

DESTIN WOMAN'S CLUB

NEWSLETTER – September 2013

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BOARD MEETING

Wednesday September 4th , 2013

Bancorp South Building (formerly Whitney Bank)

13331 Emerald Coast Parkway, Destin

9 am Executive Board and Governing Board

NEXT MEETING AND LUNCHEON



10562 US Highway 98W, Sandestin, FL

Wednesday September 11th, 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 6th September , by Noon

Program

This month, representatives from Northwest Florida State College will be present to accept a check for the Bob & Carol Winsett Scholarship Fund and will give us an update on the College's role in the community.

Also, representatives from Fisher House at Eglin AFB will be addressing us on the current situation at the House and ways in which DWC can help.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER....Maggi Grogan

September 2013

Dear ladies

It's that time of year again! I hope you all had a wonder summer, in spite of all the rain and that you are all fired up for a new year of Destin Woman's Club.

We have a great slate of ladies on the Executive and Governing Boards this year, many of them new members, as well as a few "old" ones. I am really excited that our membership is willing to roll their sleeves up and get involved. That is the only way that we will have a successful Club.

Our program in September will be very interesting and involves two of the causes that we strongly support. As you may know, our dear long-time member and Chair of the DWC Scholarship Fund, Carol Winsett passed away this Spring from cancer, and her husband Bob followed her soon after. It was a sad time for the Club, and typical of Carol that she asked that her car, Bob's car, and many items from her home, be sold and the proceeds go to the Scholarship Fund. We will have representatives from NWFSC at the September meeting and we will be presenting them with an interim check to go towards the Scholarship Fund.

Also, our Fisher House Chairs, Dina Moriarty and Renee Coppi, met with the manager of the Fisher House over the summer to see what the club could do to help out. The Administrator will be at the September meeting to give us an update on their needs.

At our Planning Meeting this month, it was pointed out that many of our new members don't know about all the great things that the Club does for the community, and maybe a quick "DWC 101" would be in order. Therefore, I'm taking this opportunity to outline some of the club's activities. Maybe our older members will learn something too!

Major Charity: Every year or two, the Club selects a local charity that will be the focus of our fundraising for the year. As you know, last year we held the Hats for Hope Fashion Show which

raised \$12,000 for Shelter House, our current major charity. We haven't yet decided on a major fundraiser event for this year, but will be working on it in the coming months.

Mary Kilpatrick Family Fund: This fund exists to help local families who are experiencing some kind of financial crisis – it could be medical, job loss, loss of a spouse, or whatever. We can step in with immediate help and alleviate some of the anguish that a family is going through. Mabel Prescott, Beth Ann Cox and Dag Davenport are the chairs for the Family Fund and do an excellent job of identifying a need and getting the information to the Board. Please contact any of these ladies if you hear of anyone who could use our help.

Fisher House: As you know, the military plays a large role in our region, and many of our members are former military or are spouses of former or current servicemen. Fisher House at Eglin Air Force base has been and continues to be a cause very close to our hearts. Donations are collected at every meeting, and our members volunteer in various ways at Fisher House. Dina Moriarty and Renee Coppi are our Chairs for Fisher House.

Scholarship Fund: DWC maintains a scholarship at Northwest Florida State College for local women who are returning to the workforce after having a family. We give a two-year scholarship to a qualifying candidate provided she maintains a 3.5 gpa. Debbie Wilson is our current Chair for the Scholarship fund.

All these activities involve putting on events in order to raise money for these worthy causes, and to do that we need cash reserves to use for deposits, advertising, etc. For this reason, we have a Sponsorship Task Force. These worthy ladies contact local businesses to solicit sponsorships. We have several levels: Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Bronze. Depending on the level, a sponsor will receive benefits in return – free tickets to a fundraiser, their logo on our website and sponsor board, an opportunity to speak to the club at our meetings, etc. etc. It is vital that we get sponsors because without this “seed” money we would be unable to stage our fundraising events. Please contact Sandra Williams or Patti Burcham if you know of an organization or business that would like to be a sponsor.

Also, the Club has a Patron Program in which everyone is encouraged to participate. The cost is \$25 for an Individual Patron and \$100 for a Business Patron. Apart from a really good feeling when you do this, you also get a DWC sticker for your business door or car window.

There are many other jobs that our members do behind the scenes to make the club run smoothly, get the word out, find great speakers and restaurants in which to hold our meetings, and so many other things that I can't mention them all. In the end, the aim is to make good friends, spend some enjoyable time together, and help our community.

Phew! I hope you have taken all this in. I look forward to seeing you all in September at Carrabba's. Have a happy and safe Labor Day.

