

DESTIN WOMAN'S CLUB

NEWSLETTER - December 2016

P.O. Box 9267 Miramar Beach, FL 32550

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BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, December 7, 2016

2:30 pm

Bancorp South Bank Building

13331 Emerald Coast Parkway, Destin

Executive Board and Governing Board

Next Meeting and Luncheon

Regatta Bay Golf & Yacht Club

465 Regatta Bay Blvd, Destin, FL 32541

(850) 337-8080



Wednesday, December 14, 2016

Check-in: 10:45 to 11:15 a.m.

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

Program: 11:30 to 12 noon

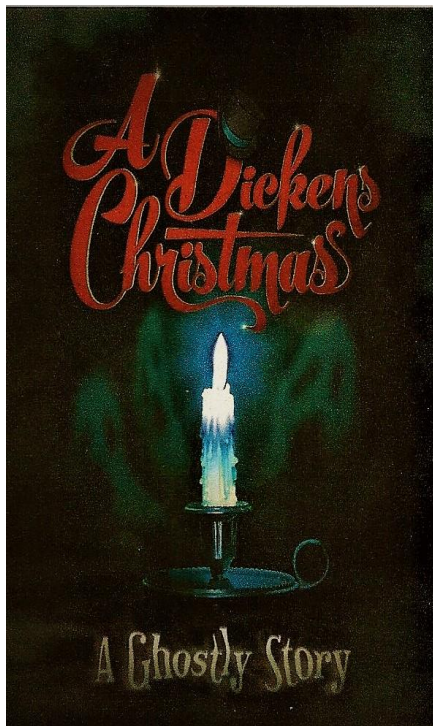
Lunch: Noon

Business Meeting To Follow

Reservations and Menu: see last page of this newsletter

Deadline to RSVP is Friday, December 9, at noon

December 2016 Program



**Weekends
December 9-24**

7:30pm Thursday, Friday
and Saturday, 2pm Sunday
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Our December program will be presented by Emerald Coast Theatre Company. Their mission is to enrich and entertain the Emerald Coast community through professional and educational theatre. Nathanael Fisher, Producing Artistic Director of ECTC, will be with us to share details of the theatrical company. They will also highlight their upcoming production of Dickens Christmas to get us in the Spirit of Christmas!!

President's Letter

Dear Friends,

TIS THE SEASON!!

Christmas is upon us and we are all running around making plans for Christmas Day either away from Home or with Family in addition to trying to get that "perfect" gift for a friend or loved one, not an easy task!

Having said that: Christmas came early to the Wesley House at Eden State Park – in the form of the House being transformed into a Christmas Wonderland! We were kindly asked to decorate the entrance hall, staircase and upstairs landing, which we successfully did on November 17. Those of us there had a wonderful morning together and then enjoyed lunch at Cantina Laredo in Grand Boulevard, which "topped" the day off!! I have to say our decorations look beautiful and in keeping with our DWC theme of a "Christmas Carol." Thank you so much: Denise Dobelek, Sandra Williams, JoDell Haverfield, Linda Hodges, Helen Everett, Peggy Reis and Anne Petzold for not only giving your time on Tuesday, November 17, but lending your "decorating expertise" to our project!! I urge all of you members to take a ride out to Eden State Park and go through Wesley House – it is truly magical – while it is open for the Christmas Holiday!

Wednesday, November 18, was another busy day for us as it was our turn to deliver supper to the guests at Fisher House. Thank you so much, Brigitte, for making the loveliest home-made apple pies I have ever seen! Thank you, too, Cindy Posey, for filling my car with the gorgeous smells emitting from two very large pans of spaghetti & meatballs. I imagine the guests at Fisher House had enough left over to enjoy it again on Thursday. The garlic bread from Cyndi Hyatt looked super, too, as did the salads that Helen Everett supplied! You are all the best – thank you for your culinary delights!!

