

DESTIN WOMAN'S CLUB
NEWSLETTER - February 2015

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BOARD MEETING

Wednesday February, 4th 2015
Bancorp South Building (formerly Whitney Bank)
13331 Emerald Coast Parkway, Destin
10 am Executive Board and Governing Boards

NEXT MEETING AND LUNCHEON

Louis Louis
35 Mussett Bayou Road, Santa Rosa Blvd
Wednesday, February 11th 2015
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, February 6th
, by Noon

Program

Dr. Steven Weiner from
The Aesthetic Clinique

Dr. Weiner is dedicated to performing only non-invasive cosmetic procedures.
His experience is extensive including his education & training at the notable Johns Hopkins.
This will be an exciting presentation you will now want to miss!!!!

From Your President

Greetings Members,

Each year on February 14th, many people exchange cards, candy, gifts, or flowers. The day we call Valentine's Day is named for a Christian martyr and dates back to the 5th century. In the U.S. approximately 190 million valentines are sent. If you include valentine gift exchange cards made in school activities, the figure goes up to 1 billion! Do you remember the first valentine card you received? Valentine's Day can be a day to reach out to those you love, a spouse, family members, and friends. Perhaps it should also be a day to pray for those who have lost loved ones and for those who feel un-loved.

January Program Presentation For those of us who attended the January luncheon, we had the privilege of listening to internationally famed Photographer Tommy Crow. Tommy shared a video compilation of the many incredible photos he has taken over the years. Some of the photos were from his adventures in Cuba. Tommy's easy manner, warmth and humor made it such a pleasure to hear his presentation. His photos were true works of art and exuded so much meaning & depth. Door Prizes were generously donated by our Members Pamela Sparks, Betsy Stout-Jones and Wendy Schmutz.

Membership DWC is still obviously a vibrant organization as we continue to welcome new women to our Club. Since September, 18 ladies have joined the Club. How exciting! Remember, each and every Member is an Ambassador for the Club. Help by spreading the word and always feel free to invite others to attend our luncheons. What a great way to introduce them to DWC.

Volunteer With our appeal to get more involvement from our Members, a Volunteer Sign-Up Sheet was passed around at the January luncheon. Members readily signed up to help in different areas such as Family Fund, Fisher House, and with Club Events. There are many ways that you, our Members, can help. Even for those with busy schedules, there are easy things that you can do and that require little time. The more Members who help, the less burden it places on our fellow Members. AND it makes it much more fun!

So, don't be shy. If you have not signed up to help, just send me an e-mail or call me.

Fundraising Events After reviewing the survey that our Members took at the December luncheon, it appears that the Fashion Show is the big event of choice. The first step will be gathering a few members together to brainstorm on specific location, venue, and best date. More than likely it will be in the early Spring of 2016. Other smaller fundraising events will also be considered. So stay tuned for more news. If you would like to serve on the Event Committee, just let me know.

Nominating Committee We will be working on filling the open positions on the Executive and Governing Board. Kate Callicotte will chair the Nominating Committee and will hold several meetings beginning in February. We encourage all Members to consider becoming a Board Member. Anyone is welcome to serve on the Nominating Committee. Just contact Kate. The newly elected Executive Board will be installed at the May Luncheon.

RSVP Policy I would like to ask everyone to please submit your RSVP for the luncheons in a timely manner. Joanne, Reservations Chair, has had many challenges receiving them on time. The deadline to RSVP is always the Friday before the Wednesday Luncheon. Luncheons are held the second Wednesday of every month, September through May. Please also arrive on time in order to check in prior to the Program Presentation time, which is 11:30. Late arrivals are disruptive to our Presenters. Thank you all for respecting this policy.

February Luncheon Mark your calendars for Wednesday, February 11th. The luncheon will be at Louis-Louis Restaurant. Our Program Presentation will be by Dr. Steven Weiner.

Thank you all for your incredible support and for allowing me to serve you! See you all on February 11th.

Cheers and blessings,

Patti B, President

Correspondence - Cindy Posey



A Thank you note was sent to Tommy Crow for his wonderful slides and presentation on photography!

Welcome letters were sent to our new members.

Thank you 2015 Sponsors!

Scott Taylor of Taylor by the Sea, A Salon at Grayton Beach

Coastal Skin Surgery & Dermatology

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Anonymous Bronze Donor

Welcome New members!

