

DESTIN WOMAN'S CLUB

NEWSLETTER – June 2013

P.O. Box 9267 Miramar Beach, FL 32550

Visit our website: Destinwomansclub.org



BOARD MEETING

Wednesday June 5th , 2013

Bancorp South Building (formerly Whitney Bank)

13331 Emerald Coast Parkway, Destin

9 am Executive Board 9.30 Governing Boards

NEXT MEETING AND LUNCHEON

Rutherford's

Wednesday June 12th, 2013

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

Program 11:30 a.m. –Noon

Lunch Noon

Business Meeting 12:30 p.m.

Reservations and Menu: see the last page Deadline for reservations is Friday 7th , by Noon

PRESIDENT'S LETTER....Maggi Grogan

June 2013

Dear ladies

I'm currently in Eastern Europe on a wonderful vacation with my husband and friends. I know Julie and the Executive Board have done a fantastic job of keeping the Club up and running in my absence. I'm sure you hardly missed me.

I look forward to seeing you all again at the June meeting.

Fondly

Maggi

Membership - Denise Dobelek

We had one new member at the May meeting, her name is Amanda McConkey.

Please make her feel welcome.

It is time for member dues for the next year. Members who join at the April meeting or later will have their dues applied to next year since they joined late in our season, so do not be shy about inviting guests and suggest they join.

Please bring your check for \$50 made out to Destin Woman's club to the June meeting or drop in the mail to our post office box.

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Each and every one of you are important to our organization, as each of you have special interests that make our club rich in talent and experience. We hope you will consider serving on a committee for next year; we look forward to involving our members in the club's activities. If you have not been contacted by the Nominating Committee and you are interested in participating on a committee, please email ddobelek@yahoo.com with your interest and the Nominating Committee will get back to you.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:



May Birthdays...

Tammy Bracewell 2nd

Mara Viksnins 4th

Susan Devlin 5th

Diane Lauterbach 10th

Denise Hatcher 10th

Peggy Herbig 15th

Judith Moore 22nd

Lisa McKee 27th

FAMILY FUND - Mabel Prescott

A huge thank you to ALL who helped with our Yard Sale fundraising event. The donations were fabulous and the helping hands were awesome. Kudos to Dag Davenport for Chairing and to Beth Ann Cox for her usual help and support. Storage Max Destin and Grace Lutheran Church played critical roles in our success, with donations of space for storage (Storage Max) and event venue (Grace Lutheran).

Thanks to your generosity, we raised about \$2,000 with which to help needy families in our community.

If you know of any one in need of a "hand up" from our family fund, please contact me, Beth Ann, Dag or Maggi for an application.

Recording Secretary.....Sherry Sheldon

Destin Woman's Club

Minutes of the General Meeting

May 8, 2013

Welcome: Julia Boykin

Julia welcomed everyone attending the meeting.

Invocation: Cindy Posey/Mabel Prescott

Cindy had a wonderful message for Mother's Day of its importance and some motherly advice....Never make a wish.... it may be granted. Don't let a day go by without thanks to your Mother. Say a little prayer. She is still listening.

Program: Laurie Hood

Laurie is founder and owner of Alaqua Animal Refuge. She shared a lot of information on how she founded Alaqua and how animal abuse correlates largely with abuse of women, children and other victims. She talked about early prevention and shared real life stories regarding her knowledge in this area. She told interesting, amusing and factual stories. A question and answer session followed.

