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"From the President's Desk"



Welcome Back Ladies! I am so very excited to kick off another wonderful year for the Women's Civic Club of PCB.

But first, I would be remiss if I didn't thank the Member to Member Committee Chairs, Cathy Schnader and Joyce Kippes for keeping us connected with the summer buncos. Everyone comments how nice it is to still be able to get together during the hot summer months for some friendly competition and time together.

I'm happy to report that the luncheon committee, led by Gloria Turner, has been very busy over the summer and has some wonderful restaurants lined up for our luncheons and has arranged for some exciting speakers to join us.

And I'm sure that you've heard from the committee chairs for the committees that you have selected to serve on. Please assist these chairs by responding to their emails and requests for your time. The time spent volunteering for our club is so rewarding when we see and hear how our contributions make such an impact on the personal lives of those in our community. There is not a better feeling than knowing that your efforts are making a difference in people's lives. And that's exactly what the Women's Civic Club of PCB has been doing for over 60 years. I am delighted that you have made the decision and commitment to be a part of the club's continuing mission to make life better for all in the PCB community.

Because, we are truly "United for a Better Community".

Looking forward to a wonderful year.

Cheri Leistner

"First 2026-2027 Board Meeting"

Front Row Left to Right

**Carol Adams
Becky Farmer
Dena Roewe
Cheri Leistner
Sue Jiles
Nancy Stovall
Sharon Cook**

**Photographer
Gloria Turner**



Back Row Left to Right

**Sharon Burnett
Nancy Glaze
Sue Chinnock
Nancy Lee
Kelly Bertin
Jayn Collins
Diane Pickering
Rhonda Zartman**

"Meet The 2026-2027 Board"

The Executive Board consists of the duly officers and the prior year's outgoing President. The Board of Directors consists of all duly elected and appointed officers, and chairmen of Standing and Appointed Committees.

Officers

Cheri Leistner - President
Kelly Bertin - 1st Vice President
Gloria Turner - 2nd Vice President
Jayn Collins - Recording Secretary
Soula Dortch - Corresponding Secretary
Sue Jiles- Treasurer
Kris Saddoris - Assistant Treasurer

Committee Chairs

Arts & Crafts - Jayn Collins, Diane Pickering
Silent Auction - Kelly Bertin, Nancy Stovall
Ironman - Pam Sanders
Special Beach Events - Sue Jiles, Dena Roewe
Community Outreach - Sharon Cook, Gloria Turner
Fashion Show - Carol Adams
Kitchen - Sue Chinnock, Annetta Henderson, Nancy Lee
Lunches & Programs - Gloria Turner
Marketing - Nancy Glaze
Member to Member - Cathy Schnader, Joyce Kippes, Annetta Henderson
School Projects - Jayn Collins, Monica Thomas
Sunshine - Soula Dortch
Telephone & Reservations - Sue Jiles

Liaisons

Boys & Girls Club - Monica Thomas
Chamber of Commerce - Cheri Leistner
Domestic Violence - Sylvia Ellington
Food Pantry - Sharon Burnett
Library - Becky Farmer
Newsletter - Nancy Stovall
Scholarship - Monica Thomas
Website Management - Nancy Stovall
Yearbook - Sue Jiles

"May Luncheon"

The May Luncheon was held at Harpoon Harry's. The luncheon included the installation of new officers: Soula Dortch, Corresponding Secretary; Jayn Collins, Recording Secretary; and Sue Jiles, Treasurer who join Cheri Leistner, President; Kelly Bertin, 1st Vice President; and Gloria Turner, 2nd Vice President as the 2026-2027 club officers.

Members were recognized for their years of service. Doris Bayliss and Monica Thomas were honored for 5 years of service, while Sue Jiles and Nancy Stovall were recognized for 10 years of service.

New members Nancy Lee, Terry Bargy, and Sue Chinnock were welcomed and formally installed.

