



# The Civic Courier

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of Panama City Beach,  
Inc.

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## From the President's Desk

Nancy Stovall

"Ring in the new year" is an occasion to reflect on what we have accomplished and look forward to our future opportunities. The ancient Babylonians were the first people to make New Year resolutions, some 4,000 years ago. Although the resolutions have changed over the years, the intent centers on thinking about what has been done and finding a way to do better in the future.

An example is how the women in our club, along with some significant others, have found a way to do better is by unwrapping hats for the New Year's Eve Ball Drop sponsored by the TDC. The process went from unwrapping hats on New Year's Eve, barely keeping up with the demand and freezing in the cold, to taking three hours in a conference room on December 18th and removing the packaging for 10,000 hats. What an incredible team of women we have!

Our next focus is making the Beach Boogie Dance and Silent Auction on February 1st a memorable event. It takes the entire club to make it a success.

The Panama City Beach Mardi Gras and Music Festival will be held on February 21st and 22nd, and we have been given the opportunity to sell beverages at the event.

Then, on March 7th, our Spring Fling Arts & Craft Sale will be held at Frank Brown Park.

"To improve is to change; to be perfect is to change often." Winston Churchill

*Nancy*



## WCC gets head start on New Year's Eve at Pier Park



The Special Events Committee recently asked for volunteers to work at the TDC office to help prepare hats that would be given away at Pier Park on New Year's Eve. The above members and husbands prepared 10,000 hats. Seen working (L to R) Nancy Stovall, Sue Jiles, Sharon Williams, Arlene Klaas, Greg Thew, Phil Klaas, Gail Claffey, Lynn Padgett and Janet Roan. Others working were Cheryl Thew, Gloria Turner and Cheri Leistner. This preparation enabled the hats to be distributed easier and faster to the crowds of party goers at the New Year's Eve Celebration.

## Candy tossed to many at Optimist Christmas Parade at Pier Park



WCC members decorated golf carts and tossed candy during the Optimist Christmas Parade in Pier Park. Crowds of children and adults lined the parade route to catch the candy that was given out. Shown above, (L to R) are Flo Watson ; a helping friend; Janet Roan, Edith Ellis, Gayle Oberst, Lisa Robinson (Lana's daughter), Lana Lowery and Karen Honeycutt.



Shown above are the new beds that WCC bought for the McElvey Sibling group home (Anchorage). Chairman Gail Claffey (R) is seen with Erica Butler, the Program coordinator. She was very grateful to receive them.

# Committee Activities

## Silent Auction

The annual Beach Boogie & Silent Auction is coming up **February 1, 2020**. Please start looking around your homes now for items to donate to the auction. A few examples are as follows: art work, gift baskets, liquor, or items for regifting.

The committee is making theme baskets for the auction. For January, the basket themes for donations to be brought to the luncheon meeting will be

**Coffee Basket, Tea Basket & Mystery Basket**

Also any items may be dropped off at Felicia England's office, Trustmark, located at 2305 Thomas Drive (beside McDonalds).

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## Special Beach Events

Sue Jiles announces that the TDC Mardi Gras will be February 21st & 22nd and WCC will be working on the event on the 22nd. More update later.

## Kitchen Committee

In preparation for the Beach Boogie Dance and Silent Auction, the kitchen committee will have a sign up sheet at the January 2nd luncheon meeting. We are asking members to provide 21 dozen of each item to ensure adequate quantities: plain devil eggs (1 dozen would be 24 halves), 2x2 squares of brownies, 2x2 rice krispie treats, small size peanut butter kiss cookies, small size chocolate chip cookies and small size raisin oatmeal cookies. The sign up sheet will be for each dozen, so please sign up for as many dozens you are able to provide. Thank you!

## Beach Boogie Dance

From Kay Vider

Ladies, It's that time of year again to start selling tickets and handing out flyers for our dance on February 1. At the January 2 meeting, I will have the tickets and flyers to distribute to you. If you need them earlier, you may go to Diamond Title Agency, Pat Diamond's office, 11053 Hutchison Blvd., across from Saltwater Grill.

As of January 6 we will start selling tickets at the Lyndell Center, so I do need some people to sign up for that. You can do that at the January meeting or give me a call at 850-596-0638. We will decorate on January 31, so put that on your calendar! We need your help!

If we can each sell three to four tickets, then we would meet our goal. Please talk to your friends and neighbors and see if we can get a nice crowd again this year. Don't forget about our auction and the good food, too. Participating in these type of activities makes it fun for everyone. Hope to see you at the dance.