Fondly

Maggi

Proposed change to the DWC By-laws

(This notification was originally sent out August 6th)

Dear ladies

At the last Board Meeting, it was suggested to the Board that we change the DWC year from September through June to September through May. This would bring us into line with other organizations in the area.

Such a change will require a vote from the members and a change to the By-Laws. This proposed By-Law change will be presented to the members at the September meeting. As required in the By-Laws, this email is official notification of such a vote.

Please give this proposal your consideration and be prepared to vote at the meeting on September 11.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

August / September Birthdays...

August

Cynthia Archer	6th
Betsy Stout-Jones	9th
Louisa Matthews	16th
Renee Coppi	24th
Faye Gross	25th
Carolyn Lambert	30th

September

Julie Foll	11th
Maggi Grogan	2nd
Judy Zito	3rd
Mary Chalmers	4th
Helen McMillan	16th
Gaby Voiculescu	20th
Joanne Chandler	25th



Recording Secretary.....Sherry Sheldon

Destin Woman's Club

Minutes of the General Meeting

June 12, 2013

Welcome: Maggi Grogan

Maggi welcomed everyone noting this is the last meeting of the year. She said we have accomplished a lot.

Invocation: Cindy Posey

Thank you for giving us your time and energy this year. Members have stepped up to actively take part in the club and serve for the purpose of helping our community. Our club is made up of

Leaders but our leaders need followers. When we need help we need our members to step up to the plate.

We lost two members in the past few months, Sarah Whalen and Carol Winsett. Both joined our club in 2005 when Linda DeBerry was President and Peggy Herbig was Vice President. Sarah Whalen was in charge of the models and selecting stores for the fashion shows for the past 4 years until this year.

Carol Winsett has been our Scholarship Chairwoman for the past five years and was always on the Silent Auction & Raffle Committee for the Fashion Shows. Carol Winsett felt strongly about our Scholarship program. At our local Northwest Florida State College in Niceville we have a self-perpetuating endowment fund with State matching funds that generates an income to provide our scholarship money to deserving applicants. We chose the recipient from applications received. Carol bequest the proceeds of she and her husband, Bob's, cars and the sale of their household goods go to our Scholarship Fund. We are proposing to rename the Scholarship Fund: Carol Winsett Scholarship Fund.

Fashion Show: Maggi Grogan

Maggi welcomed Michelle Sperzel, Executive Director of Shelter House, to come forward and up to the podium for the presentation of DWC's check to Shelter House. Before the presentation, Maggi recognized the March 16th, 2013 Spring Fashion Show Chairs and Co-Chairs and thanking them for a job well done. Fashion Show Co-Chairs: Kate Callicotte and Peggy Herbig; Fashions and Presenter: Patti Burcham; Ballroom Decorations: Kim Ederer and Sandra Williams; Designer Table Decorations: Lynn Lake; Designer Table Sales Team: Julie Foll; Tickets: Patti Witbeck; Silent Auction & Raffle: Dina Moriarty; Programs: Denise Dobelek; Publicity: Karen Brommer; and Wine Cart: Wendy Schmutz.

Maggi presented Shelter House representative Michelle Sperzel DWC's check for \$12,000.00. Michelle thanked everyone for their generosity saying, "You are making a difference in so many lives. As of May the rape services for Okaloosa and Walton County went away. The Shelter House Board voted to go after the certification and training. The State of Florida will not give them money without it. We cannot step backwards for the people we help who would have to

otherwise go to Pensacola or Panama City. Thank you for your support.” Denise Hatcher and Maggi Grogan had their picture taken with Michelle receiving the check.

Minutes of the May 8th Meeting: Sherry Sheldon

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

Treasurer’s Report: Denise Hatcher

Maggi asked member to direct their question regarding the Treasurer’s report to Denise. A copy can be found on each of the tables. Denise said the money in the Operating Account from the sale of Carol’s car will go into the Fundraising Account. We still have money in the Shelter House Account totaling \$735 and that money will go to next year’s check to Shelter House.

Correspondence: Julia Boykin

We received a ‘Thank You’ note from one of our Family Fund recipients: Thank you for taking care of the costs for my month-long medication. I am feeling much better. God bless you – Cheryl.

Julia said, “Money from the Mark Kirkpatrick Family Fund goes to people who fall short of getting into the system and need a little help.”

Birthday Girls:

- JUNE: Tammy Bracewell, Susan Devlin, Denise Hatcher, Peggy Herbig, Diane Lauterbach, Lisa McKee, Judith Moore, Mara Viksnins
- JULY: Kate Callicotte, Robbie Carroll, Kim Ederer, Pam Herman, Janet Huckabee, Linda K edy, Emily Sikora, Sandra Williams
- AUGUST: Cynthia Archer, Renee Coppi, Faye Gross, Carolyn Lambert, Louisa Matthews, Betsy Stout-Jones

Membership: Denise Dobelek

Maggi said Denise will be after you to get your membership dues paid. Denise said if you are unable to pay your dues today, please send it by mail to: Destin Woman’s Club, Inc., P. O. Box 9267, Miramar Beach, FL 32550.