2026-2027 Officers



**Cheri Leistner, Gloria Turner, Kelly Bertin,
Soula Dortch, Sue Jiles, Jayn Collins**

Recognition of Service



**Doris Bayliss, Nancy Stovall, Monica Thomas,
Sue Jiles, Kelly Bertin**

"Welcome New Members"



Sponsor Toni McLane, Sue Chinnock, Nancy Lee, Terry Bargy, Sponsor Cheri Leistner, Membership Chair Kelly Bertin



Raymond and Nancy Lee

I was born and raised in Atlanta and lived there until I moved to Latitude Margaritaville almost 3 years ago. I married my husband Raymond 38 years ago and we have 2 daughters and 5 grandchildren. Our daughters and grandchildren are still living in the Atlanta area.

Prior to moving to PCB I worked for Fidelity National Title Company for 37 years and did HR for the southeast region. I retired in 2022.

I'm looking forward to working with and getting to know everyone in the Women's Civic Club.



Terry Bargy

Terry Bargy, retired technology executive and strategic advisor with over 35 years of experience scaling global operations, driving digital transformations, and leading high performance teams across mergers and acquisition in the manufacturing/consumer product industries.

Terry most recently served as Vice President, Chief Information Officer at WC Bradley (14 years), a private global diversified holding company, headquartered in Columbus Ga. Managed a global team specializing in aligning enterprise technology with business strategy, modernizing legacy infrastructure, and leading large scale digital transformation including AI. Advised fellow C-Suite peers and board members on technology investments, cybersecurity risk management, and operational efficiencies. Built and mentored high-performing global technology teams.

Current Roles include HOA President Emerald Pointe Resort Community; Volunteer Girls Inc, Panama City; Volunteer, St Andrews Waterfront Historical Committees and Member of Women's Civic Club, PCB.

Terry holds both Associates and Bachelor Degrees, Roberts Wesleyan Univ. - Rochester, NY.

Terry resides in St Andrews Bay Historical area, where personal interests include: Pickleball, Mahjong, Boating, Bicycling, Walk/Runs.



Dan and Sue Chinnock

I moved to Panama City Beach with my husband, Dan, in October of 2023 from the St. Louis, MO area. I'm a retired registered nurse with a past life working in hospitals, home health and managed care. Dan still dabbles with his own business, but I've officially become a golf widow since we moved!

We decided several years ago to explore the possibility of retiring to Florida and knew we wanted to relocate near the beach somewhere in the Panhandle. We ultimately ended up building in the new Latitude Margaritaville Watersound 55+ community and truly love Panama City Beach and all of the surrounding areas – the people, beautiful beaches, restaurants, activities, entertainment, shopping, etc.! We also have two Labrador Retrievers who love their new home and all of their new 4-legged friends in Margaritaville – Mary is a sweet old soul at 13 years and Henry is a crazy 10 year old boy who will always think he's a puppy!

I am so happy and honored to have joined the Women's Civic Club of Panama City Beach and look forward to making many new friends and helping to serve my new community!

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

Raising Funds

Ironman

Members, family and friends of the Women's Civic Club supported the May 9th Ironman by volunteering to pack athlete bags and checking in athletes. Many thanks to those who volunteered. It is always a fun event!

Kris Saddoris, Ironman Chairperson



Cathy Prabhu, Jeanette Poland, Kelly Bertin, Susan Lydon, Faye Culpepper, Kris Saddoris, Sylvia Payne, Nancy Stovall, Arlene Klaas, Karen Demeester, Friend, Donna McElroy, Brenda Farmer, Sue Chinnock, Nancy Lee



Sherrill Kelley, Toni McLane, Sylvia Payne, Brenda Farmer



Karolina Schleicher, Jayn Collins, Barbara Lambrow, Donna McElroy

"Supporting the Community"

Community Outreach



Gloria Turner, Barbara Allgood

The summer was a busy and rewarding time for the Community Outreach Committee. Working with The Addison of Panama City Beach and Charter Senior Living of Panama City Beach, committee members enjoyed spending time with residents and participating in a variety of activities, including arts and crafts, Aloha and Tuscany dinners, and ice cream socials. These events provided wonderful opportunities for fellowship and community connection.