Alaqua Animal Refuge – an independent, nonprofit organization located on Florida's Emerald Coast – advocates the general welfare and humane treatment of animals by providing shelter, prevention of pet overpopulation and adoption services. Located on 10 acres in Freeport, the refuge was formed by Walton County, Fla.-resident Laurie Hood in 2007 when she discovered that countless animals were being euthanized due to the lack of a no-kill shelter/adoption organization in the area. Since that time, Alaqua Animal Refuge has helped find homes for thousands of animals. Currently, up to 100 animals are adopted per month from this unique rescue facility, which serves as a true refuge for more than 250 animals at any given time. Working with the Sheriff of Walton County and the Attorney General in Tallahassee she has been instrumental in getting laws passed to prosecute the abusers of animals in our state. Animal cruelty is a felony now. She formed a training program in Tallahassee 3 years ago. The Humane Society is involved. It is the first animal cruelty task force in the state. She wants to create education opportunities for our community. She learned that Walton County has never prosecuted an animal abuse person yet. If you abuse an animal you will abuse someone else. Women are afraid to leave abusers because the abuser threatens to harm their animal. She has been working on 12 active cases in the past month. Laws need to be rewritten to prosecute and hold people accountable. They have the highest number of animal abuse cases in northwest Florida. Her facility is open to the public Tuesday through Sunday from Noon until 5pm with the last tour showing at 4:30pm each day. Go to her website to learn more: www.alaquaanimalrefuge.org Maybe you can help and make a difference.

Expansion is being planned as 85 acres have been donated by M.C. Davis who owns property in Freeport. Hood serves on the board of his E. O. Wilson Biophilia Center and one of his key people serves on the board at AAR. She plans to move from the current 10 acres of her own property to this new location as soon as grant money is received. The property is about 1/2 mile from the Biophilia Center off State Road 20 near Freeport which will be a big draw. After making the property suitable Hood plans to move all the buildings presently at Alaqua to the new site. The buildings were built with this in mind...off the ground without concrete. When they move they are not going to try to take on more animals. On any given day Hood feeds 250 animals, including a bull and several horses in addition to dogs and cats. It currently costs \$50,000 per month to maintain Alaqua Animal Refuge. They have 12 employees which include Dr. Amy Williams. She is their full time veterinarian and there are two vet technicians. She depends on 300 active volunteers and donations and capital improvement grants. Donations of most things are accepted to raise money. They need committee people to build out the land and arrange field trips. Their most recent fundraiser was the 2nd annual "Share the Shelter Music Fest" at Gulf Place on 30A on February 4, 2013. This month they will receive proceeds from the South Walton Tour of Homes on Saturday, May 18th, 2013, 10am-4pm, \$25 advanced purchase price and \$30 day of will benefit the Alaqua Animal Refuge and Alaqua's Unleashed Dog Park.

Fashion Show Silent Auction Raffle Item: Kate Callicotte

Kate auctioned-off a beach cottage rental that did not have a bid sheet with it at the Silent Auction table. Guest Amanda McConkey won the bid.

Guests: Denise Dobelek

-Nancy Gross-Guest of Faye Gross

-Amanda McConkey –Guest of Faye Gross. Amanda announced she is joining our club today.

-Char Thompson-Former member and guest of Patti Burcham. Char announced she adopted a rescue dog from Alaqua Animal Refuge.

Minutes of the April 10th Meeting: Sherry Sheldon

Julia asked members to direct their questions regarding the Minutes as published in the newsletter on the DWC website to direct them to Sherry.

Treasurer's Report: Denise Hatcher

Julia asked members to direct their questions regarding the Treasurer's report to direct them to Denise. A copy can be found on each of the tables.

Correspondence: Julia Boykin

- Carol Winsett, a long-time member of the Destin Woman's Club passed away recently and her husband Bob passed away this past week. Julia acknowledged how fortunate they were to have Kate Callicotte visit them the past several months-sometimes 4 times a week. Bob's brother and wife were here for several weeks to get things in order and handle all the legal matters. Kate arranged for some of our DWC Board members to meet them before they left to go back to their home in Costa Rica.

Friend to Friend: Patti Burcham

- Theri Issacs is here today after undergoing medical treatment for a heart condition.
- Pat Smyth is here today. She still has radiation therapy treatments to complete.
- Helen McMillan is here today after elective surgery on her hand.

Reservations: Patti Burcham

Patti said she responds to all RSVP e-mails. If you do not get an email back from her then she probably has not received your message, so please follow-up either with another e-mail or phone call. She said even her husband is good at taking messages from the members.