As a Club our “December” is going to be excitingly busy:

Please mark your Calendars for our club Christmas party – Helen Everett is kindly hosting us at her condo's clubhouse on Friday, December 2. I know there is a gorgeously “cute” flyer in this newsletter, so please plan on being a part of our Christmas party.

Another date of note is December 10--The Annual Destin Christmas Parade--and we have been a part of this parade for a long time! Sherry Sheldon has kindly got her husband (Rick) to drive his van with a trailer in the parade and all we need to do is help decorate the trailer and van and enjoy a good walk on December 10. Please look out for Sherry's information on the parade in this newsletter!

Our Christmas lunch is scheduled for December 14, at Regatta Bay, and again Debbie Wilson – thank you Debbie – has come up with a wonderful program for everyone to enjoy and, of course, it wouldn't be Christmas without Santa!! So bring your wish list with you.

We will not be having a gift exchange again this year. The Board has decided that it would be “more in the spirit of giving” and Christmas, to ask for donations at our December lunch meeting, which we will pass on to the Children's Volunteer Health Network to enable them to help a family in our area who have children in need of a lot of dental work.

We have had a wonderful start to our Club's new year with several evening events organized by Carol Rementer (thank you, Carol) and have had several new members join us who, I hope, will enjoy being a member of the DWC as much as the rest of us!!

Our Fashion Show Committees are still being formed, so if you haven't signed up yet on a committee, please do – I promise you a “ton of fun” and new friends!!

I will not be here for our December lunch, but will be leaving you in the very capable hands of Helen Everett, our Vice President!! I really hope all your wishes come true after speaking to Santa!!

As I close, I would like to wish you and your families a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR. Thank you all for your dedication and commitment to our great club – I will look forward to seeing you all in 2017!

Please keep Maggi and Georgeia in your prayers at this very sad time in their lives.

Christmas blessings to each and every one of you!

Love,

Kate



December Birthdays

Denise Green, December 10
Sherryl Carlson, December 23
Cyndi Hyatt, December 28

DESTIN WOMAN'S CLUB GENERAL MEETING

November 9, 2016

Tuscany Italian Bistro

Kate welcomed everyone to the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Invocation: Cindy

Lord, you have inspired our men and women to establish our great nation and to hope and dream for a land of freedom. You have given us brave and loyal people who have steadfastly served in their chosen branch of our military. In just two days we will acknowledge those who have served and are serving our country. We are reminded that because of their service.....we can live in safety. We ask that you bless those who have previously served and those who are serving now. Provide them with our protection, your strength, and your peace. Enable them to overcome every personal and professional obstacle that they face. Protect, not only them...but their families from hurt and harm. Give special protection to our wounded warriors...many of which are dealing with physical and emotional wounds as a result of their service to our country. Lord...show them miracles as they seek to regain their health, stability and wholeness. We pray these things in Jesus' name. AMEN

National Anthem: Eva Barrett

Kate said I hope you will enjoy our program today! A large handful of red, white and blue, star studded, helium inflated balloons set the stage to honor and thank all the men and

women who served the United States Armed Forces. Simona introduced Eva Barrett who sang our National Anthem, "The Star Spangled Banner". Kate said you can learn more about Eva in the DWC November Newsletter, as well as her husband who is an EOD Veteran with the USAF. Everyone stood up to honor this occasion and the American flag. Eva's voice was loud and clear enough for other patrons of the restaurant in adjoining rooms to do the same. It was a heartfelt moment for all.

Program: Speaker Ashley Bailey, Crime Prevention Specialist with Okaloosa County Sheriff's Department explained and talked about current programs and classes. Her handouts were passed around the room. You can go on-line: abailey@sheriff-okaloosa.org / 850-259.0031. Ashley will be glad to answer any questions. Or, you can go on-line to reach Sheriff's department: www.sheriff-okaloosa.org. Crime Prevention Unit offers 25+FREE Programs and Services.

