



# The Civic Courier

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

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**Diane Vitale**

## From the President's Desk

Dear Members:

We are at the start of a new year. Most of us comment how fast 2022 has gone and reflect in various ways. Through our various committees much has been accomplished. How does this happen? With each member contributing their talents, a synergy takes place. I think of the Arts and Crafts Show & Sale. From a conversation with a few vendors questioning the possibility of a fall event, the addition was born. Committee members stepped up with their "can do attitude", signing up for various duties and doing more when the need would arise. The creativity of a new idea, the confidence of a positive outcome and the determination through hard work using cooperation with others comes to mind.

The Beach Boogie Dance February 4th, our biggest fundraiser, is approaching. Whether you are officially on the committee or not I encourage each of you to be a part of this wonderful event. Bring your talents forward.

Sometimes the briefest quote can carry the strongest message, so I offer to you from Emily Dickinson, " I Dwell in Possibility".

*Respectfully,  
Diane, President*

## "Foundations of the Club"

The January edition of The Civic Courier, "Foundations of the Club" is highlighting Elaine Lichtenberger and focusing on one of our charities, Beach Care Services.



**Elaine Lichtenberger**

Elaine and Ron Lichtenberger moved to Panama City Beach from Northeast Ohio in 1994 when they transferred for their jobs. Elaine was an Account Manager for McKesson Corp (formerly General Medical Corp) where she covered hospitals from Tallahassee to Mobile and Southeast Alabama. Her career lasted 35 years with the same company although the company's name changed several times. In 1975 Elaine was one of the first females to become a medical supply sales rep.

After retiring from McKesson Elaine became a Realtor with Coldwell Banker Carroll Realty where she became close friends with Cherry Creekmore who sponsored her for membership in March 2008. She served as Recording Secretary, 1st Vice President and President. Elaine also chaired several committees and projects including Biker's Beach Breakfast, Tour of Homes, Silent Auction and Craft Sale. Nan Vandenberg was her mentor throughout the years and without Nan's guidance Elaine says she would never have accomplished much.

Some of the most fun times she had were at a couple of discontinued events, Tour of Homes and Biker's Beach Breakfast. Also, two of the Silent Auctions were held at the Edgewater Conference Center where there was entertainment and a fancy sit-down dinner. The Dance was a separate event in those days. Julie Bailey was a wonderful co-chair. Times change and she has lovely memories.

Elaine encourages everyone to sign-up to chair or co-chair a committee. You become a Board member and really get to know your WCC sisters and how things work.

Although she lives most of the year in Ohio, she remains a member and loves to see all the wonderful things the Club is doing.

## Beach Care Services

Founded in 1999, Beach Care Services is a very active local 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization that has helped thousands of Panama City Beach residents pay bills, afford their prescriptions, and buy gas or trolley passes to get to work. In any given year, BCS provides assistance to between 700-900 individuals and families in great need. Their mission is to provide short term emergency assistance to people who live or work on Panama City Beach and when they require long term or specialized assistance refer them to other social service agencies.

Beach Care Services is funded completely by contributions from local churches, businesses, individuals, and civic groups. They also host three signature events; Dinner on the Bay, Duck Races and Golf Tournament; each year to boost the funds needed to care for as many locals as possible.

### *"Members and Guests Enjoy the December Christmas Luncheon"*

Throughout the year club members, oftentimes enlisting family and friends, volunteer their time and efforts to ensure our Christmas Luncheon is a success and enables us to give back to our community. Members and guests enjoyed the enthusiasm and music of the Patronis Chorus under the direction of Kenny Kirkland and the delight of each selected organization as they received our gift.

"It is not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving." *Mother Teresa*



Marydale Moore (PCB Parks & Rec Aquatic Manager), Cheryl Joyner (PCB Director of Parks & Rec)  
Lindsay Frost (PCB Library), David Finn (Thomas Drive and West End Volunteer Fire Departments)  
Sgt. John Standland (Bay Co. Sheriff's Office), Chad Lindsey (PCB Deputy Police Chief)  
Ray Morgan (PCB Fire Chief), Pastor Mike Askew (Gulf Beach Presbyterian Church Food Pantry)  
Diane Vitale (President, Women's Civic Club of PCB), Larry Thompson (Beach Care Services Chairman)  
Angel and Todd Herendeen (Fund-raising Partners)

Not in attendance: Anchorage Children Home, The Ark, Boys & Girls Club, Arnold High School Culinary Program,  
Arnold High School Hospitality Program



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

***Raising Funds***

**Spring Fling Juried Arts and Crafts Show and Sale**

Mark your calendars now for Saturday, March 4, 2023! We will need volunteers and shoppers for our annual Spring Fling held at Frank Brown Park from 9-3. We are also currently accepting applications for vendors. Please refer any vendors to our website to the events tab, where they can download an application or contact Julie Sanders for information on becoming a vendor!

