



The Civic Courier

The Women's Civic Club
of Panama City Beach,
Inc.

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Nancy Stovall

From the President's Desk

Dear Members:

Celebrate - to honor or praise publicly. The Women's Civic Club has many things to celebrate! 2023 Volunteer Group of the Year, recognition for our positive impact on the community from the Latitude at Watersound Foundation, 100 members in our club as of March, and the exceptional fundraising efforts this year which will allow us to give back more to the community. So, raise your glass and celebrate!!!

April is a month of activity. The Fashion Show and Luncheon on April 4th. It will be an enjoyable event with the twirls and turns of the models and inspiration of the Fun Patrol. We will also be voting for the offices of Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer at the meeting. Although "April showers bring May flowers", let's hope the sun keeps the rain away on April 6th, when 70 volunteers represent our club at UNwineD. On April 18th, the new members will get the opportunity to learn more and ask questions about the club during the new member orientation. And finally, don't forget to complete your committee sign up sheets and pay your dues for 2024-2025.

"The best time to celebrate is whenever you can."

Nancy

"The Women's Civic Club Honored as 2023 Volunteer Group of the Year!"



Chris O'Brien, Cheri Leistner, Sue Jiles, Patrick Stewart

Everyone appreciates a little recognition for a job well done. Whether it is a recognition of a delicious dinner that you made, a beautiful garden that you planted, or of the effort you put into a project, everyone likes to know that their work is much appreciated.

Recently The Women's Civic Club of PCB received such recognition of our many efforts with the Visit Panama City Beach tourism staff. At the TDC's annual Sports and Special Events Workshop, the WCC was honored as **Volunteer Group of the Year!** In their presentation speech, Patrick Stewart, Director of Special Events, and Chris O'Brien, Director of Sports Marketing, both spoke of the dedication the WCC has to the PCB community and of the outstanding support we provide to their organization. They spoke of our can-do attitude, whether it is selling merchandise, selling beverages or taking on the task of making 5000 smores kits for the Home for the Holidays celebration. The TDC knows the WCC will get the job done, will provide smiling and helpful faces and perform all duties with a professional confidence.

It was with great honor and with great appreciation to all members of The Women's Civic Club of PCB that this award was accepted on your behalf.

A simple thank you just doesn't express enough gratitude to all of you who made this recognition possible! You should be very proud to be a member of the Visit Panama City Beach Volunteer Organization of the Year !!

"March Luncheon with Girls Inc. - Inspiring all girls to be strong, smart, and bold!"



Catherine Glover
Executive Director

girls
inc.



Brittany Pace
Donor Relations Manager

We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to Catherine Glover, Executive Director and Brittany Pace, Donor Relations Manager of Girls Inc., for their inspiring presentation at our March luncheon held at Captain Jack's Family Restaurant on Thomas Drive. Their insights into Girls Inc. and their mission to empower girls were truly enlightening.

Catherine shared wonderful information about Girls Inc. and its services explaining that as a charitable non-profit organization, they offer after-school programs, full-day summer programs, and educational outreach to schools across Bay County.

The Girls Inc. Panama City Beach center is located on Clara Drive and provides a safe space where girls are supported by their peers, teachers, and mentors. Through research-based programming in areas such as STEM, economic literacy, health, and wellness, girls learn to value themselves, take risks, and develop confidence.

Explaining that the goal was to ensure that all girls, regardless of their circumstances-whether mental, physical, emotional, or financial – understand that they too can lead healthy, educated, independent lives and become leaders in our community.

I would like to take a moment to say that we are so proud that our Community Outreach committee and various WCC members have been actively engaged in organizing crafts and other activities and support for the girls at the beach location. Additionally, we have also provided material and monetary donations to the PCB center. The Clara Avenue location currently serves 50 girls, and their Spring Break program is serving 65 girls. It is an honor to help them support the three critical goals that drive their programming; helping girls lead healthy lives, succeed academically, and acquire the life skills needed for adulthood.

Brittany spoke about the many wonderful opportunities that will help them to make a positive impact at the center to help build futures and to inspire.

You can learn more about Girls Inc. of Bay County and find out about volunteer and financial support opportunities at www.girlsincofbaycounty.org. Catherine and Brittany would also love it if you would follow Girls Inc. on social media @GirlsIncofBayCounty. They have many upcoming events that you can also be involved in.

We thank Catherine and Brittany for their enlightening presentation and sharing their passion and the leadership they provide. We look forward to continuing our partnership with Girls Inc. and working together to empower girls to succeed.

Girls, Inc data and information provided by Catherine Glover

THANK YOU! We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all our members who joined us and participated in our March luncheon. A special thanks goes out to Kay Vider for arranging our luncheon at Captain Jack's. Also a big thank you to Tammy Haight who serves as our liaison for Girls Inc.