Theft: 1) When leaving your car-Lock your car; 2) Close Garage Doors (most theft from 12-20 year olds); 3) Grocery Shopping-Do not strap your purse/bag in the grocery cart. This will only give you a false sense of security. Best to downsize and use something smaller. Lock your large purse in the trunk of your car and use a smaller bag to carry with you as you shop.

Self-Defense: If somebody wants your purse, give it to them; throw it at them if possible.

Credit Cards: Do not take all of them with you. Leave at home and take only what you need.

Pepper Spray: Carry it only if you know how to use it comfortably.

Car Keys: Hold them with the key sticking out between thumb and index finger. Attack eyes, nose, ears, neck of attacker. If you are not very tall, attack the throat where neck indents.

Thank you for your service: Kate

Kate asked DWC member's who have served in the military to stand up and be recognized for their service to our country; and then, she asked for DWC member's whose spouses served in the military to stand up and be recognized.

WHITE ELEPHANT STALL-fundraiser: Kate asked everyone to visit the 'White Elephant Stall' while waiting for lunch to be served. Members have brought many pre-loved items. Whatever monies collected today will be put in our DWC Treasury; unsold items will be donated to one of the local charities in Destin. The 50/50 Raffle and Door Prizes will be given out at the end of the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Minutes of October 12th, 2016 Lunch Meeting: Kate Any questions about the Minutes should be addressed to Sherry Sheldon.

Treasurer's Report: Kate

Any questions about the Treasurer's Report should be addressed to Denise Dobelek.

Correspondence: Sherry Sheldon said there was no correspondence to report this month.

Membership /Birthday Girls/Member Guests and (Sip, Sip Hooray Event): Simona Ondrkova, Membership Chair, made the following announcements:

New Members (2): Sandra Heller this month and Peggy Reis from last month.

Birthdays: Sue Mielnik, Debbie Wilson and Carol Rementer. Tuscan server, Fabio, made sure each were served with a small cake lit with a candle. Kate thanked him so very much for helping make this a special occasion.

Guests: Jade Baldwin, guest of Linda Clark; Karen Peterson, guest of Pamela Sparks; Pamela Spark's daughter; Dana Austin, guest of Debbie Wilson; Ann Nunn, guest of Kathleen Hall. Also, Michelle Maddox invited by member Rachel Prescott. Rachel is the manager of Anthropologie, a new store at Grand Boulevard, and invited Michelle who is the personal stylist for clothing at the store.

Sip, Sip Hooray!: This event took place at Kathleen Hall's home on Oct. 14. Twenty guests attended and three joined as new members. We will do it again in the Spring, 2017.

Membership/Luncheon: Denise Dobelek, Treasurer, said the cost of **lunch is \$22**.

1) \$50-\$100 Bills: The Reservation Chair, Cindi Hyatt and her assistant Hospitality Chair, Helen McMillan, are having difficulty making change for members who bring \$50 or \$100 bills. She asked members to be mindful of this and try to bring the exact amount of money.

2) Checks: Please have your checks payable to: DWC or Destin Woman's Club in the amount of \$22 ahead of time. This will make everybody happy including members waiting in line.

3) **Dues \$50**: Membership Dues for 2016-2017 should be paid by now. Please give your cash or check to me.

Sponsorship Task Force 2016/2017 Campaign update: Patti Burcham said we have new Bronze Sponsors. Please contact Sandra Williams, JoDell Haverfield, or Patti if you know of a business who may be interested in becoming a sponsor. There are several levels of sponsorship from Bronze to Platinum. Kate said this money helps us raise money for our Fashion Shows and other fundraisers we do. Patti said the list of sponsors will come out in January, 2017.

Eden State Park "Wesley House" Christmas "Decorating", Tuesday, November 15:

Kate Callicotte said our club has been allocated to decorate the hallway and staircase. This will be done by our own decorators Lynn Lake and Lin Bryant and volunteers.