Gloria Turner and Sharon Cook, Community Outreach Chairs



**Sylvia Payne, Toni McLane, Nancy Stovall,
Sueli Santoni, Gloria Turner, El Moreland**



**Sylvia Payne, Brenda Farmer, Jenna Hall,
Nancy Stovall, Gloria Turner, Barbara Allgood**

School Projects

Items to be collected at the September Luncheon

Glue Sticks
Primary Composition Books
Spiral Notebooks
Crayons
Markers
Pocket Folders with Brads
Tape for Dispensers
Staples
Post It Notes
Big/Fat Pencils (for Pre-K students)
Headphones

Dry Erase Markers
Kleenex
Table Wipes
Big (Kinder Style) Pencils
Backpacks
Hand Sanitizer and Hand Soap
Clothing: Sizes Youth Small to Adult Large
Any Solid Color Shirts
Any Solid Color Shorts, Leggings, Sweatpants, or Pants
Underwear
Socks

Jayn Collins and Monica Thomas, School Projects Chairs

Scholarships

On May 1st, Arnold High School seniors Allison Campbell, Kiera Cox, and Julia Kickham received Women's Civic Club Scholarships. Monica Thomas, Scholarship Liaison, followed up with each recipient to learn updates on their plans.



I was so happy to receive the scholarship from the Women's Civic Club.

I will be starting college at Florida State University and in their Honors Program in late August. I actually leave for my freshman orientation soon! I have no idea what to expect, but I am very excited to meet my peers and pick out my classes for the fall. I plan to use the scholarship funds to cover the rest of my housing costs and for academic expenses, such as my textbooks and other required course materials. I'm so grateful for the scholarship, and I'll definitely keep you updated on how

things are going! :)

Allie Campbell



I cannot thank you and the Women's Civic Club enough! I have always dreamt of going off to college, and your scholarship truly motivated my family and I to be sure that this is all in God's plan. I am attending Samford University in Birmingham, AL. It is a private southern Baptist school, so that will allow me to not only further my academic and social career, but also and more importantly, my spiritual path. I begin August 24th. Thank you again for the generous amount gifted to me, allowing me to put it towards becoming the best version of myself.

Kiera Cox



I'm moving into Flagler College (in St. Augustine, FL) on August 21st this fall. The money will most likely go directly towards tuition costs when payments open up in their system. It will be a great help!

Julia Kickham

Monica Thomas, Scholarship Liaison

"Spending Time Together"

Member to Member



Dena Roewe, Terry Bargy, Cheri Leistner, Alisa Walley, Sharon Williams, Rhonda Zartman, Gloria Turner



Cathy Schnader, Janet Tettmer, Sylvia Ellington, Joyce Kippes

What fun it is to hear the shouts of "Bunco!" while laughing and playing this easy and exciting game with fellow members of the Women's Civic Club! Many of our members and guests enjoyed the perfect recipe of fun, friendship, prizes, and food while playing Women's Civic Club Bunco three times this summer at Taylor's Restaurant.

Bunco Winners

	June 17	July 22	August 19
Most Buncos	Sylvia Ellington	Nancy Stovall	Carole Cornilius
Most Wins	Gloria Turner	Jayn Collins	Annetta Henderson
Most Losses	Nancy Lee	Nancy Lee	Debbie Gunther
Last Bunco	Cheri Leistner	Diane Vitale	Sue Chinnock
Door Prizes	Gloria Turner	Jayn Collins	Joyce Kippes
	Rhonda Zartman	Sue Jiles	Sue Jiles
	Alisa Walley	Nancy Lee	Debbie Gunther

The Member-to-Member Committee looks forward to planning more fun events throughout the coming year. If you know of an activity we should try, please don't hesitate to reach out to one of our committee members with your ideas.

