



# The Civic Courier

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

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## From the President's Desk

**Nancy Stovall**

Dear Members:

Creativity - the use of the imagination or original ideas, especially in the production of an artistic work. The members and guests who attended the September luncheon meeting witnessed the creativity of Kirby Holt. Members and shoppers will be able to browse the creativity of the many different vendors at our Fall Fling Arts and Crafts Show on September 30th. Please support the event with your attendance and dollars.

Creative people put a lot of thought and care into their work. They look at things at all possible angles as they seek solutions. At times, this may mean that they pay attention to details that seem minor to others. I know each of you are thankful for the creativity of the chairs and members of each committee which allows the club to fulfill our mission of giving aid to worthy projects of the Panama City Beach community.

Columbus Day weekend, October 6-8, will bring the fun-filled adventures of the annual Pirates of the High Seas Fest and Renaissance Festival to Panama City Beach where several of our members will support the Tourist Development Council with beer and merchandise sales. Enjoy the action-packed weekend of fireworks, live mermaid shows and parades.

"You can't use up creativity. The more you use, the more you have." Maya Angelou

Nancy

## *"The Women's Civic Club, a Member of the Panama City Beach Chamber of Commerce"*



**Kay Vider**

The Panama City Beach Chamber of Commerce partners with their members to support, encourage, and expand business development and tourism in our community. Joining the Chamber of Commerce not only helps in the development of the community, but it also provides a powerful collective voice in influencing local, state, and even national policies. Kay Vider is the Women's Civic Club liaison to the Chamber.

Since the club is a member of the chamber, our members are eligible to participate in chamber events and meetings. We are also able to reserve their conference room, if available, for board and committee meetings. To reserve, call the office (850) 235-1159 or email Alex Wohlford [alex@pcbbeach.org](mailto:alex@pcbbeach.org).

Another member benefit is we are listed in their directory, so we develop some name recognition as people look through the directory. We also receive their bi-monthly publication, The Circuit, which is delivered to 150 locations in our area and has articles on entertainment, and other popular themes.

The Chamber is a great way to promote our events. We can list them in their Beach Buzz and The Circuit, include them on their online calendar of events, AND, we can promote them at the monthly chamber meetings! Kay took the opportunity to promote the Fall Fling Arts and Craft Show at the last Chamber meeting. Flyers and Save the Date Cards can be placed on the tables for all members attending the meeting.

Several of our club members, as business owners, are members of the Chamber and attend the meetings. If you are interested as a member of the Women's Civic Club in attending a Chamber meeting, contact Kay.

## *"Members and Guests Enjoy September Luncheon"*



We are thrilled to share the delightful experience we had at our September luncheon event, which took place at the picturesque SpringHill Suites by Marriott. The setting was truly exquisite, complemented by the delectable cuisine that delighted our taste buds. However, the true privilege of the day was hosting our truly captivating guest speaker, Mr. Kirby Holt. Mr. Holt not only mesmerized us with his floral demonstrations and floral secrets but he also generously offered his exquisite, finished arrangements as door prizes. Two lucky ladies had the opportunity to take home these stunning floral creations as a cherished memento of the day. The joy and smiles on the faces of these two ladies, Mrs. Peggy Lowery and Mrs. Rowan Quave, was a moment that reinforced the profound ability of joy that flowers can bring to our lives.

Thank you to everyone who attended this event, and to our wonderful guest speaker, Kirby Holt. Also a big thank you to Mrs. Jenna Hall for her marketing presentation. The insights on how to enhance our club's support through social media were immensely valuable. Stay tuned for more exciting events and opportunities to learn and grow together.

In recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October, we are proud to announce that we will be commemorating this important occasion with our esteemed guest speaker, Jessica Foster. Jessica is not only a breast cancer survivor but also a beacon of inspiration, and we eagerly anticipate her enlightening presentation. Ladies, if you would like to participate, let's unite in wearing "pink" at our October luncheon as a symbol of our support and solidarity during Breast Cancer Month. We look forward to seeing you at our October 5<sup>th</sup> luncheon at Runaway Island. In the meantime, let the beauty of flowers continue to inspire you in your daily life.

With Gratitude,  
Jane Fillingim, Chair of Lunches and Programs Committee

## *"New Member Installation"*



**President Nancy Stovall, 1st Vice President and Sponsor Arlene Klaas, New Member Sara Green**



## *"Welcome New Member"*



**Sara Green**

My name is Sara Green. I moved to Panama City Beach in April 2022 from Kennesaw Georgia where I lived for about 4 years because of a job relocation. I have lived all over the state of Florida and once an opportunity came along to move to our dream location here in PCB, we took it. My husband, Michael, and I live in Breakfast Point with our 2 dogs, Lucy, a 10 year old Black Lab, and Dixie, a 3 year old Yorkie. I am a Realtor with Coldwell Banker Realty off Thomas Drive. I have met some great women so far and I'm excited to make new friends and help the local community with the Women's Civic Club!

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

### *Raising Funds*

#### **Fall Fling Arts and Craft Show and Fair**



**WJHG Mel Zosh and Jessica Foster, Julie Sanders, Deborah Lowry**



**Fall Fling Shoppers**



**Soula Dortch, Jackie Logan, Annetta Henderson, Gloria Turner, Darlene Bertelson**



**Julie Sanders, Roberta Bernhardt**



**Vendor Dixie Divas Cheri Leistner, Sue Jiles**

Many, many thanks to those of you who supported the September 30th Fall Fling by volunteering for the arts and crafts show or in the kitchen! Thank you to those of you who came and shopped, as well. We had a good turnout and some amazing vendors - 40 vendors - the most we have ever had! I want to give a shoutout to Jenna Hall and her PR committee for getting the word out throughout our community - we can't have a successful show without the shoppers! The kitchen crew did a great job as always with the snack bar. Overall, we had a successful event and are now looking ahead to a repeat performance at the Spring Fling on March 2!