**Beach Boogie Dance and Silent Auction is just around the corner! Don't miss it!**

Our theme this year is "Oh What A Night" so plan to come and dance the night away while enjoying the Live and Silent Auction, Hors d'Oeuvres, 50/50 Raffle and music by our DJ, John Conrad.

Individual tickets are \$25 and will be available at our January 5<sup>th</sup> luncheon. We anticipate that tickets will sell out fast, so please don't wait if you would like to purchase a ticket(s). You may also purchase a ticket on-line at [www.wccpcb.org](http://www.wccpcb.org).



Sponsored Tables are \$275 each and will seat 6. We will have 14 tables available and will be sold on a first come first serve basis. You may purchase your table at our January 5<sup>th</sup> luncheon. Please see Darlene Dial or Jane Fillingim for additional information.

A huge thank you to our members for your support. Volunteers are still needed and all willing hands and feet will be greatly appreciated so if you have someone (friends, husbands) who can help set-up on Friday afternoon, February 3rd at 12:30 p.m. We look forward to making a difference in our community and appreciate all of you so very much. Can't thank the Silent Auction Committee and Kitchen Committee enough for working so hard to make this event so special!

Your Co-Chairs, *Darlene Dial and Jane Fillingim*

JOIN US!

BEACH BOOGIE DANCE &  
SILENT AUCTION  
Presents

*Oh What A  
Night*

Saturday, February 4, 2023  
Lyndell Conference Center Ballroom  
423 Lyndell Lane  
Panama City Beach, FL 32407

6:00 PM - 10:00 PM - Doors Open 5:30 PM  
Tickets \$25 | Sponsored Tables \$275  
BYOB - Set Up Provided

DJ | Dancing | Silent Auction | Hors d'Oeuvres | 50/50 Raffle Drawing

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Donations are still needed for the Silent Auction. Letters and donation description sheets will be available at the January luncheon. *Tammy Haight*

The Kitchen Committee has planned a wonderful selection of appetizers for the upcoming dance which include a selection of pecan tarts, small cheesecakes and caramel brownies. We are looking for volunteers to make the sweet appetizers. If you are willing to help, please contact Patty Rocco (812) 276-8115 and she will provide you with the recipes.

*Arlene Klaas and Patty Rocco*

### **Special Beach Events**

#### **"New Year's Eve Beach Ball Drop"**

Panama City Beach conducted the two separate Beach Ball Drops, one at 8:00pm and one at midnight, to usher in the New Year. The Women's Civic Club joined the celebration by distributing 10,000 hats to the celebration attendees.



**Marie Hall, Patty Rocco,  
Brenda Bryson**



**Lynn Padgett, Joyce Kippes,  
Sue Jiles, Jackie Logan**



**Sallie Clackley, Jackie Logan, Lynn Padgett,  
Roberta Bernhardt, Joyce Kippes**

### *"Supporting the Community"*

#### **Food Pantry**

So thankful for our members' generosity to the Gulf Beach Presbyterian Church Food Pantry with both food items and monetary donations which helps those less fortunate.



**Food Items Collected at the December Luncheon**



**Sue Jiles (Treasurer), Diane Vitale (President)  
presenting Pastor Mike Askew with the club's donation**

At the February business luncheon, we will be collecting for the Food Pantry.

*Gloria Turner*  
WCC Food Pantry Liaison

## **School Projects**

The school projects committee will be collecting for our local elementary schools again at our January meeting!

The biggest need right now seems to be clothing for their clothes closets.

We will be collecting for girls and boys:

Long sleeve t-shirts - sizes 5-14

Long athletic pants with an elastic waistband - sizes 5-14

Underwear - sizes 5-8

Socks - sizes 1 and up

Cash donations will also be accepted at the meeting.

Thank you for your support!

*Jeanette Poland and Carol Metaxas*

## ***"Spending Time Together"***

### **Member to Member**

#### ***"CPR Training"***

Are you ready for emergencies in your home, church, workplace, etc? The WCC would like to make sure you are prepared for these emergencies.