We look forward to making this year a memorable and fun-filled time for everyone! Be on the lookout for our next event, and be sure to sign up. You won't want to miss out on all the fun!



Front Row:

Joyce Kippes, Faye Culpepper, Cheri Leistner, Nancy Lee, Cathy Schnader

Back Row:

Sue Jiles, Annetta Henderson, Becky Farmer, Debbie Gunther, Gloria Turner, Sue Chinnock, Kay Vider, Carole Cornilius, Jeanette Poland, Rhonda Stephens, Terry Bargy

Cathy Schnader and Joyce Kippes, Member to Member Chairs

"Recognizing our Members"

Happy Birthday Wishes!!

September

01	Denice Dare
14	Lynn Padgett
19	Brenda Farmer
23	Clara Register
29	Tonia Sampson
30	Jean Sturman



"On your birthday, take a moment to reflect on the amazing person you are!"

"In Our Thoughts and Prayers"

Remembering **Nan VandenBerg** November 27, 1927- August 12, 2026. Celebration of Life will be September 18, 2026 at the Pilgrim Congregational Church of Christ, 125 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing MI. Please keep her family and friends in your prayers. The following is an interview with Nan which was published in "The Civic Courier" September 2021 edition.



Born and raised in Lansing, Michigan, she graduated from Michigan State University and married Harry Phillips the next week. He died at the young age of 44 and Nan continued to teach school and raise their three children. A few years later, she married Merle VandenBerg. Nan taught English for a total of 50 years.

Moving to Panama City Beach from Charlevoix, Michigan in 2003 to be near her son and his family, she became a member of the WCC in March 2005, soon serving as secretary.

Installed as president in 2007/09, she instigated having an elegant WCC live and silent auction. This was a huge event and money maker for three years but discontinued due to the economy at the time. The silent auction is now combined with the Beach Boogie Dance.

Although she has served on several committees, she is definitely recognized for her dedication to the Food Pantry, where she worked each Friday for several years. After the Board voted to solicit monthly collections from the members, Nan faithfully collected the items after each general meeting and delivered them to the Food Pantry.

When asked what was one of the highlights of being part of the club, Nan stated "Working with the wonderful women. Together we get things done!" Not only does Nan cheer for the future activities of the club, she is also an avid fan of Michigan State Spartan football or any Spartan sports.

The club's newsletter "The Civic Courier" has been an important form of communication for the club. For over ten years, Nan VandenBerg has been the editor of the newsletter, but after the May 2021 edition and failing eyesight, she has decided to pass the baton at age 93. Nan, although the club doesn't have an Edward R. Murrow Award for journalism you have our sincere "thank you" for your dedication as the editor and reporter for "The Civic Courier".

"In Appreciation"

From: Jeanne & Sally

Hello Ladies,

What a wonderful surprise showed up in our mailbox. Jeanne and I cannot thank you for all your prayers and well wishes. They really mean a lot to us and your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

You are a wonderful group of ladies who do so much for the community. We are so fortunate to have worked with you over the years. Hopefully the fall will allow us to return to Florida and help with some of your projects.

We truly miss y'all and wish you a fantastic year. Take care and thank you again for the beautiful card. Love Always.

From: The We Care Volunteers

Thank you so very much for your generous donation to Woodlawn Church's food pantry. Without supporters, like you, it would be difficult to service our neighbors in need. We are so appreciative of your continuous support. May God continue to bless you. Thanks again.

"Upcoming Events"

September 3	Luncheon at Captain Jack's, 8208 Thomas Dr., 11AM
September 10	Backpack Blessings at 158 Griffin Blvd, 8:30AM
September 17	Backpack Blessings at 158 Griffin Blvd, 8:30AM
September 24	Board Meeting at Chamber of Commerce Boardroom, 309 R. Jackson Blvd., 10AM
October 1	Luncheon at Dick's Last Resort, 16210 Front Beach Rd, 11AM

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