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From the President's Desk

Basma Swearingen

Where did September go? It is hard to believe that Fall is here when it is 90 degrees outside! I am looking forward to seeing everyone on Thursday, October 4, at Edgewater Conference Center.

Ironman will be held on November 3 and volunteers are needed October 30 - November 1. The event takes place at the Boardwalk Beach Hotel and Conference Center. Please check your calendars and sign up for as many time slots as you can. Make sure to wear your club shirt and sign in when you get there.

Birthday wishes to all our October ladies. Basma

Two scholarships presented to Arnold High School seniors



Shown above: Cheri Leistner and Basma Swearingen are presenting Arnold High School students Jarrett Dutton and Griffin Winchester with \$1,000 scholarships each. The scholarships are awarded to students residing in Panama City Beach for either higher education or vocational training.

“Spring Fling” Arts & Craft fair date and venue change to March 9, 2019 at Frank Brown Park



Sony Edwards

Due to the recent illness of Deborah England, Sony Edwards and Carol Lynn have stepped in to co-chair “Spring Fling”. The juried arts and craft show will be held on Saturday, March 9, 2019 at Frank Brown Park. They and their committee are working diligently to finalize plans.

Frank Brown Park was chosen in hopes of attracting more customers and vendors. The date coincides with the Scottish Festival, which is also being held at Frank Brown Park that day, so many people will be in the park, and hopefully will attend this event, also.

Eight vendors are already signed up, but many more are needed. Sony requests that all members talk up the fair with friends and neighbors. Sony remarked, “Several vendors told us that they were disappointed in the attendance at the last couple of our fairs. Please plan on finding a really wonderful crafter that would like to join us, and lots of friends that will come and support our efforts. We have promised to make these vendors happy, and, hopefully, the change of venue will bring in more buyers.”



Carol Lynn

Flyers will be available at the October meeting. Vendor applications can be printed from the club website. For more information contact Sony at sedwa53@gmail.com. Phone: 678-478-1955 or Carol Lynn at clynn3475@gmail.com. Phone: 770-883-0661.

Luncheon Price Changed

After the first of the year, luncheons will be \$20.00.

Please Remember

Reservations must be made by 10 a.m. Monday before each meeting.

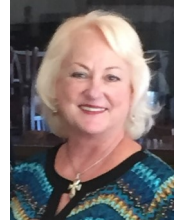


Shown above are two pictures of the Christmas Outreach committee in action in Christmases Past.

Christmas Outreach Committee under new leadership



Gail Claffey



Brenda Bryson

After many years of chairing the Christmas Outreach Committee, Karen Honeycutt is stepping down. Gail Claffey and Brenda Bryson have agreed to co-chair the committee that provides gifts to needy students of Panama City Beach at Christmastime.

Upon recommendation of the Beach elementary schools, the committee chooses several needy students each year to receive gifts and clothing to make their Christmas more complete.

After compiling the lists, the committee shops at Walmart and then meets to wrap and label each order. On a designated day, the gifts are distributed to the schools so the parents will have them in a timely manner.

Committee members usually are worn out from all their efforts, but are very happy and satisfied that they have helped so many youngsters have a Merry Christmas!



Joyce Goetz sends the latest news on Ironman:

You can sign up to volunteer by either going online and entering the information yourself or sign up at the sign up sheet I will have at the October luncheon. Link for registering online: <http://ironman.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/?id=26747> The tasks we support are near the top.

When it asks for Volunteer Captain's Name: Please list Mugsy Parens (e-mail: mugsy0129@gmail.com.)

1. Bag Stuffing (Boardwalk) Oct. 30th 9:00 AM—5 PM (The more people we have, the sooner we finish—usually 11 AM)
2. Athlete Check-in Oct. 31st at 8:30 AM—12:30 PM
3. Athlete Check-in Oct. 31st 12:30 PM—5:00 PM
4. Athlete Check-in Nov. 1st 8:30 AM—12:30 PM
5. Athlete Check-in Nov. 1st 12:30 -5:00 PM



Maddie Niederberger and Joyce Goetz are seen working at the May Ironman event. Many hard-working WCC members help to make this event a profitable, worthy project.



Sue Jiles is seen above checking in Edith Ellis and Flo Watson at the September meeting. Sue is handling reservations this year and appreciates members who promptly send in their reservations by noon on the Monday before each meeting.

Birthdays of the Month

OCTOBER

- 8 – Cindy Mulla
- 9 – Roberta “Bobbi” Griggs
- 10 – Roberta Bernhardt
- 12 – Betty Armel
- 15 – Joyce Goetz
- 16 – Arlene Geneva
- 19 – Arlene Klaas
- 21 – Gloria Turner
- 22 – Rita Englert
- 22 – Nancy Stovall
- 26 – Joyce Rouillard
- 31 – Gwen Odenheimer

News of our Members

Martha Bice has recovered from recent surgery.

Deborah England is now home recovering from a recent stay in Bay Hospital. She had pneumonia and a spot on her left lung. She is undergoing radiation and chemo treatments. She is in wonderful spirits and appreciates all your thoughts and prayers.

Cary Deasaro has moved to Texas to be near family. She will be greatly missed.

Sunshine Lady, Peg Lowery, will be having gallbladder surgery at Gulf Coast Hospital on October 9, 2018. She is not expected to stay in the hospital. Please send cards, good wishes and prayers.



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COMING EVENTS



- **October 4 -Luncheon 11 a.m.**
Edgewater Conference Center
Program: TDC Representative
- **October 25—Board Meeting 10 a.m.**
Chamber of Commerce Conf. Room
- **October 30—November 1— Ironman**
(See details on Page 2)
- **November 1—Luncheon 11 a.m.**
Margaritaville –Pier Park
Program: Dr. Tara Griffin



MONTHLY DONATIONS

As always, we request that you bring Food Pantry contributions. Any unopened item is accepted and needed, such as canned goods, soup, crackers, peanut butter and jelly. Toilet articles (shampoo, toothpaste, etc.) soap and paper products are also needed.

With cold weather coming, warm mittens, socks, gloves or knit hats are kept on hand for the homeless, too.



The Community Food Pantry is located in the "Pink" Gulf Beach Presbyterian Church located at 271 Hwy. 79, and is open to clients from 9 am to noon Monday through Friday.



In addition, this month we will be sponsoring the Domestic Violence Center at the meeting and ask that you bring pillows, soaps, detergent and personal items.



Speaker Lara Herder told about adult classes at Gulf Coast.



The above two pictures were taken at the September meeting at Runaway Island. Everyone had a delightful time catching up on all the news after the long summer hiatus. In the lower picture, Diane Vitale is selling 50/50 tickets for the raffle.