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From the President's Desk

Basma Swearingen

Dear Members,

This is the season of giving. Our club is blessed to be able to share the fruit of its hard work with the Panama City Beach community through its charitable giving.

In the next couple months, our focus is going to be on the Dance and Silent Auction event, to be held on February 2, 2019. Your help will be greatly appreciated, whether you sell tickets, secure silent auction items, decorate or provide food, etc. Let us together make this event a great success!

I wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Basma



Happy Holidays!

“Home for the Holidays” kicks off Christmas Season at Aaron Bessant Park



Diane Vitale is taking a break from handing out S'mores.



Arlene Geneva has fun serving S'mores and hot chocolate at the event. (For more pictures, see page 3)



Santa's helpers are ready to get to work!

Beach Boogie Dance & Silent Auction coming February 2

Preparations for the annual Beach Boogie dance are underway. A committee meeting led by Chair Diane Vitale was held at Panera Bread November 8. Attending were Margaret Ivey, Elaine Lichtenberger, Judy Hardegree, Kay Vider, Edith Ellis, Bobbie Griggs, Nancy Parker, Arlene Geneva and President Basma Swearingen. The dance and silent auction is scheduled for February 2, 2019 at the Lyndell Center with Jim Lawson providing the music. Ticket selling will begin at the Lyndell Center approximately three weeks prior to the event. Expect another fantastic gala!



The Dance Committee is seen above at their planning session which was held at Panera Bread recently.

Committee Activities

Christmas Parade: Saturday, Dec. 8, 2018

Members: Much candy is needed for the Christmas Parade, which is given to children along the parade route through Pier Park on Sat., Dec. 8, 2018. Please put the candy in a bag with Janet's name on it and drop off at her office: Century 21 Ryan Realty, 8212 Thomas Dr. You may also bring the candy to the luncheon meeting.

Those participating in the parade should meet in the Walmart parking lot at 2:30 for decorating golf carts, etc.

If you have any questions, please call or e-mail Janet Roan
850-230-5914 or 850-624-1106 jroan830@aol.com

Christmas Outreach:

We had to cancel our Christmas Outreach shopping and wrapping scheduled for November 17th. Due to the fact that the kids have not been in school, we didn't have names, etc. of needy children by that time. We hope to get some information soon from West Bay and Surfside. Please look for updates on this.

Brenda Bryson & Gail Claffey, Co-chairs

Member-to-Member:

**Bunco!! Are you ready for some fun?
Save the Date! January 17, 2019**

Members are invited to a Bunco Party at the Egg and I restaurant on January 17th. Play will begin at 10:00 a.m. The cost of \$18.00 includes games, lunch and eligibility for prize drawings. Sign up at the December or January meeting.

Judy Hardegree & Sue Jiles, Co-chairs

Items needed for Silent Auction

It's that time of year again to start gathering items for the Silent Auction which will be at the Lyndell Center on February 2, 2019. According to Cheri Leistner, Chairman, many wonderful things have already been turned in, but many more are needed.

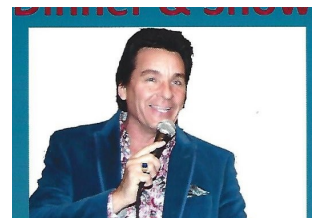
So far Publix has stepped up as a sponsor. Two air line tickets will also be popular. Also, gift cards always go over big!

Save any of those Christmas gifts that perhaps were not the correct size or color.

Cheri will accept any of your items at the regular meeting or anytime.

Special Events: Save the Date!

Todd Herendeen—Friday, March 29th



According to Mugsy Parens and Joyce Goetz, Ironman will be back in the spring at Edgewater once again.

More scenes from "Home for the Holidays" (continued from Page 1)



Birthdays of the Month

December

- 3 – Elaine Lichtenberger
- 9 – Jean Cooney
- 9- Luciann Jacobs
- 14 – Susan Curry
- 16 – Karen Honeycutt
- 30 – Gayle Oberst

News of our Members

Peg Lowery is expecting to have gall bladder surgery on December 12, 2018. It has been postponed two or three times due to Hurricane Michael.



Lana Lowery left recently for Georgia where her nephew died tragically. Please pray for Lana and her family.



