

DESTIN WOMAN'S CLUB

NEWSLETTER - January 2017

P.O. Box 9267 Miramar Beach, FL 32550

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BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, January 4, 2017

2:30 pm

Bancorp South Bank Building

13331 Emerald Coast Parkway, Destin

Executive Board and Governing Board

Next Meeting and Luncheon

Cantina Laredo

585 Grand Blvd, Suite N-106, Miramar Beach, FL 32550

(850) 654-5649



Wednesday, January 11, 2017

Check-in: 10:45 to 11:15 a.m.

Social time: 11:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Program: 11:30 to 12 noon

Lunch: Noon

Business Meeting To Follow

Reservations and Menu: see last page of this newsletter

Deadline to RSVP is Friday, January 6, at noon

January 2017 Program



We are very excited to have Carisse Lejeune, City Manager of Destin, as our guest speaker for the January luncheon and meeting at Cantina Laredo. Ms Lejeune joined the city of Destin as the City Manager in 2016. She is the former assistant city manager of Boynton Beach, FL and has served the public sector for more than 15 years with experience in policy development and implementation, strategic planning sustainability and emergency management. Ms Lejeune will be discussing her responsibilities and service in running the daily general

operations of the city in accordance with the local ordinances, laws and policies prescribed by the city council. She will be sharing with us the vision, proposed projects, and challenges involved in running the day-to-day operation of the city of Destin. I know you all will be looking forward to finding out more about the City of Destin and what the future holds.

President's Letter

Dear Ladies,

Happy New Year from England!!

I trust and hope that each and every one of you have had a wonderful Christmas spent with your loved ones and also wish you all a very Happy 2017!

Thanks to each and every one of you, our great DWC has had a tremendous start to our year which began in September!

For those of you unable to be a part of our Club Christmas Party which Helen Everett held at her Condo Clubhouse on Friday, December 2nd, I have to say you missed a lovely evening of fun, laughter, music and camaraderie. Following our Christmas Party, thoughts turned to the Destin Christmas Parade and our DWC Float. Huge thanks need to go to Rick Sheldon for towing what had to be the best float we have ever had!! Thank you to Sherry and everyone else who participated in either decorating hats for members to wear on the day of the Parade, or helped decorate our lovely float!! I think we all had a wonderful time being a part of the Parade and being able to give children along the route candy and multi-colored beads!!

I was very sorry to have missed our Christmas Lunch at Regatta Bay, but hope Santa came through with all your wishes!! I can't thank you all enough for the generosity that came from

you at our Christmas Lunch which enabled our great Club to donate \$2,100 to the Children's Volunteer Health Network. This financial assistance to CVHN will be put to good use in providing much needed dental care to two families - each with two children who are in desperate need of dental care. I would also like to mention that we donated \$500 to two separate families, one family has two children suffering from Cruzon's disease and the other family have a 10-year old who was diagnosed with Lymphatic Cancer. Our donation to these families will have helped these children have a very happy Christmas.

As you all know our Fashion Show Committees are working very hard to ensure a successful Fashion Show on April 21, 2017, and for those of you who haven't yet signed up on a Committee, please do so. I can assure you that you will not only enjoy being a part of a Committee but will certainly make new friends too!!

Your Board and I look forward to an exciting Spring, not only our Fashion Show, but what I am sure will be a memorable Caribbean Cruise in February and other girl's night out events.

Please remember to make your reservations for our January lunch being held at Cantina Laredo on January 11!

Warm wishes,

Kate

January Birthdays



Wendy Schmutz, January 2
Brigitte Schroeder, January 3
Linda Clark, January 5
Pat Parsons, January 11
Denise Moreland, January 17
Francine Webb, January 17
Cindy Posey, January 21
Judy Mills, January 26

DESTIN WOMAN'S CLUB GENERAL MEETING

December 14, 2016

Regatta Bay Golf & Yacht Club

In Kate's absence, Vice President Helen Everett welcomed everyone to the December meeting and started proceedings at 11.35 a.m.