The Member to Member Committee is sponsoring an introductory CPR training class. This course will cover the basics of CPR from infant to adult. It is a 1 hour session that provides an overview only.

CPR certification is not included in this session but could be offered at a later date if there is enough interest.

This course will be held Saturday February 11, 2023 at 10am. It will be held in the training room of the new PCB Fire Station on Nautilus, behind the Busy Bee. The training room can hold 40 participants.

Please RSVP to Tina Dufresne at [tdufr1@gmail.com](mailto:tdufr1@gmail.com) if you would like to be included in this class.

We encourage everyone to bring a notebook and pen to jot down key points. We hope you can join us for this very informative class.

#### ***"Bunco"***

The Member to Member Committee is starting the new year off with a little twist to our bunco. We will be playing SATURDAY, January 28 at 10am. The location will still be at Taylor's Restaurant on Thomas Drive. (Please note the date change due to a mix up at Taylors). We were requested to try a day where some of our working members could come join in the fun! So we are hoping that Saturday will work for EVERYONE ! Play begins at 10am, so please arrive a bit early to get checked in. Cost is \$18 and includes your play, prizes and lunch! Please reply to Patty Rocco (812-276-8115 or [pattyarocco@gmail.com](mailto:pattyarocco@gmail.com)) to make your reservation. NO EXPERIENCE necessary! If you haven't played bunco before, it is a fun dice game that requires no skill and can be learned in a matter of minutes. Hope you can join us!

## *"Recognizing our Members"*

### **Happy Birthday Wishes !!**

#### **January**

02 Shirley Crawford  
04 Carol Metaxas  
09 Jane Nendick  
12 Dena Roewe  
14 Rhonda Senkbeil  
15 Joyce Kippes  
18 Maddie Niederberger  
20 Sandra Wooden  
21 Sheryl Lewis  
22 Kelly Bertin  
29 Sheila Steele



*"Getting old is like climbing a mountain; you get a little out of breath, but the view is much better!"*

## *"In Appreciation"*

#### **From: Panama City Beach Public Library - Sharon Hill, Assistant Manager**

Thank you for the generous donation of \$1,000.00 from the Women's Civic Club of PCB to the library. New books for Panama City Beach Library will be purchased with your donation. Your continued support of the library is truly appreciated.

#### **From: The Panama City Beach Police Department - Chief Talamantez, Officers and Staff**

The Panama City Beach Police Department would like to Sincerely Thank You for your support. Thank you so much for your very generous donation to our Cops N Kids program! It will help us provide Christmas joy to those in need this season!

#### **From: Beach Care Services - Nancy Beaupre, Office Manager**

On behalf of so many people on Panama City Beach, Florida that will benefit from your generosity of \$1,000.00, we want to extend our gratitude. These are especially challenging times, and the requests for help are mounting. Through your support, we can continue to extend help to those in need.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and compassion.

#### **From: Sheriff Tommy Ford**

I wanted to send my sincere appreciation for your generous donation of \$1000 to the Bay County Sheriff's Office.

Hope this Holiday Season brings you many great memories and wonderful reasons to smile.

From the men and women at the Bay Country Sheriff's Office, wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



**From: Gulf Beach Presbyterian Church Food Pantry**

Thank you very much for your generous check, your many food donations and the boxes of s'mores.

The pantry has served over 2,000 people this past year. Over 21,000 meals have been distributed to those in need. Our pantry could not exist without generous people such as yourselves. Thanks again.

**Members and Family Members Supporting Local Charities**



Dan and Tina Dufresne, Jessy Rocco (daughter of Patty) enjoying the event supporting the Anchorage Children Home at Camp Helen State Park.

***"Upcoming Events"***

- January 5 Luncheon at Diego's Burrito Factory, Thomas Drive, 11AM
- January 10 Dance Committee Meeting at Chamber of Commerce, 10AM
- January 26 Board Meeting at Chamber of Commerce, 10AM
- January 28 Bunco at Taylor's, 1114 Thomas Dr, 10AM
- February 2 Luncheon at Runaway Island, 11AM
- February 4 Beach Boogie Dance and Silent Auction, Lyndell Center
- February 11 CPR Training at PCB Fire Station on Nautilus, 10AM
- March 4 Spring Fling Arts and Craft Show, Frank Brown Park
- April 6 Fashion Show at Harpoon Harry's, 11AM

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