APRIL LUNCHEON: You will not want to miss this fashionable event!

Jane Fillingim, Chair
Lunches and Programs

**Women's Civic Club Spring Fashion Show & Luncheon
Thursday, April 4, 2024, Harpoon Harry's, 11:00 a.m.**



Bobbi Griggs



Deborah Lowry



Jayn Collins

You are cordially invited to the annual Women's Civic Club Fashion Show. Find yourself Spring ready and put yourself in the look by wearing your favorite Chico's or personal item from your wardrobe. Be a model for the day!

Our very own committee members will be featuring the latest Spring looks from Chico's fashion boutique. Debra Glass, Master of Ceremonies, will detail each outfit and accessories with a creative and colorful flair. See you on the Runway!

Invite your choice of guests and be sure to include them with your RSVP for the luncheon.

Bobbi Griggs, WCC Fashion Show Committee

"New Member Installation"



President Nancy Stovall

Membership Chair Arlene Klaas

Pam Davis

Sponsor Kelly Bertin

"Welcome New Members"

My name is Pamela (Pam) Davis. I am originally from Mobile Alabama.

I met my husband, Jason W Davis II, of 39 years in college at Troy University. Our journey and careers moved us to various states AL, GA, FL with the last being Bullard, Texas for 14 years. We moved in June of 2023 to Panama City Beach which has returned both of us close to family. (Back home!)

We have one son serving in the US Navy. Jason W. Davis III (Trey) who is currently stationed in California.

I spent twenty-six years with one Financial Institution, Regions Bank serving in various roles, customer service, managing, lending and Business Development and Area Manager. Currently, I am an independent health insurance broker serving small business owners, individuals and Medicare supplements and advantage clients.

My entire life, I've participated with various volunteer and professional organizations. I find true joy doing and serving others. I look forward to working with everyone in the WCC.



Pam Davis

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

Raising Funds

Spring Fling Juried Arts and Crafts Show and Sale!



Thank you to everyone who helped make the Spring Fling a success. We had a full house and a wide variety of creations. About 400 people came to shop and vendor feedback has been positive. Thank you to the Marketing Committee for getting the word out about our event. The Kitchen Committee served up delicious foods! All of our volunteers did an amazing job with set up, greeting people, assisting vendors, and clean up. The vendors appreciated the help we provided. Thank you to my co-chair, Roberta Bernhardt, who coordinated our volunteers. I hope you all had a chance to come out and shop, We are now gearing up for our Fall Fling so:

SAVE THE DATE!

When: Saturday, Nov. 9, 2024; 9 AM - 3 PM

What: **Fall Fling Juried Arts and Crafts Show and Sale**

Why: Get a jump on your holiday shopping with unique gifts handcrafted by local artisans!

Julie Sanders, Chairman

Ironman

Ironman 70.3 will be here soon! We need your help volunteering for this event which will be held at the Edgewater Conference Center:

May 8th Athlete Packet and Bag Stuffing May 9th & 10th Athlete Check-in

Bag stuffing link:

https://ironman.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/?id=74268&job_name=athlete%20packet%20and%20bag%20stuffing

Athlete registration link:

https://ironman.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/?id=74268&job_name=athlete%20check-in

Please let me know if you have any questions. *Monica Thomas* - WCC Ironman Chair

"Supporting the Community"

Community Outreach



Gloria Turner, Nancy Stovall, Arlene Klaas, Daizy Richardson

The WCC assisted Backpack Blessings on Thursday! March 14th. There were 38 members and their guests who assisted packing 400+ bags of food. Backpack Blessings is very thankful for our help, and we can find joy in knowing these children will have meals to eat.

Another Red Hat Tea Party was held at Charter Senior Living on March 18th. Seven WCC members enjoyed a lovely (and tasty) afternoon tea with the residents. There was singing and dancing, and a little modeling of the hats. The residents were very thankful for the event.



Members Carol Adams, Jean Cooney, Sherrill Kelley



Members Cathy Schnader, Denise Rentz



Member Joyce Kippes



Items Collected for Girls Inc

Library

April Luncheon Collections for the Panama City Beach Library.

- Box of glue sticks
- Storage Bags - Snack Size (desperately needed), Quart Size, Gallon Size
- Feathers
- Glue Dots
- Jumbo Popsicle Sticks
- Card Stock - Red, Black, Blue and Mixed Colors
- Handi Tuck Putty for Bulletin Boards
- Bulletin Board Paper - Large Rolls - Black, Blue, Orange, Yellow
- Smocks for Craft Time Kids, Ages 3-5

Marketing

Thank you from marketing team! We appreciate all of the ladies that have consistently posted, liked, followed, and shared the Facebook page Women's Civic Club of Panama City Beach . You are helping to create more public awareness for the club.