Guests: Jessica Proffitt is a guest of Patti Burcham. Jessica said her public relations company Proffitt PR represents Elephant Walk restaurant. All Destin Woman's Club members are invited to The 'Grand Opening' for Elephant Walk on Thursday, June 20th at 6pm. Tom Rice is the new owner. He also owns Magnolia Grill in Baytowne Warf. Elephant Walk restaurant is located near the Sandestin Hilton Hotel. Turn right before the 'Hilton' gate and drive into the parking lot to the restaurant. Views of the Gulf of Mexico are spectacular from here.

Guests: Whitney Ladwig and Shawna Hogan are guests of Jessica Proffitt

Guest: Rhonda Murray is a guest of Theri Issacs. Theri introduced her new sister-in-law, Rhonda.

Guest: Denise Stachowski, Administrator of Fox Rathchild Law Firm is a guest of Cindy Posey.

Announcements: Maggi Grogan

- Farewell Party – June 20th

A farewell party will be given for member Peggy Herbig who is moving to Houston, Texas with her husband Bill. Wendy Schmutz and Kate Callicotte are hosting it. The party will be held at Wendy's home which is located in Regatta Bay. Everyone is invited to bring something to share. An invitation will be sent to all members.

- End of Year Social – June 23rd

All members are invited to an end of year social at Mitchell's Fish Market on Grand Boulevard at 5pm on June 23rd. An invitation will be sent to all members.

- September 11th General Meeting –Membership Vote

At the September meeting members will be asked to vote to change our General Meeting dates to September through May and not meet in June. A 30-day notice will be sent to members in August.

Friend to Friend: Patti Burcham

- Pat Smyth had chemo and radiation.
- Joanne Chandler had back surgery. She is home now. Keep her in your prayers.

- Lin Bryant's husband has been hospitalized and is out of isolation now.

Other Business:

Storage Max: Mr. Burrelle at Storage Max, 4656 Gulfstar Drive, Destin 269-2411 has donated a permanent climate-controlled storage space to the Destin Woman's Club. We will put Storage Max on our Sponsor Board for his donation.

Raffle: We had seven winners receive gifts given generously by members of our club: Spa 98-Gaby Voiculescu, Linda Kedy-published author; and Betsy Stout-Jones, Avon Sales Representative.

Sponsorship Task Force: Kate Callicotte

Kate said to contact Sandra Williams if you know any business who would like to be our sponsor. Our club will soon start their July through December campaign contacting businesses to be sponsors. Money collected by the end of the year will go to the next fundraiser as start up costs.

2013-2014 Installation of Officers: Cindy Posey

Cindy pounded the gavel to announce the installation of officers will begin.

The nominating committee consisting of Sherry Sheldon, Maggi Grogan and Kate Callicotte report the following members have indicated their desire to fill the 2013-2014 slate positions on the Executive Board. To hold an executive office a nominee shall have been a member of no less than six months. Cindy asked, "Are there any nominations from the floor for the Executive Board Positions?" Hearing none I make a Motion that we close the nominating process. Seconded by Kate Callicotte. Cindy made a Motion that we accept the slate of officers that have been nominated. Seconded by Joy Segno. Cindy proceeded with Installation of Officers.

President: Maggi Grogan

Vice President: Patti Burcham

Treasurer: Denise Hatcher

Recording Secretary: Sherry Sheldon

Corresponding Secretary: Julia Boykin

Ways and Means: Betsy Stout-Jones

Parliamentarian: Kate Callicotte

Meeting adjourned: 1:35pm

Respectfully submitted:

Sherry Sheldon

Recording Secretary

Filed: DWC-RC-General Meeting 6-12-13

Wednesday September 11th , 2013

Carrabba's

10562 US Highway 98W

Sandestin

Menu

Entrée Choices

Salmon with a tomato basil vinaigrette, with sautéed broccoli

Chicken Marsala, with sautéed broccoli

Manicotti

Desert

chocolate brownie with chocolate mousse and whip cream

Includes iced tea

Your contact for making RESERVATIONS FOR DWC luncheons is

Joanne Chandler

Everyone please RSVP by the deadline.

Please contact Joanne 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 Joanne as soon as possible to RSVP, or if you need to cancel your reservation

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

Everyone will receive two reminders from Joanne (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

Joanne Chandler, P.O. Box 9267 Miramar Beach, FL 32550

Email: dwcreservations@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.