positive impact on our community.

Nancy

"Never underestimate the difference you can make in the lives of others...."

Pablo



New slate of officers for 2021-22



Diane Vitale
President



Nancy Stovall
1st Vice President



Sue Jiles
2nd Vice President



Cheri Leistner
Treasurer



Sharon Williams
Recording Secretary



Gloria Turner
Corresponding Secretary

Teamwork, organization and communication make "Spring Fling" a success

"Spring Fling" the annual juried Arts & Craft Sale for WCC was a tremendous success, according to Chairman Julie Sanders.

"We had approximately 250-275 people come through the door. We ended up with 23 vendors who sold a lot of their wares and were very pleased. We had a nice assortment for the sale.

How do I begin to thank you?
You were all an awesome team to work with!

Thanks go out to the following people:

The Kitchen Committee, for a job well done and who were so busy that they ran out of sandwiches

and desserts by 12:15.

To each of you who were able to get there Friday evening or Saturday, or both! Your help was needed and very much appreciated.

To the husbands, who placed and picked up the signs.

To Cheri Leistner for the PR. The newspaper ad and TV spot really helped.

To those of you who helped get the word out by posting in condos, businesses, etc.

Special thanks to Sue Jiles for all the printing she did. It was a lot.

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School Project Deliveries



Shown above is Gloria Turner delivering to West Bay Elementary School, one of the four schools receiving our supplies. Each school received \$100 in paper towels, antiseptic wipes and sprays, tissues and children's face masks donated by the club.



Above are Karen Gunsallus and Joyce Goetz with grateful Courtney S. from Hutchison Beach Elementary School.



Jessica Smith is pleased with the items for Breakfast Point Academy.



Monica Thomas, (Right) is shown delivering March goodies to the McElvey Children's Home.

Committee Activities

School Projects

Gail Claffey reports that the McElvey Children's Home could use child-sized beach chairs, towels and sand toys for the summer. Please bring to the May meeting.



Barbara Vecrumba says it's almost time for IRONMAN again! The 70.3 race (half) will be held on May 13, 2021. WCC members will be able to help on Monday, May 10 through Friday, May 14.

The club will be stuffing bags on Wed. May 12 from 9-12. We will be helping with registration on Thurs, May 13 from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Fri., May 14 from 9 a.m. to 1p.m. and noon to 4 p.m.

All activities will be at the Shoppes of Edgewater Parking Lot on R. Jackson Blvd.

Sign-up sheets will be passed at the April Luncheon.

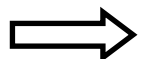
Community Outreach

Those who attended the March meeting were able to learn about The Ark from our guest speaker Larry Lusk. He told about its missions and its needs. This committee will be helping The Ark. We are asking that members bring the following to the April meeting: disposable plastic cups (ex. Solo cups), NEW ladies bras and panties (all sizes), twin bed sheets (new or gently used).

Also needed: Men's pants (28"-34"), jeans & khakis, coats S-XL, black shoes 9-11/2, (for food service). Ladies' coats M to XL, blankets, dressers, night stands, lamps and 5X7 rugs. These items can be new or gently used. The Ark is always in need of cars, vans, SUVs or trucks. You will receive a gift receipt for taxes. Dear Ladies, please contact me if you have any questions!

Barbara Vecrumba - 850-236-7219

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More Committee Activities

Dance and Silent Auction all set for February 5, 2022

Silent Auction:

Co-chairs: Felicia England and Tammy Haight

A decision was made after much deliberation and a special Board Meeting that the club will not hold the dance and silent auction this year due to the Covid 19 virus and other considerations.

Please keep all auction items. What we have already received will be cared for carefully. Thank you very much for your patience.

Tammy - 770-833- 4838

Felicia - 850-319-3713

Dance Committee

Yes, this year's Boogie Beach Dance and Silent Auction are cancelled. However, Chairman Diane Vitale has a date all set up for February 5, 2022 at Lyndell Center.



Sue Jiles put it very nicely, "Thanks so much, Diane, for all your efforts to make this happen. We had such good input from everyone, and the stars are just not aligning for this event this year. Let's hope that being able to host the dance and silent auction next February will be just the beginning of a truly successful fund-raising year in 2022!"

Member-to-Member:

The next Bunco will be April 13.

10 a.m. \$18.00 Taylor's

Lunch & Fun

Contact Patty Rocco for reservation

812-276-8115

pattyarocco@gmail.com.



We still have a few items left from our RADA fund raiser. If anyone is interested, please call or email Cheri Leistner .