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COMING EVENTS



- ◆ December 6— Luncheon 11 a.m.
Majestic Conference Room 1
Christmas Program
Disbursement of Annual Funds
- ◆ December 8—Optimist Christmas Parade
Pier Park
- ◆ December 20—Executive Board Meeting
10 a.m.—Chamber Board Room
Merry Christmas—Happy New Year
- ◆ January 3 - Luncheon 11 a.m.
Texas Roadhouse
Business Meeting
- ◆ January 17—BUNCO 10 a.m.
The Egg & I restaurant

Food Pantry Donations for December

For each meeting WCC supports the Food Pantry. This month the Board decided to make an extra effort for the holiday season to provide even more.

While foods (canned meats, broths, canned veggies, pasta, rice, soup, meals, chili, jelly, hotdog buns, sliced bread) are always welcome, they can also use personal care items, such as paper towels, toilet paper, baby and adult diapers, toothpaste deodorant, razors, shaving cream, body wash, and dish washing soap, and laundry products.



The goal for this meeting is that each member attending will bring a donation for the Food Pantry.

A car will be located near the door where you may drop your items so you won't have to carry them so far.

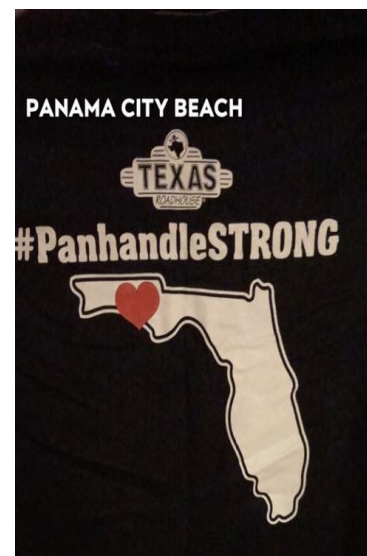
Your generosity in the past has been amazing and greatly appreciated! Please keep up the good work!

Proceeds from T-shirt sales go to benefit local hurricane relief efforts.

During hurricane recovery, Helen and Paul Schreiner at Texas Roadhouse have delivered thousands of meals to first responders, utility workers, prison workers and others in need. They are currently selling T-Shirts and the proceeds benefit local hurricane relief efforts.

There will be a limited number of T-shirts available at the luncheon for sale for \$20 each. The shirts are black and available in sizes Medium to X-Large.

(Right is a picture of the back of the shirt.)



Seafood Dip

- 2 8-oz. cream cheese-softened
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 4 drops Tabasco sauce
- 2 t. Worcestershire sauce
- 4 t. fresh lemon juice
- 1 can (6 1/2 oz.) minced clams, drained
- 1 (6 oz.) crabmeat flakes
- 2 cans (4 1/2 oz.) small shrimp, drained
- Garlic salt and Lawry's seasoned salt to taste

Thoroughly mix the first six items. Add seafood. Flavor to taste. Chill.

Serve in dish set in bed of ice.

Best served with king-size Fritos or Scoops.

Nan's Famous Sautéed Mushrooms

- 3 lbs. fresh mushrooms— white button
- 1/2 stick butter (do not substitute)
- Lawry's seasoned salt
- Lawry's garlic salt
- Wine (I use inexpensive white Chablis)

Wash, salt and drain mushrooms quickly. Pat dry with paper towel.

Melt butter in large frying pan. Add mushrooms. This seems like a huge pile, but they cook down. Sprinkle liberally with seasoned salt and garlic salt. Pour on wine (about 1 inch)

Simmer uncovered approximately 45-60 min.

Serve with toothpicks .

Stand by for compliments!



HOLIDAY RECIPES

Stuffed Mushrooms

- 1 package fresh mushrooms
- 1 can deviled ham
- 1/2 cup bread crumbs, (Italian style)
- 1/2 t. A-1 sauce

Wash mushrooms in salted water. Remove stems. Chop finely.

Combine stems, bread crumbs, deviled ham and A-1 sauce. Fill mushroom caps with teaspoon.

Place on a cookie sheet..

Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese if desired.

Bake at 400 degrees for 10 min. or place under broiler until hot. (Watch closely.)

Delicious!