Date & Time of Event: Saturday, December 17, 2016, 5pm to 8pm. Free to the public with donations gladly accepted. Eden Gardens State Park and Friends of Eden Gardens would like to invite you to its annual Christmas Candlelight Open House. The Wesley house will be open to the public for free tours to show off its holiday finery throughout. All the windows bear boughs of holly and wreaths and each of the rooms are beautifully decorated for the season. The outside garden paths are lined with candlelit luminaries for your enjoyment. Enjoy some hot cider and cookies while listening to holiday music provided by local musician's. This is the perfect way to share the holiday spirit with family and friends.

DWC Christmas Party – Friday, December 2nd 2016, 6-9pm: Helen Everett has secured the club house in her neighborhood at Marina Point for us. Each member is asked to bring an appetizer and their favorite beverage. Club will furnish paper products left over from last year's Christmas Party.

Girl's Night Out – Kitchenique, Wednesday, December 7, 2016: Carol Rementer has organized another night at Kitchenique on Wednesday, Dec. 7 – “Sparkling Wine”. Cost is \$28, which includes dinner and wine. Arrive at 5:30pm, Class starts at 6pm. Students receive a copy of her recipes for each class so they can make notes. **Reservations should be made on-line at Kitchenique.com or you can call Vickie at Kitchenique 850-837-0432.** The classes fill up ‘fast’ so please make your reservations. As Kate said in her President’s Letter in the DWC Newsletter-November, it is a fabulous evening, not just enjoying each other’s company but great food and wine! Go to FACEBOOK and see our faces at this event.

Christmas Parade, Saturday, December 10th: Sherry Sheldon

Arrival Times to Staging area is in front of the old Destin Cinema and next to Old Time Pottery at Hwy 98 and Main Street: 8am Float; 9:30am Groups; parade starts at 10am. Distance is 1.3 miles and ends at Nightown (goes from Main Street on Hwy 98 and turns at Stahlman Avenue (traffic light just before the Destin/Marler Bridge.) Sherry said she is organizing the Christmas Parade entry for DWC again this year (her 12th year). Ten people signed her Sign-Up sheet. They will soon be contacted with details/meeting times to decorate/and parade number when given to her 1-2 days before. There will be plenty of room on the float for riders to sit or stand. However, members will be encouraged to walk alongside so candy and beads can be handed out.

December lunch Meeting, Wednesday, December 14th: Peggy Herbig has secured the December luncheon at Regatta Bay. It will be beautifully decorated for ‘Christmas’. Debbie Wilson said it will be a ‘surprise’ program. No exchange of gifts. We will raise money for a deserving young man with health issues.

DWC 2nd Annual Cruise – February 12, 2017: JoDell Haverfield

JoDell said she currently has 28 members signed up for the cruise. It is a 7-night cruise to the western Caribbean, leaving from New Orleans on Feb 12. Deposit \$50. Deadline for remaining amount due by November 14.

Fashion Show, Friday, April 21, 2017 : Linda Hodges said the fashion show will be held at Marina Café located on Harbor Boulevard. It was so successful last year that we decided to do it again. Please sign up for a committee if you haven’t already. A sign-up sheet is being passed around. Committee chairs will be contacted in the next couple of weeks.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Veteran’s Day, Friday, November 11: Debbie Wilson thanked our speaker today who sang “God Bless America”. She noted that member Helen Everett served for the Royal Air Force. New member Sandra Heller served for the US Army. **White Elephant Sale.** Helen Everett said everything is now half off for our blue light special.

50/50 Raffle Drawing was won by Cindy Posey who went home with \$73 richer, and Fisher House was also \$72 richer

Door Prizes were provided by: Georgeia Pappas-Johnson; Betsy Stout-Jones (our Avon lady); Sandra Jackson with Aqua Medical Spa; and other members.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Sherry Sheldon,
Acting Recording Secretary



Christmas Party Invitation – Helen Everett

You and your significant other are invited to a casual, coastal fun Christmas party at Dolphin Point Condo club house on Friday, December 2, from 6 to 9 pm. Bring a dish and your favourite beverages.