Phone: 502-296-3205
cheri@advantagesoutheast.com.

Happy April Birthday



April Birthdays

- ◆ 05 - Rowan Quave
- ◆ 05 - Ginny Schmertmann
- ◆ 08 - Mary Ann Johnson
- ◆ 10 - Corinne Crowley
- ◆ 10 - Flo Watson
- ◆ 15 - Jane Fillingim
- ◆ 15 - Monica Thomas



Sunshine Committee

Please keep the following members in your thoughts and prayers.

Arlene Klaas is recovering nicely at home after her recent knee replacement surgery.

Felicia England was hospitalized, but is now home recovering from a clot in her right lung as a result of Covid.

When you hear of any of our members who are having health issues, please contact Peg Lowery.

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Coming Events

- ◆ April 1 - Luncheon Meeting 11 a.m.
Harpoon Harry's
Election of Officers
Fashion Show
- ◆ April 4 - Easter Sunday
- ◆ April 13 - Bunco at Taylor's 10 a.m.
- ◆ April 22 - New Member Reception
Todd Herendeen Theatre 5:30 p.m.
- ◆ April 29 - Executive Board Meeting
Annual Reports Due from all Chairmen

What to bring with you to April's luncheon:

1. Items for The Ark, such as disposable plastic cups, NEW ladies panties and bras (All sizes) and twin bed sheets.
2. Items for Food Pantry: Powdered milk, canned chicken, tuna, chili, Beefaroni, toilet paper, paper towels. etc.
3. Your completed yearly forms with choices of committees for next year.
4. Your dues (\$20.00)
5. Money for luncheon, 50/50 and Happy Dollar
6. Pick up a guest.

Get yourself to Harpoon Harry's way before 11 a.m. and enjoy a lovely luncheon, election of officers and Fashion Show. All models are all our own lovely ladies!

Food Pantry teams up with Mercy Chefs for food distribution



These are the hard-working Food Pantry workers, who on February 26, 2021 helped distribute, in collaboration with the Mercy Chefs, 350 boxes and bags of food in one hour in the parking lot at Gulf Beach Presbyterian Church. In addition to the Mercy Chefs' food, the Food Pantry also supplied already-baked potatoes and yams that are supplied each week by Longhorn's, and other helpful items. Seven of the 14 volunteers were from the Food Pantry.

Welcome New Members

Two new members will be installed at the April meeting. Please say hello and welcome them .

Doris Bayliss - sponsor Gail Claffey

Jackie Logan - sponsor Barbara Vecrumba

Their pictures and bios will be in the next issue of the *Civic Courier*.

New Member Reception

Patty Rocco is asking all chairpersons to have a report ready for the New Member Reception which is April 22, 2021 at 5:30 at Todd Herenden's Theatre. For questions, call her at

812-276-8115

Someday
Everything will make
Perfect Sense...

So, for now,
Laugh at the Confusion,
Smile through the Tears
&
Keep reminding Yourself
That Everything
Happens for a Reason!



ATTENTION ! Dues & Signup Sheets are due in April!

We are planning now for next year! Help make our job easier! Please bring completed form and dues check for \$20 to April meeting.

Need a packet? Call me

Gail Claffey

Membership

850-708-3093

gailrc2010@hotmail.com



President Nancy Stovall, ® had help selling brownies and cookies from volunteer Alexa Sivoplesova, a sophomore from Arnold High School. Several students from AHS volunteered for the event and were a great help.



Each vendor donated an item to be used as a prize (above) in a Bingo-type game played by customers when they visited each table. Above is the prize table set up by Sue Jiles and Monica Thomas.



Vendors are busy setting up their booths.

Pictures courtesy of Gloria Turner.

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Special thanks to Monica Thomas and Sue Jiles for organizing the door prizes, Bingo cards, etc. That was a monumental task and so well organized.

Thank you to Monica Thomas for getting the student volunteers from Arnold High School. Their help was needed and appreciated by the vendors.

We also had two Beach police who helped the vendors unload. They were great.

Thanks to Jane Fillingim and Elaine Lichtenberger for the signs you created and the balloons.

Thank you Elaine Lichtenberger for being there with your experience and words of advice as a past chairman of the event.

I know that many of you have had some health issues along this journey, and I pray that you are well and on the road to recovery. Always know that your health comes first! We had a great team to fill in when some couldn't be there. That's what makes our club amazing !

Thank you from the bottom of my heart! Julie



Julie Sanders

Spring Fling

Various views of the shoppers and vendors



Pictures courtesy of Monica Thomas