We are delighted to welcome our newest Members:

September - Donna DePriest, Maureen Salinas

October - Simona Ondrejko

November - Peg Songin, Julie Wurster, Susan Horner, Donna Bailey, Enid Faust Eckhardt,
Tisha Garofalo, Judy Mills

December - Izabella Basler, Sherryl Carlson, Helen Everett, Linda Post

January - Tammy Barber, Lauren Gall, Janette Geisinger, Amy Sheldon



Gift Certificates for Taylor by the Sea, a Salon in Grayton Beach

There are still Gift Certificates available. Each certificate entitles you to a cut and style by Scott Taylor. Donation cost is only \$70 made payable to DWC. Please contact Patti B to purchase your certificate.

Family Fund



*Serving Military and Veteran's
Families in Their Time of Need*

A family's love is always the best medicine.
When a loved one is injured or ill, a Fisher House
unites families and relieves the financial and
emotional strain of being away from home.

FISHER HOUSE ON THE EMERALD COAST

Dear Members,

I thought it would be helpful, especially since we have so many new members, to explain the **reason** why the DWC supports Fisher House on the Emerald Coast, which is located on Eglin Air Force Base.

As I mentioned at last week's Luncheon at Bonefish the reason the DWC decided to dedicate itself to raising funds for Fisher House was because we used to support the "Smiles Across the Miles" Program which was introduced for Clubs, such as ours, to collect daily essentials for our Military serving overseas in obscure places. The DWC contributed to this worthy cause by way of collecting items we all take for granted, i.e. shaving cream, deodorants and the wide swath of what we deem "essential" to our daily comforts, which the Military when deployed do not have "on hand".

When this Program was changed it meant that Clubs like ours were no longer able to contribute to the "daily essentials" to our deployed Military. However, shortly after this Program was changed, our local Media was full of news about a possible "Fisher House" being built on Eglin. It took several years and several acts of Congress to get the ground broken and then eventually Fisher House was built on Eglin Air Force Base.

Fisher House is named after a Navy Admiral's Wife who recognized the need for families of severely wounded servicemen receiving critical medical care being able to be close to that member of their Family and accommodated close to the Hospital where their son/daughter/husband was being treated without having to endure a huge financial burden finding lodgings.

Fisher House, either here at Eglin or elsewhere in the U.S. provides lodging for families who need to be close to their loved ones. Although Fisher House provides lodging to any family in need, it is a Charity and therefore that is how we, this great Club we all belong to, got involved with raising money for the daily needs of running this great House.

As I said last Wednesday, we have done quite a bit of fundraising for Fisher House in the past and now we have the opportunity to, if not raise funds, indirectly help those Families currently staying in Fisher House on Eglin Air Force Base.

Although we are not the only Non-Profit Organization that is helping Fisher House, we are needed in areas that consist of gathering non-perishable foods etc. for the Pantry at Fisher House, which you all gave so graciously to at Christmas and we can also help on months that have 5 Thursdays. Currently there are local organizations that provide Supper on the months that have four Thursdays for the families at Fisher House. For those months that have 5 Thursdays they currently do not have anyone providing Supper.

As most of you know we shall be providing Supper on January 29th and Cindy Posey has very kindly offered to make Spaghetti and Meatballs. And at the January luncheon, a number of you so kindly signed up to help with Fisher House. So, we will be thinking about future 5th Thursdays and how we can provide for those families.

I thank all of you who have signed up to help either by taking the time to be a part of "the DWC Meals on Wheels for Fisher House" or raising money for this great Charity.

If any of you would like to read more about Fisher House, you can find its complete history on line.

Cindy and I look forward to seeing those of you who have signed up to provide a part of what I know will be a wonderful Supper for some very deserving families on the 29th.

Warm wishes to each and every one of you.

Kate

February Birthdays

Lin Bryant
Beth Ann Cox
Kathleen Hall
Audrey Jacobs
Mabel Prescott
Elisa Ptachick



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GENERAL MEETING

JANUARY 14 2015

Patti Burcham, President, called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m., welcoming everyone to the meeting and wishing them Happy New Year.

She introduced this month's speaker, Tommy Crow, a renowned national and international photographer who now lives in our area. Tommy gave us a fascinating glimpse into the world of fashion and commercial photography, including some wonderful shots from a recent visit to Cuba. Tommy's works can be seen in many local restaurants, hotels and businesses. His work has been seen in numerous magazines and catalogs throughout the world. He also showed us some of his gallery photographs which were quite amazing.

Following Tommy's presentation, Cindy Posey gave the invocation and we enjoyed a wonderful lunch provided by Bonefish Grill.

The business meeting followed the lunch.

