

DESTIN WOMAN'S CLUB

NEWSLETTER

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BOARD MEETING

Date: Wednesday January 5th, 2011

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Kelly Plantation Homeowners Clubhouse

**Next meeting and luncheon is Wednesday January 12, 2011
Signature Studio's
36062 Emerald Coast Parkway, [across from Regatta Bay]**

Social Time 11:00 a.m.—Noon

Lunch Noon

Business Meeting 12:30 p.m.

Reservations and Menu: see the last page

PROGRAMS....Maggi Grogan

Our January meeting will be held at Signature Art Gallery located at 36062 Emerald Coast Parkway in Destin across from Regatta Bay, where our members can view the work of more than 50 artists representing both visual and functional art. In addition, Mary Kay Samouce will entertain us with her creations of jewelry crafted from retro and antique pieces to give them an updated look. She will tell us about her travels across the U.S. and Europe scouring antique shops and fairs for suitable items to transform. Mary Kay invites you to bring your own vintage jewelry to the luncheon to get ideas on how you could turn your old unused jewelry into a new fashion statement. This will be a fascinating event, so look forward to seeing everyone there!

PRESIDENT'S LETTER....Kate Callicotte

Dear Ladies,

Happy New Year!!

If you are like me you are probably asking yourself “where did this year go to” – I don’t know, I do know, however, that it went whizzing by me in a hurry!!

Our great Club has had another fruitful year, making money for our various Funds and then turning around and helping those less fortunate in our community. Thank you all for your very generous Christmas gifts to the children housed at Children in Crisis. They were over the moon when they saw my car full of your gifts for their “children”. They are currently housing 14 children, so just imagine the looks on those faces as they open up your gift on Christmas morning. There are two children who were returned to their home and the CIC was able to send them home with gifts from you wonderful members – thank you!!

Another Huge Thank You goes to Rhonda Comparin who raised and donated \$650.00 from her Yoga On The Beach Class, held on Thanksgiving Morning. This money has already been disbursed within the Community – that says a lot about our times, when we get a donation and then we immediately turn around and give it away – I know the recipients will put the money to good use.

December 3rd brought many members together at Burnt Pine to spend a lovely evening dining and enjoying one another's company. All too soon the evening was over, but am sure that everyone took home some great memory of the hours passed. Kudos and many thanks to Dorothy Robinson for arranging this social for us.

The Destin Parade was a grand sight!! We all had a great time and this year the weather cooperated and the sun shone on all of us!! Thank you Sherry for using your car as our “float” and thank you Lin Bryant for decorating it. Highway 98 was full of people and Maggi, Georgeia, Joy, Peggy and Sandi got their exercise in for the week-end, walking and giving out candy – thank you for being such a great advertisement for our Club.

You will remember that we had a “quick program” at our October Meeting on the mentoring program within the Okaloosa County School System and how to become a Mentor. Well, I just have to tell you all, how thrilled I was to hear from Myra Shanklin that she and her Sister-in Law, Ann Shields have passed all the necessary background checks – doesn’t that make you want to not do anything to help anyone? They are now going to Mentor a child at Laurel Hill School – way to go Ladies!!

Yes, We are a Wonderful bunch of Beautiful Ladies and we know how to go “above and beyond”.

Work is underway in earnest for the Fashion Show – if you didn’t know already, am sure you do – it’s been talked about enough lately – scheduled for Saturday 26th March 2011 and again, if you haven’t signed up to work on a Committee please do so at our January lunch. There will be a meeting of the Committees

following lunch. Stay on and sit in on the various Committees to get the latest news of where everything stands. Tickets will be available – Georgeia has kindly stepped up to the plate and will have the tickets with her for you to take and sell. We shall also have the Poster available for you to take to your local library, hairdresser, Doctor's office and anywhere else you think it could be prominently displayed.

Our January lunch is scheduled for January 12th at Signature Studios, across from the entrance to Regatta Bay. Yet another great meeting place for us to gather and share special moments. More information can be found in this newsletter. I look forward to seeing you all there.

I sincerely hope you all had a truly blessed Christmas and my very best wishes go to you and your families for a very Happy & Prosperous New Year.

Warm regards,

Kate

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO....

Wendy Schmutz	January 2
Shelia Gradyan	January 5
Glenda Jernigan	January 9
Pat Parsons	January 11
Dorothy Robinson	January 12
Margaret McDowell	January 13
Susan Frishman	January 18
Cindy Posey	January 21
Margie Foutz	January 23



CHRISTMAS PARADE....Sherry Shedlon

Ladies,

We had perfect weather for the 34th Destin Christmas Parade. As you may remember last year's parade was cancelled the morning of the parade due to inclement weather-fog. President Kate Callicotte, Lexi & Marley with Lexi's mother, Amber Crouch, rode in our car entry. Joy Segno's granddaughter, Gianna, decided at the last minute to sit with Lexi and wave to the crowds. Lexi and Gianna look like little and big sister sitting on the back of the car.

Gianna has been in our parade before and getting all the attention. The children enjoyed the parade immensely as did Marley. Lexi & Marley received a lot of cheers from fans, friends, and classmates from Liza Jackson Preparatory School in Ft. Walton Beach on Mary Esther Cut-Off.