Parking may be limited so carpooling is advised.

Please RSVP to Helen Everett at heleneretires@gmail.com NLT Monday, November 28. The club house is at 30 Moreno Point Road, on Holiday Isle, and a detailed map will be sent at a later date. Let's start the holiday season off with a splash 🍷 🍹 🍸 🍺 🎄

Membership Dues

The DWC by-laws require that the annual dues be paid by the May meeting. If you have not paid your dues for the 2016-2017 club fiscal year, please bring a check for \$50 to the **September** meeting. Or mail it to DWC, P.O. Box 9267, Miramar Beach, FL 32550.

Exciting News to report from your Sponsorship Task Force!

Dear Members,

As you all know, we are currently working on securing Sponsors for 2016-2017.

We are happy to report that we have already secured the following Sponsors:

First Florida Bank: Bronze Sponsor

Prescott Architects, Inc.: Bronze Sponsor (Mabel Prescott is a DWC Member)

Steve & Patti B Burcham: Bronze (Patti B is a DWC Member)

Wal-Mart Destin: Bronze

AND last but certainly not least, we just received \$2500 from Dr. Dennis Lichorwic of Destin Cosmetic & Family Dentistry. Their Platinum Sponsorship is the highest level of Sponsorship!

We welcome your suggestions for potential Sponsors. If you know of any business owners that you feel would be a potential Sponsor, please do let us know. We would be delighted to reach out to them.

Please see below for the levels of Sponsorship Opportunities. We will be happy to provide you with details on each level and their amenities.

Also, we would like to recognize our Patrons:

Denise Kendust: Individual Patron & DWC Member

Diane Neuman: Individual Patron & DWC Member

So, we are off to a great start. However, we need and welcome your suggestions and help! We hope to hear from each and every one of you.

Thank you!

Sandra Williams, JoDell Haverfield and Patti B
Chairs for Sponsorship Task Force

Sponsorship Opportunities 2016-2017:

Platinum Sponsor Level \$2500

Gold Sponsor Level \$1500

Silver Sponsor Level \$750

Bronze Sponsor Level \$250

News Worth Printing – Peggy Herbig

The Destin Woman's Club has been very busy this past month, having fun and supporting the community.

Our November meeting at Tuscany was well attended celebrating Veteran's Day and learning how to protect our property and ourselves.

We were so proud to start our meeting with the “Star Spangled Banner” sung by Eva Barrett. The White Elephant sale helped to raise money for our charities.

We also had a great turnout on November 2, for “Girl’s Night Out” event at Kitchenique in Miramar Beach. There were about 16 members of our club that attended.



Many thanks to our group of DWC Christmas elves that got together this week to decorate the entry and staircase at Eden Park Estate.

Don’t you think they did a fabulous job?

Linda Hodges, Jodell Haverfield, Denise Dobelek, Sandra Williams, Peggy Reis, Kate Callicotte, Ann Pertzold and Helen Everett.

Wishing you all a very Happy Holiday and Merry Christmas one and all!

Visit the DWC Facebook page and Newsletter site events for more news and photos.





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!



December Girls' Night Out

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each class so they can make notes. **Reservations should be made on-line at Kitchenique.com or you can call Vickie at Kitchenique 850-837-0432.** The classes fill up ‘fast’ so please make your reservations.



Destin Christmas Parade - December 10, 2016 at 10am

Destin Woman’s Club is participating in the 32nd Annual Christmas Parade, “A Fishing Village Christmas”. Look for our float named: “Whimsical Mermaids”. Channel 6 will be broadcasting. We

welcome more riders and walkers. There is seating on the float. Candy and/or beads are needed. Call: 850-837-2933. Sherry Sheldon, Chairman

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. Pan sautéed Grouper** – served over saffron risotto and roasted cauliflower
- 2. Chargrilled chicken breast** – served with whipped potatoes and asparagus
- 3. Vegetarian Option** – spinach and mushroom quiche

Dessert – cheesecake with fresh berries