Minutes: Patti reminded everyone that the Minutes of the December meeting could be found in the January newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: As Treasurer Denise Dobelek had been out of the country, there was no official Treasurer's Report.

Fisher House: Kate Callicotte is chair of this important function. Patti reminded everyone of the goals of Fisher House and how it is so important to our wounded veterans and their families. Kate said the club had volunteered to provide a meal for the residents of Fisher House on January 29th. She will get the exact number of residents a few days before then. Cindy Posey will provide a spaghetti dinner, and other members will provide the bread, salad and dessert. The club will make this a regular event, and members are encouraged to volunteer if they would like to help provide the food.

Correspondence: Cindy Posey, Correspondence Secretary, said she had received several thank you letters, as follows:

Jim Smyth following the death of his wife, long-time DWC member Pat. Pat had waged a long battle with cancer, and Jim said both he and Pat appreciated the support and kindness of the club during that time.

The Fair family, a family fund recipient.

Linda Hodges, following knee surgery.

The Braravello family, whose children suffer from Cruzon's disease. The family fund had helped provide funds to help with travel expenses, etc., for the children's surgeries.

Cindy also asked everyone to keep Mabel Prescott in their prayers as her sister is going through tests later this month at Shand's Hospital.

Patti appealed to the members to volunteer to help in the many areas that are needed to keep the club running. We have several openings for chairs, co-chairs and committee members. Even if you can only spare an hour or two a month, please do your part. For the club to continue to provide the community help that is its mission, we need a broad base of willing and committed members. A Volunteer Sign-up sheet was passed around and numerous members signed to help in different areas of need.

Membership: Pamela Sparks, Membership chair, was pleased to announce several new members who were present at the meeting: Izabella Basler, Sherryl Carlson, Amy Sheldon (Sherry's daughter-in-law), Linda Post, Judy Mills, and Helen Everett. A warm DWC welcome to you all. There were also several guests, some of whom expressed interest in becoming members.

Announcements: there will be a winter social evening on Friday, January 23rd at the Ocean Club from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. for members and guests. Patti had a sign-up sheets for those interested. This will be a fun casual evening, so come along and get to know each other!

Nominating Committee: We will be working on filling the open positions on the Executive and Governing Board starting in February, and Kate Callicotte will head the nominating committee. The new Board will be installed at the May meeting. Patti provided a sign-up sheet for volunteers indicating the areas in which they feel qualified to help. Kate and her committee will contact those who show interest (and even those who don't!) in serving on this committee.

Scott Taylor Gift Certificates: Patti B announced there are still gift certificates available. The cost is only \$70 made payable to the Club. The certificate entitles you to a haircut and style by the incredible Scott Taylor. Denise Dobelek showed off her new style and even received applause for how great she looks. Contact Patti B if you would like to purchase one. They also make great gifts.

Fashion Show: Patti B reported the results from the survey completed by members at the December luncheon, which indicated that the majority was in favor of a Fashion Show and/or the Mistletoe Ball. The Executive Board reviewed all the results and felt that out of the two, the Fashion Show would be best suited for the Club's next major event. Time of year most likely would be early Spring 2016. Next steps would be to put together an event committee.

RSVP Policy: Patti B first thanked Joanne Chandler, Reservations Chair, for the incredible job she does with reservations. She also thanked Wendy for keeping up with all the name badges and corresponding entrée selections. They received a round of applause in appreciation. Patti reminded everyone how important it is to RSVP in a timely manner. She also asked everyone to arrive on time to check-in prior to the Program Presentation time, which is 11:30. Patti said this not only is out of respect for the Presenters, but also allows Joanne and Wendy to enjoy the presentation and be a part of the luncheon like everyone else.

Door Prizes: Wendy did the door prize drawings; door prizes provided by: Wendy Schmutz, Betsy Stout-Jones and Pamela Sparks.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:20 pm

Luncheon

February 11th 2015

Entrée choices:

Panned Chicken topped with lemon caper butter sauce & side of mashed potatoes.

Shrimp & Crawfish pasta with garlic cream sauce, basil & diced tomatoes.

Vegetarian pasta.

* All entrees include a mixed field green salad with Louis homemade tomato basil vinaigrette dressing

Desert: Slice of Key Lime Pie

Includes tea, coffee

Please RSVP to Joanne Chandler

Remember to include your name Along with your entrée selection via e-mail at:

dwcreservations@gmail.com.

Deadline to RSVP is **February 6, 2015**

Louis-Louis is located at Hwy 98 and 35 Mussett Bayou Road, Santa Rosa Beach.

For directions call Louis-Louis at (850) 267-1500