*Julie Sanders & Roberta Bernhardt*  
Co-Chairs Arts and Crafts Committee

## **Ironman**

Please continue to register to volunteer for Ironman on October 31st for bag stuffing, and November 1st and 2nd for athlete registration.

The link is <https://ironman.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/?id=68981>

Save the date for the Panama City Beach Marathon on December 2nd. We will man 7 water stations on Front Beach Road beginning at Pier Park. We will work shifts from 7:00AM-10:00 and 10:00-1:00PM. Sign-ups will be shared soon!

*Monica Thomas*  
Ironman Chairperson

## ***"Supporting the Community"***

### **Domestic Violence**

Unfortunately, anyone can be a victim of domestic abuse/violence and in support of people who find themselves in this situation, the club will be collecting needed items at the October luncheon meeting.

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|-------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| * Pillows (needed most) | * Soap        | * Deodorant     |
| * Single Bed Linens     | * Shampoo     | * Razors        |
| * Towels                | * Conditioner | * Shaving Cream |

\* Cash Donations will also be accepted

November Luncheon Donations will be for the Food Pantry Thanksgiving Baskets.

### **Food Pantry**

During the months of May, June, July and August, the food pantry served a total of 659 clients, and that equates to 5,931 meals. Of those 4 months, May had the highest number of people receiving food from the Gulf Breeze Presbyterian Church. The numbers are about the same as last summer's months. Late fall and winter months are typically the time when all the pantries in Panama City Beach experience the highest number of clients requesting food assistance. Our club will be collecting donations (cash and goods) at our November and December luncheon meeting to help fill Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets. Thanks to all our members for their continued support to the pantry. If you would like to be a volunteer at the pantry, please let me know. The food pantry is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9-12

*Gloria Turner*, Food Pantry Liaison



## School Projects



The School Projects Committee would like to thank you for your generous donations !!

Jeanette Poland, Chair Denice Dare, Co-Chair

Members: Doris Bayliss, Carol Benson, Kelly Bertin, Brenda Bryson, Jayn Collins, Carol Davis, Karen DeMeester, Sara Green, Sherrill Kelly, Deb Kesinger, Joyce Kippes, Cherie Lagace, Eadie Lloyd, Peggy Lowery, Lisa Nicholson, Tonia Sampson, Sue Schmitz, Sharon Williams, Dawn Wise

### Breakfast Point Academy



Jeanette Poland, Admin Mrs. Carmichael, Carol Benson

### Hutchinson Beach Elementary



Assistant Admin Kayla Shepherd, Lisa Nicholson, Carol Davis, Tonia Sampson, Principal Glenda Nouskhajian

### Patronis Elementary



Deb Kesinger, Principal Brooke

### Walsingham Academy



Assistant Admin Chad Gail, Peggy Lowery, Eadie Lloyd, Principal Amy Harvey

### West Bay Elementary



School Admin, Sherrill Kelly, Karen DeMeester

## *"Spending Time Together"*

### **Member to Member**

The Member to Member Committee is planning a bus trip to Apalachicola! It will be a wonderful fall day for shopping, touring, lunch and fun! This will be on Monday, November 6. We will leave PCB in the morning and return by 5:30. Exact details are in the works! Cost will be \$20 - \$25. Lunch is on your own. We will be taking a luxury bus complete with a restroom!! Please make reservations thru either Lynn Padgett 770-328-2184 or [shirlynnpadgett@gmail.com](mailto:shirlynnpadgett@gmail.com) or Cheri Leistner at 502-296-3205 or [cheri@advantagesoutheast.com](mailto:cheri@advantagesoutheast.com) by October 16. Earlier is best to insure your seat!!!!

## *"In Our Thoughts"*

### **Sunshine Committee**

I appreciate all the members who signed up and are working on the Sunshine Committee. We are the "card sending" committee for our Club. However, we need your help throughout the year. If you know of a club member who is ill, having surgery, dealing with a family loss or difficulties, or one who just needs a little cheerful note, please let me know and I will inform the committee. Thanks.

*Gloria Turner*, Chairman Sunshine

### **Remember**

Nan Vandenberg, a member of the club since March 2005, in your thoughts and prayers as her daughter Barbara Phillips Hook, 69 of Grand Rapids, Michigan died on September 22 after a long battle with cancer. She had four children, eight grandchild and one great grandchild. Per Barb's wishes there were no services, but she was buried in the family plot near her brother, father and grandparents at Deepdale Cemetery in Lansing, Michigan.

## *"Recognizing our Members"*

## **Happy Birthday Wishes!!**

### **October**

03	Soula Dortch
09	Bobbi Griggs
10	Roberta Bernhardt
10	Julie Sanders
14	Dacia Smith
16	Arlene Geneva
19	Arlene Klaas
21	Gloria Turner
22	Nancy Stovall
29	Jackie Logan
31	Gwen Odenheimer



*"Aging is not 'lost youth' but a new stage of opportunity and strength!"*

## *"Upcoming Events"*

- Oct 5 Luncheon Meeting at Runaway Island-14521 Front Beach Road, 11AM
- Oct 6-8 Pirates of the High Seas and Renaissance Fest - Aaron Bessant Park
- Oct 26 Board Meeting at Chamber of Commerce Conference Room, 309 R Jackson, 10AM
- Oct 31 Ironman Bag Stuffing at Aaron Bessant Park, 9AM-2PM
- Nov 1 Ironman Athlete Checkin at Aaron Bessant Park, 8:30AM-1:30PM, 1PM-6PM
- Nov 2 Luncheon Meeting at Pineapple Willy's - 9875 S Thomas Drive, 11AM
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