## Arts & Craft Committee

The Arts & Crafts Committee would like to remind all members that "Spring Fling" will be held at Frank Brown Park on March 7, 2020, the same day as the Scottish Festival. Chairman Elaine Lichtenberger would like to remind members to look for new vendors and get the applications in to her. She will have registration forms and flyers available at the January luncheon meeting.

Then word needs to reach the community to ensure a record-breaking attendance.

**Ask all your friends to save that date!**

## Bunco

Save the Date! January 16, 2020—10 a.m.

Where? Taylor's Restaurant (formerly The Egg & I)

The cost is \$18.00 including lunch.

For reservations or questions text

Judy Hardegree 850-319-3583





## Books given in memory of past members and friends



Laura Laspee and Nancy Stovall are pictured with the many books purchased with the WCC donation of \$1,000 to the Panama City Beach Library recently.

In addition to these, it is a tradition of the Women's Civic Club to donate a book to the library in honor of deceased members. This was done in honor and memory of Eileen "Sophie" Wells, Cherry Creekmore, Francis Cooney (Jean's husband), Randy Phillips (Nan VandenBerg's son) and Dotti Perfetti.



Please, remember items for the Food Pantry each month!

## Year Book Changes

Please make the following changes in your yearbook.

Roberta Bernhardt's address:

17751 PCB Parkway, **Unit 7-D**  
Panama City Beach, FL 32413

Gwen Odenheimer  
3264 Ed **Gordon** Drive  
Tallahassee, FL. 32310



## Birthdays

- 1 – Connie Peterson
- 2 – Shirley Crawford
- 3 - Nicole Buckley
- 9 – Jane Nendick
- 18 - Maddie Niederberger
- 21 – Betty Dunn
- 27 – Deanne Taylor
- 29 – Mugsy Parens
- 30 – Dottie Golicz

## Meet Miz "Sweet Pea"



A new pig has replaced the one that was broken recently in a tragic fall in a parking lot. After asking for suggestions for a name, the name Sweet Pea was chosen at the December Luncheon.

Some members may wonder why a pig is passed around at each meeting. Originally it was passed around for those who had birthdays that month to drop in a penny for each year of their age. Also, if a member forgot to wear her name tag pin to the meeting, she was to put in a quarter.

More recently, Happy Dollars have been included. All of these are just fun and small ways to raise money for the club, along with 50/50 tickets.

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## Coming Events

- ◆ Dec. 31 - New Year's Eve  
at Pier Park
- ◆ Jan. 2 -Luncheon Meeting 11 a.m.  
Mike's Café & Oyster Bar  
17554 Front Beach Road  
Business Meeting  
Appointment of Nominating Com.
- ◆ Feb. 1 - Dance & Silent Auction  
Lyndell Center 6-10 p.m.
- ◆ Feb 21-22 -PCB Mardi Gras & Music  
Festival
- ◆ March 7-Spring Fling Art & Crafts  
Show  
Frank Brown Park

## Brenda Bryson shares traditional family holiday coconut cake recipe



### *Rave Reviews Coconut Cake*

- 1 box Yellow Cake Mix
- 1 (4 serving) Vanilla Instant Pudding & Pie Filling
- 1-1/2 Cup Water
- 4 Eggs
- 1/4 Cup of Vegetable Oil
- 1-1/3 Cup of Coconut
- 1 Cup of pecans

Heat oven 325 degrees. Combine cake mix, pudding mix, Water, eggs and oil in Large bowl until blended.  
Beat on medium speed 4 minutes. Stir in pecans and coconut.  
Pour into greased and floured 10" Bundt pan. Bake 1 hour.  
Cool in pan 15 minutes. Remove cake from pan and cool Completely on wire rack.

### *Frosting: Coconut Cream Cheese Icing*

- 2 pkgs softened cream cheese
- 1/3 cup softened butter
- 1 box 16 ounce powdered sugar
- 4 tsp milk
- 1/2 tsp vanilla extract
- 2 cups coconut

Beat cream cheese and butter until well blended.  
Add powdered sugar alternating with 4 tsp milk, beating well after each addition. Add vanilla. Spread frosting over top and sides of cake. Sprinkle coconut over frosting.





Brenda Bryson & Linda Coleman ,  
Director of the Food Pantry

# Scenes from the Christmas Luncheon



Cheerful greeters welcome everyone to the luncheon.  
Cheri Leistner, Judy Hardegee, Arlene Geneva &  
Diane Vitale.



Elaine & Ron Lichtenberger



Joyce Goetz won the free lunch drawing!



Cheri Leistner introduces "Sweet Pea"



The talented Patronis Choir provided entertainment under the direction of Kenny Kirkland and filled everyone with the Christmas spirit!