Little children loved seeing Marley (named after the yellow Labrador retriever, Marley and Me, movie that is so popular). Marley is Lexi's service dog who detects her low sugar levels from type 1 diabetes. Lexi was diagnosed almost a year ago. Marley was well-behaved and poked her head up most of the time looking at the crowd.

FAMILY FUND...Mabel Prescott and Beth Ann Cox

Dear Members:

The Family Fund committee gives a huge THANK YOU to Rhonda Comparin for donating proceeds from her Thanksgiving Beach Yoga to the family fund. The spirit of giving modeled by Rhonda is what makes our club great!

The Executive Committee voted to give \$100 to St. Vincent's de Paul plus the proceeds from the December "hat". \$100 was donated to Harvest House and \$200 to the Fishermens Fund. \$200 is allocated to Ronnie Dents as he recovers from cancer.

Thank you ALL for your caring and generosity, not only at this time of year but all year round.

Mabel Prescott

FASHION SHOW TICKETS....Georgeia Pappas-Johnson

We hope to have the Fashion Show tickets available for the January meeting pick up. I will be signing out tickets to members and will expect ALL members to sell at least 5 (including their own). Reserved tables will be available if you sell 10 seats and turn in all at once. Those reserved tables will be on a "first come" basis so the sooner you turn in your group of 10, the better the table will be. I will be at the check-in table at the January Luncheon for ticket sign-outs.

Georgeia Pappas-Johnson

RECORDING SECRETARY...Maggi Grogan

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GENERAL MEETING
DECEMBER 8, 2010
RUTH'S CHRIS STEAKHOUSE

Members were greeted at Ruth's Chris by seasonal music performed by Telvis Conway on his keyboard. As an added surprise, local musician Ronnie Dents came and entertained us with some golden oldies and Holiday favorites. Ronnie is special to the club as he is recovering from cancer and we were able to help him from the club's Family Fund. Thank you both Telvis and Ronnie for making this a special Holiday meeting.

Kate called the meeting to order and introduced Lexi Crouch, her mother Amber, and Marley the diabetic service dog. Marley was extremely well behaved (as were Lexi and Amber, of course!)

In the absence of both Cindy Posey and Linda Mendenhall, Kate was called upon to do the invocation which she did with a charming Christmas poem.

Georgeia, our Corresponding Secretary, read a thank you note from Caring & Sharing of Walton County, following the club's donation last month for their Angel Tree program.

Kate then asked our guests and new members to introduce themselves and they were warmly welcomed by all.

The December birthday girls were announced – Pat Smythe, Denise Green, Myra Shanklin and Kathy Lynn.

Louisa Matthews, our Friend to Friend Chair, said that Denise Doblek was currently recovering from hand surgery (Denise was sporting a nifty-looking cast!), and that Linda Mendenhall had suffered a fall, but was on the mend. Peggy Herbig and Wendy Schmutz were both under the weather and unable to attend the lunch. We all wish you a speedy recovery, ladies!

The Family Fund had received a boost from the proceeds of Rhonda Comparin's Thanksgiving yoga class, to the tune of \$650. Thank you, Rhonda, for your generosity. These funds had been immediately dispersed to local food banks and other Family Fund recipients.

Dorothy Robinson said that Friday's Christmas Social had been a great success, with 66 attendees, including spouses. Lin Bryant and Lynn Lake did an excellent job of decorating the tables.

Sherry Sheldon reminded everyone of the Destin Christmas Parade this coming Saturday, December 11th. Sherry will drive her decorated car, we will have Lexi and Marley as special guests in the car, and 8 members had signed up to be walkers and throw candy.

Lexi and Amber then announced that they had a special presentation to make to the club in appreciation of the club's help in acquiring Marley. The dog has made a tremendous difference in Lexi's life. Lexi presented Kate with a beautiful picture of her and Marley, which Kate accepted on behalf of the club.

As a final note, Georgeia announced that she will have Fashion Show tickets available at the January meeting and will assign 5 tickets per member for sale.

After wishing all members a very Merry Christmas and Happy and Healthy New Year, the meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Maggi Grogan
Recording Secretary
December 10, 2010



Signature Studio's
Choice of: Soup/ Salad or Soup/Sandwich

1~Mixed Chicken Salad on a bed of greens.

Soup: Chicken & Rice

2~Grilled Chicken, Portabella Mushroom &
 Mozzarella on a **Croissant.**

Soup: Tomato Basil

3~Chef's Special Vegetarian

Dessert is chef's choice 😊

Beverage Choice Water,

Tea (a mix of tea & lemonade) and Coffee

RESERVATION GUIDELINES: [Please try to pay before the meeting]

Reservations are required and must be made no later than
 the Friday [by noon] preceding the Wednesday meeting.

Mail your check as soon as you make your reservation.

**Please note: If you cannot make the luncheon and do not
 cancel your reservation in time you will be charged for
 your lunch.**

**RESERVATIONS FOR D.W.C. LUNCHEON— Your reservation
 must be in by noon Friday January 7, 2011**

Send to: Rhonda Comparin, 4219 Shadow Lane, Niceville, FL 32578.

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MEMBER: _____ **\$20.00 CK#** _____

GUEST: _____ **\$20.00 CK#** _____

ENTRÉE'S _____