

DESTIN WOMAN'S CLUB

NEWSLETTER – January 2018

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BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, January 3, 2018

2 p.m.

Bancorp South Bank Building

13331 Emerald Coast Parkway, Destin
Executive Board and Governing Board

Next Meeting and Luncheon

Crab Island Cantina

2 Harbor Blvd #100, Destin, FL 32541

(850) 424-7417



Wednesday, January 10, 2018

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

Deadline to RSVP is Friday, January 5, at noon

January 2018 PROGRAM – Mia Hughes, Fisher House Administrative Director



As Administrative Director for the Fisher House, Mia Hughes is responsible for raising funds to support the House, event planning and educating the community about what the Fisher House provides for the military in the panhandle. Fisher House, located on Eglin AFB, opened in September 2010, and began serving its first guests in October of that same year. The geographic footprint offers services to residents from Pensacola to Panama City. To date, it has saved military families over \$1,000,000 in lodging and transportation.

With more than thirty years of business management and non-profit experience, Mia has been involved with local military families as a community supporter since 2008. This

new opportunity brings that passion and commitment full circle in a formal capacity as she took the leadership role as the sole staff person. She was previously Assistant Vice President of the Greater Pensacola Chamber and recently served with the Navarre Area Board of Realtors. Originally from Panama City, she now calls Navarre home with her spouse, Tony. Together they have six children, four grandchildren, two horses and a classified number of cats. They are members of Community Life Methodist Church and enjoy cycling, horseback riding, boating and classic cars.

“Mia brings a tremendous background in non-profit management, fund raising and public relations,” said Teresa Halverson, Board of Directors President. “As the demand for our services increase, we believe that having someone on board with Mia’s energy and organizational detail is critical to fulfilling our mission, which is to serve those who serve us.”

President’s Letter

Dear Fabulous Ladies!

I sincerely hope that each and every one of you have had a wonderful Christmas with your families and that the New Year will bring all of us joy.

Through 2017 our Club has enjoyed a huge amount of camaraderie with Fundraising events, evening events and of course, our Sunset Dolphin Cruises, decorating the Halls of Wesley House and then the “finale” of 2017 was a well-attended Christmas Pops Concert at NFSC

by members who enjoyed a wonderful musical evening of classical music and of course Christmas Carols.

During this Christmas season, I know that everyone in the Club knows of the donations that were made to two families who have children in need of financial help and another family we needed to help financially.

I can't thank each and every one of you who were present at the December lunch for the wonderful contributions you all made to enable us – Destin Woman's Club – to be able to give our latest recipient of Family Funds another \$700 to help with his Christmas expenses – you are all just AWESOME!!

I'm not sure if any of you had the opportunity to visit Eden State Park for their candlelight evening, hopefully some of you did and you would have seen our DWC beautiful decorations which outdid all the others!! I heard from Marianne Burbach that there were 1,400 visitors that evening over a three hour period!! I think that might have set a record for Wesley House and Eden State Park for 2017!! Again HUGE thanks to the decorating “gang” that made our Club “Shine”!

I'm delighted to say that the Sponsorship Task Force has just received sponsorship from Scott Taylor of Taylor by the Sea. Scott very kindly donated gift certificates two years ago and has done the same thing again this year for you to either indulge yourself or give as a gift to a friend, etc. Scott has been a hair stylist to many stars and actually styled hair for stars at the Oscars. Scott is a generous and loving man and I know he can't wait to meet either you or that friend you might give a gift certificate to!!

Your Board and I are looking forward to seeing you on January 10th at Crab Island Cantina in Harbour Walk and our Program will be Mia Hughes from Fisher House.

Happy New Year to you and your Families!!

Your very proud President – hugs to you all!

Kate

A Message from Mabel Prescott - Family Fund

Thank you all for your generosity! Thanks to you our family fund has helped many area families in need. You all are the BEST!!!

A Message from Sylvia Vazquez and Ann Petzold – Fisher House

Thank you to all who helped with our December Dinner for Fisher House. We are planning a dinner of Chicken Pot Pie, Salad and cake for January. Please see one of us if you would like to help with this or any other month!



January Birthdays

Wendy Schmutz, January 2
Brigitte Schroeder, January 3
Linda Clark, January 5
Glenda Jernigan, January 9
Pat Parsons, January 11
Denise Moreland, January 17
Francine Webb, January 17
Cindy Posey, January 21
Teresa Halverson, January 23

DESTIN WOMAN'S CLUB GENERAL MEETING

December 13, 2017

In Kate's absence, Vice President Helen Everett called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. She introduced Carol Hays, a violinist who served in the U.S. Marine's Chamber Orchestra for 22 years. In that capacity, Carol played for five U.S. Presidents, many foreign heads of State, and royalty from around the world. Carol showed her considerable skills as she went around the room, playing requests and many favorite Christmas classics. At one point, member Linda Morton added her beautiful voice in an impromptu solo. The members showed their appreciation for the holiday music with a grand ovation.

Before lunch was served, Mabel Prescott, Family Fund co-chair, told the members about a local single father who was undergoing treatment for cancer while trying to care for his three young children. He had worked as a cook in a local restaurant until recently, when he could not work anymore. The Board had already provided cash to help with his rent, etc., but Mabel asked if the members would donate a little more out of their pockets to help give this man and his children a memorable Christmas. An envelope was passed around, and it was announced later that our generous members had donated over \$700.