Our chaplain, Cindy Posey, gave the invocation reminding everyone of the true spirit of Christmas.

Patti Burcham introduced our Speaker, Nathaniel Fisher of the Emerald Coast Theater Company, who also brought with him three wonderful "Dickens" carollers who regaled us with Christmas carols, all dressed in fantastic Dickens' costumes. Nathaniel said the mission of the theater group is to educate and entertain the Emerald Coast area through theater. The group was founded in 2012 in partnership with the Mattie Kelly Arts Foundation. Currently, they have over 120 children enrolled in their after-school and weekend classes from Bay, Walton, and Okaloosa Counties. Their current production is "A Dickens Christmas" being performed at their Grand Boulevard location at weekends from now until Christmas. There is a special performance for children with disabilities on December 17th. They have professional performances planned for the next year, and a "Seussical Kids" production to be held next May. Nathaniel said he welcomes volunteers who wish to help the group – maybe with costumes, scenery, or as ushers. They also welcome members/donors at various levels. Nathaniel left flyers on all the tables about upcoming productions and ways to donate. He generously donated a pair of tickets to be raffled for "A Dickens Christmas" which was won by new member Cheryl Pawelczyk.

After lunch, during which members continued to enjoy the traditional Christmas songs from our Victorian carollers, Helen began the business meeting.

The Minutes of the November meeting can be found in the current Newsletter. Please see Sherry Sheldon if you have any questions. The Treasurer's Report was distributed to all tables by our Treasurer, Denise Dobelek. Any questions should be directed to her.

Sherry reported that no correspondence had been sent or received this month.

Membership chair Simona said that two members – Cyndi Hyatt and Sandra Heller, had birthdays this month. She then introduced new members, who each gave a short bio. These were: Sandra Heller, Cheryl Pawelczyk and Jade Baldwin. Our guests this month were: Joanna Medwick, friend of Denise; Paige Morse, Kristie Buffington and Mary Palmer, all friends of Sally Maurer; and Linda Mobley, friend of Maggi Grogan. The club gave a warm welcome to all new members and guests.

Patti Burcham and Mabel Prescott, Family Fund chair, told the members that the Board had decided to help two families with children who were in urgent need of dental care, and also continue to assist the family with two children afflicted with Cruzon's disease, and the single mother with a child who is battling cancer. Mabel was glad to report that the boy with cancer is currently doing well. The Family Fund will donate \$500 to each of these four families. In addition, a collection was taken up to be added to the dental bill for the two families concerned. The amount collected will be announced later.

JoDell Haverfield gave us an update on the 2nd annual DWC cruise which leaves for 7 nights in the Caribbean on February 12th. There is still time to sign up if anyone wants to go. It will be a fun time for all members and spouses/friends are welcome too. Contact JoDell for more info.

Fashion Show: Linda Clark, Models Chair, said she is working on the models and all is going smoothly. Any new members who have not already signed up for a committee are encouraged to do so. Contact co-chairs Linda Hodges and JoDell Haverfield, Fashion Show Co-Chairs. Debbie Wilson said that this time we are introducing a "Party Cart", as well as our traditional "Wine Wagon". The Party Cart will hold any party-related items, not confined to alcohol. These would include mixers, paper goods, hats, etc.

Patti Burcham, on behalf of the Sponsorship Task Force, said that so far we had commitments from several sponsors: Dr. Licorwic at the Center for Cosmetic and Family Dentistry has renewed at the Platinum level. Bronze sponsors are: First Florida Bank, Prescott Architects, Steve and Patti Burcham, Destin WalMart, Matthews & Jones, attorneys. In-kind sponsors are Bancorp South (who have donated \$500 to the Family Fund), and Storage Max who have provided storage space to us for several years at no charge.

Sherry Sheldon, Christmas Parade Chair, thanked everyone who was on the DWC Christmas Parade crew for the mermaid ornament and card signed by participants. This year's parade theme, Mystical Mermaids will be forever remembered as the first DWC float in 12 years of participation.