Jenna Hall and Kay Vider, Marketing Chair and Co-Chair

Member Committee Sign-up for 2024-2025

Committees are essential to the success of the Women's Civic Club. Each active member is required to complete a committee sign-up sheet yearly. The member is required to sign up for a minimum of three (3) committees. At least one (1) of the required committees should be a fund-raising committee. As a committee member you are expected to support your committee by responding to correspondence and phone calls from the committee chair(s), attend the committee meetings and support your events. All members are expected to support fund-raising events. Located on pages 19-23 in the club's yearbook are descriptions and time estimates for each of the committees which will help you in the selection of your committees.

Committee sign-up sheets will be available at the April and May general luncheon meetings and are to be submitted by the May general meeting. The sign-up sheets are also available on our website wccpcb.org under the forms tab. Complete and sign the form, attach your \$30 dues and give to the Membership Chairman Arlene Klaas. You may also mail your form and check to Women's Civic Club, PO Box 9759, Panama City Beach, FL. 32417.

School Projects

The School Projects Committee had the pleasure of delivering checks for \$500 to each of the five elementary schools in Panama City Beach this last week! The staff at each school were so appreciative and wanted to send a big thank you to all the WCC members. The funds are being used to help meet student needs with snacks, clothing and year end events. Thank you for your support!

Jeanette Poland & Denice Dare
School Projects Committee Chairs

Hutchinson Beach Elementary



Carol Davis, Tonia Sampson, Principal
Glenda Nouskhajian, Jan Schott

West Bay Elementary



Admin Bridget Miller, Jayn Collins, Karen
Demeester, Principal Deniece Moss, Denice Dare

Patronis Elementary



Sharon Williams, Principal Brooke
Loyed, Deb Kesinger, Admin Lisa Fish

Breakfast Point Academy



Jeanette Poland, Principal Clint Whitfield, Carol Benson

Walsingham Academy



Joyce Kippes, Sherrill Kelley, Principal Amy Harvey,
Admin Chad Gail

"Spending Time Together"

Member to Member

New Member Orientation

New Member Orientation is scheduled for April 18th, 5pm at Gulfview United Methodist Fellowship Hall. This Orientation is for any members installed this year and any member installed during the last 2 years that has not been to an orientation event. This is also an opportunity for members to invite any potential members to learn more about our club to help them determine if the club is a good fit for them. A light dinner has been planned. We are looking forward to seeing you!

RADA Fundraising Sale

Due to popular demand, the Member to Member Committee will be doing a quick RADA fundraising sale. RADA offers quality kitchen cutlery, utensils, gift sets, baking pans, cheeseball and dip mixes and more. All products are proudly made in the USA.

Catalogs will be available at the April luncheon. Orders will be due by the May luncheon. Products will be delivered by the end of May.

This is a great opportunity to stock up for your summer events and even to begin your Christmas shopping. And the WCC will earn a 40% profit on all sales!

You can browse the catalog at <https://radakitchenstore.com/pages/lookbook/> if you will not be at the April luncheon. Choose your items and call or email your order to cheri@advantagesoutheast.com or 502-296-3205. Prices shown on the website will be 20% higher than our fundraising price that you will be charged.

If you'd like to share our fundraiser with out of town family or friends, I can get you a link to give to them. The prices will be the same as our catalog fundraising prices, but shipping will be charged as they will be shipped directly to the out of town address.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 502-296-3205.

Cheri Leistner

Member to Member Chair

"Recognizing our Members"

Happy Birthday Wishes!!

April

05	Rowan Quave
05	Ginny Schmertmann
10	Corinne Hardee
10	Flo Watson
15	Jane Fillingim
15	Carole Ohlemueller
15	Monica Thomas



"Upcoming Events"

- April 4 Fashion Show and Luncheon at Harpoon Harry's, 12627 Front Beach Road, 11AM
- April 6 UNwineD, Aaron Bessant Park
- April 11 Backpack Blessings at 158 Griffin Blvd, 8:30AM
- April 18 New Member Orientation at Gulfview United Methodist Church, 245 Wisteria Lane
- April 25 Board Meeting at Chamber of Commerce Conference Room, 309 R Jackson, 10AM
- April 29 Red Hat Tea Party at Charter Senior Living
- May 2 Installation of Officers and Luncheon at Dee's Hideout, 29 N R Jackson, 11AM
- May 8 Ironman Bag and Athletic Package Stuffing at Edgewater Conference Center
- May 9 Backpack Blessings at 158 Griffin Blvd, 8:30AM
- May 9 Ironman Athlete Check-in at Edgewater Conference Center
- May 10 Ironman Athlete Check-in at Edgewater Conference Center
- May 30 Board Meeting at Grand Panama Business Center, 11800 Front Beach Road, 10AM

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