Business meeting:

Minutes of the last meeting: these can be found in the December newsletter. See Maggi Grogan if you have any questions.

Treasurer's Report: See Denise Dobelek for more information on the club's financial status.

Correspondence: Sherry Sheldon said she had received a thank you note from Northwest Florida State College for our scholarship, the Bob and Carol Winsett DWC Memorial Scholarship. We were joined today by our current scholarship recipient, Jennifer Smalley. Jennifer said a few words to the members about her current studies (she is pursuing a Bachelor's degree in healthcare management) and her future plans. She is a single mother with two teenage sons, and formerly worked in the jewellery field.

At this point, Beth Ann Cox, our long-time member who has suffered some major health issues recently, thanked the club for its assistance during the summer when she was recovering from surgery. The club provided groceries and helped out when Beth Ann could not drive or get out of the house.

Membership: Simona announced the birthday girls for the month of December: Janine Pitts, Dana Austin, Angel Barber, Mary Palmer, Sherryl Carlson, and Cyndi Hyatt. New members are Janine Pitts and Paige Brownsburger. Paige said she is marketing coordinator for Dr. Licorwic. There were several guests: Tonya Allen, guest of Jade Baldwin, Carolyn Rowe, guest of Wendy Schmutz, Layla Ernest, guest of Mabel Prescott, and Courtney, guest of Rachel Prescott.

Fisher House: Sylvia Vasquez and Ann Petzold, Fisher House co-chairs, said that next Wednesday's supper would be lasagna, salad, Christmas cookies, etc. They still needed garlic bread and iced tea, and two members swiftly stepped in to help.

Sponsorship Task Force: Patti Burcham said that the task force has signed up several sponsors for the next year: Dr. Licorwic will continue as a platinum sponsor as he has for several years. Scott Taylor by the Sea, has donated \$70 gift certificates, the sale of which will go directly to the club's sponsorship account. Bronze sponsors include: Betsy Stout-Jones, Prescott Architects, Steve and Patti Burcham, Denise and Michael Moreland, Sarah and Roger Baker, First Florida Bank, Dianne and Walter Newman, and Matthews & Jones.

DWC Christmas Party: The annual Christmas party, held on December 1st, was a great success with approximately 40 members and guests attending.

Holiday Pops at NWFSC: The evening, which included dinner prior to the concert, was much enjoyed by everyone who attended. Helen said we will be organizing a group to attend the American Bandstand production at NWFSC on January 20. A sign-up sheet was sent around. More details will follow next month.

Destin Christmas Parade: Sherry said that nine members, including Scholarship recipient Jennifer Smalley, participated in the parade. Everyone had a good time, despite the cold, and they all warmed up afterwards with lunch at Pepito's.

New Business:

2018 Cruise: Missy Assad said that we had 8 cabins booked so far for the cruise, which will take place February 18-24 to the Eastern Caribbean, leaving out of Fort Lauderdale. Contact Missy if you would like to join in. Prices fluctuate the nearer the date, so book early.

Raffle: Eight lucky members were winners of the Christmas raffle. Many thanks to those who donated prizes. Following this, Cindy came forward to say she could hear jingle bells,

and lo and behold, the jolly old elf himself appeared in the doorway. Several members came forward to give Santa their wish list and get their picture taken on his knee!
Helen wished everyone a happy and healthy Holiday and New Year before adjourning the meeting at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Maggi Grogan
Recording Secretary
December 17, 2017

Thank you Platinum Sponsors!

Destin Center for Cosmetic & Family Dentistry

Thank you Silver Sponsors!

Coastal Skin Surgery & Dermatology
Taylor by the Sea, a Salon at Grayton Beach

Thank you Bronze Sponsors!

Betsy Sells Avon, Betsy Stout-Jones DWC Member
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Treat Yourself, a Family Member, or Friend

DWC Members, you have a unique opportunity to be treated to a one-of-a-kind experience with Scott Taylor, known as the Hair Stylist to the Stars. Scott's resume is that of a "Celebrity Who's Who". He was the lead hair stylist for three Academy Awards and was awarded an Emmy for his exceptional talent.

What separates Scott from most hairstylists, is not just his exceptional talent. It is his passion for ensuring that everyone has a wonderful experience and is made to feel special.



For a donation of just \$70 to Destin Woman's Club, you will receive a Gift Certificate which entitles you to a haircut and style from Scott. What a rare opportunity to make a donation AND to be treated like a star!

Contact Patti B to redeem your Certificate today. E-mail: sandpburcham@gmail.com



Friend to Friend Co-Chairs Kathleen Hall and Peggy Reis would like to hear from you if you know of any member who is sick or has been in the hospital. Please call or e-mail Kathleen (404-285-6871; peach1kgh@aol.com) or Peggy (513-519-7821; peggydreis@gmail.com) with the information. Thanks!



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. Cantina Shrimp Basket** – shrimp coated in Carlitos Yucatan Zing seasoning and buttermilk batter and deep fried, served with French fries
 - 2. Sautéed Steak Tips** – with fresh spinach, black bean, corn and ranchera salsa, served on a bed of Poblano mashed potatoes.
 - 3. Vegetable and Muenster Cheese Quesadilla** – fresh sautéed veggies cooked in our butter wine sauce and stuffed into a 10” flour tortilla, served with black bean and corn relish, sour cream and pico de gallo
- Dessert: Soppillias** – flour tortilla strips deep fried and topped with honey, powdered sugar and cinnamon