Nominating Committee: Kate Callicotte/Sherry Sheldon

Kate Callicotte held the voting process for the nominees of the Executive Board. There was not a double slate on any of the positions. The 2013/2014 Executive Board will be: President-Maggi Grogan; Vice President-Patti Burcham; Treasurer-Denise Hatcher; Recording Secretary-Sherry Sheldon; Corresponding Secretary-Julia Boykin; and Parliamentarian/Advisor-Kate Callicotte.

Sherry Sheldon passed around a sign-up sheet for members to volunteer for positions on the Governing Board.

Birthdays: Julia Boykin

May birthdays: Lisa Collier, Lyn Lake, Linda Hodges, and Joanne Repyak

Fashion Show: Peggy Herbig

Peggy said she is pleased to announce we will be able to give our Chosen Charity Shelter House \$12,000. This will be done at the June meeting.

Yard Sale: Mabel Prescott

Mabel said she is pleased to announce the DWC Family Fund was able to raise \$1,277 from the Yard Sale this year after giving the Grace Lutheran Church a small donation for the use of their facility. Many thanks to Dag Davenport for chairing this event, volunteers, and member's who donated many items to make this all possible. Beth Ann Cox made arrangements for a charity to pick up remaining items for a quick clean up. Pat Smyth's husband stayed to help us do the heavy lifting.

Any Other Business: Julia Boykin

Membership: Denise Dobelek

I will be sending every member a membership list via PDF. Also, the User ID and Password for Members Only section of the DWC Website: www.destinwomansclub.org. She will also update each month the Membership Book. She has most of the member's photos taken and in the membership book on-line. Dues are due and payable by June 30th each year. If you paid your dues in April or after your membership will be carried over for another year until June, 2014. Denise introduced two new members who just signed up. Amanda McConkey and Nancy Gross who are guests of Faye Gross.

Fashion Show Meeting: Peggy Herbig

Peggy has summary notes from all the Fashion Show chairs and plans to hold a meeting to find out where they can improve. Areas to be discussed: Do we want to do it again? Do we have

enough members participating? Need ideas on how we can get everyone involved. She stressed how we are helping the community. Other fundraisers make money and so can we.

Door Prizes: Sandra Williams

Members Gaby Voiculescu, owner of SPA 98, and Betsy Stout-Jones with Avon donated door prizes. Also, Dona Clark, who is rejoining donated from Bluewater Plastic Surgery.

Adjourned: 1:23pm

Respectfully submitted:

Sherry Sheldon

Recording Secretary

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Wednesday June 12th , 2013

Rutherford's

Menu

Entrée Choices

Tuna or chicken salad with a fruit plate and a side of cottage cheese

Blackened Mahi Mahi with a vegetable medley

Roasted vegetable lasagne

Desert

Includes tea, coffee

Your contact for making RESERVATIONS FOR DWC luncheons is

Patti Burcham

Everyone please RSVP by the deadline.

Please contact Patti B via the DWC Reservation e-mail (provided in the newsletter) to make your reservation.

Remember to include your entree selection.

Should you miss the deadline, please contact Patti B as soon as possible to RSVP, or if you need to cancel your reservation

For last minute requests, please contact Patti B via home or mobile phone. (Please refer to your DWC Member Contact list for her phone numbers)

Everyone will receive two reminders from Patti B (via e-mail) to RSVP for the luncheon

No reservations may be made the day of the luncheon

THANK YOU ALL!!!

Reservations due by noon on the Friday before our Monthly Luncheon.

Please remember to mail your check for \$20 payable to DWC
Patti Burcham, P.O. Box 9267 Miramar Beach, FL 32550

Email: dwcreervations@gmail.com

MEMBER.....CK #.....

ENTRÉE.....

GUESTCK#.....

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RESERVATION GUIDELINES: [Please try to pay before the meeting] When paying, please make your payment for one month at a time.

Please, 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.