Peggy Herbig, Restaurants Chair, thanked Regatta Bay staff for an excellent lunch and hoped everyone enjoyed it. Next month's lunch will be at Cantina Laredo.

The meeting was then interrupted by a visit from none other than Santa Claus. He greeted everyone warmly and went table-to-table wishing everyone a Merry Christmas. Several brave members had pictures taken with the jolly old man (in reality, Cindy and Bill Posey's son, Billy).

The 50/50 Fisher House drawing was won by Patti Burcham, who donated her share (\$90) to the dental fund.

After drawing for door prizes, the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Maggi Grogan
Acting Recording Secretary

Message from Family Fund Chair

A special thanks to all of you for the Christmas donations made to two families. The mothers were speechless and tearful at the unexpected windfall from our Family Fund. They thanked me profusely and said their Christmas will be MUCH brighter because of DWC!

You all are the best, I am honoured to be part of this club.

Mabel Prescott

Membership Dues

The DWC by-laws require that the annual dues be paid by the May meeting. If you have not paid your dues for the 2016-2017 club fiscal year, please bring a check for \$50 to the January meeting. Or mail it to DWC, P.O. Box 9267, Miramar Beach, FL 32550.

More Exciting News to report from your Sponsorship Task Force!

Dear Members,

We are delighted to give you an update on DWC Sponsors and Patrons so far.

Platinum Sponsor:

The Destin Center for Cosmetic & Family Dentistry from Dr. Dennis Lichorwic

Silver Sponsor:

Coastal Skin Surgery & Dermatology

Bronze Sponsors:

First Florida Bank from President Frank Burge

Prescott Architects, Inc. from Mabel Prescott, DWC Member

Steve & Patti B Burcham, Patti B, DWC Member

Wal-Mart Destin

Matthews & Jones, LLP, from Dana Matthews

Ted & Sandra Williams, Sandra, DWC Member

In-Kind Sponsors:

Bancorp South Bank

Storage Max Destin

Patrons:

Denise Kendust, Individual Patron & DWC Member

Diane Neuman, Individual Patron & DWC Member

Dawn Stuntz, Business Patron & DWC Member

As ALWAYS, we welcome your suggestions for potential Sponsors. If you know of any business owners that you feel would be a potential Sponsor, please do let us know. We would be delighted to reach out to them.

Please see below for the levels of Sponsorship Opportunities. We will be happy to provide you with details on each level and their amenities. Thank you!

Sandra Williams, JoDell Haverfield and Patti B
Chairs for Sponsorship Task Force

Sponsorship Opportunities 2016-2017:

Platinum Sponsor Level \$2500

Gold Sponsor Level \$1500

Silver Sponsor Level \$750

Bronze Sponsor Level \$250



We need door prizes – if you would like to donate door prize items for our monthly luncheon, please contact Cyndi Hyatt at 205-999-9281. Thank you!

LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS MUST BE SENT TO Cyndi Hyatt at cynhyatt@att.net by **NOON ON THE FRIDAY PRIOR TO THE LUNCHEON**. Though we understand that unexpected things happen, and on these rare occasions will do our best to accommodate, we simply cannot accept reservations on Tuesday afternoon. Your understanding and cooperation will be greatly appreciated!

When you send your reservation, **PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR FULL NAME AND YOUR MEAL CHOICE**. Lunch is \$22 payable to DWC on the day of the luncheon. Late cancellations and no-shows will be responsible for paying \$22!!!

Menu Entrees ~ Confirm ONE from the three choices below:

- 1. Beef Quesadillas Al Carbon** – grilled beef fajita meat with melted jack cheese, served with guacamole and sour cream
- 2. Ensalada De Cameron Y Fresa** – grilled shrimp, jicama, strawberries, pineapple, avocado and roasted walnuts and queso fresco with tropical ginger vinaigrette
- 3. Vegetarian Option – Enchiladas De Espinaca** - sautéed spinach, jack cheese and mushroom enchilada topped with sour cream poblano sauce

Dessert – Mexican brownies and cookies served family style