

DESTIN WOMAN'S CLUB

NEWSLETTER – November 2016

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BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, November 2, 2016

2:30 pm

Bancorp South Bank Building

13331 Emerald Coast Parkway, Destin

Executive Board and Governing Board

Next Meeting and Luncheon

Tuscany Italian Bistro

36178 Emerald Coast Parkway, Destin, FL 32541

(850) 650-2451



Wednesday, November 9, 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

Deadline to RSVP is Friday, November 4, at noon

NOVEMBER 2016 PROGRAM

Our monthly luncheon meets on Wednesday, November 9, which is TWO days before Veterans Day Holiday on November 11. As you know, Destin is a major military community so we felt it would be appropriate to start our luncheon meeting by honouring and thanking all of the men and women who served in the United States Armed Forces. We are fortunate to have Eva Barrett with us to sing our National Anthem, "The Star Spangled Banner."

Eva Barrett was born in the Philippines, graduated with a BS Business Economics Degree and worked for top multinational companies before immigrating to the US in 2011. Her husband Marcus is an EOD Veteran with the USAF. They live in Niceville, FL, with their son Elijah. Eva is passionate about community service and uses her talent in singing as platform to help. Eva joined Merrill Lynch in 2012 and currently works with the Krueger, Fosdyck, & Associates Wealth Management Team in Destin. As a dual employee, Eva can recommend investment strategies on behalf of Merrill Lynch and a broad range of banking solutions on behalf of Bank of America.

Our November speaker will be Ashley Bailey, Crime Prevention Specialist with Okaloosa County Sheriff's Department. She will be sharing important information to assist us in recognizing crime risk and how to take action to reduce its ever increasing concerns!

Ashley began her career with the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office in 2004, and has served as a Crime Prevention Officer since 2005. Ashley is a graduate of Florida State University and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Family, Child and Consumer Sciences. She manages 22 individual crime prevention citizen educational programs. These include: Neighborhood Watch, Crime Prevention through Environmental Design, Women's Self Defence, Safe Assured Digital ID Program, Children's Self Defence, Eddie Eagle Gun Safety Program, Bicycle Safety Programs, Take Me Home Program, Communities Against Senior Exploitation (CASE) Program, Lock-Take-Hide-Theft Program, Call Reassurance Program (CARE) and Check On Delinquent Youth (CODY) Program.

President's Letter

Dear Ladies,

November is here and hot on its heels will be Christmas! Where or where did this year go to?

For those of you who missed our Sip, Sip, Hooray Membership Drive at Kathleen Hall's home on Friday, October 14, I have to say we had a lovely two hours getting to know some of our new members and their friends, along with other members who brought their friends to sip lovely wine provided by Kathleen and wonderful hors d'oeuvres brought by members. All in all, it was a tremendous way for us to get to know our new members, the friends they brought and capture their imagination of what our great Destin Woman's Club is all about!

Thank you Kathleen for being such a wonderful hostess and for opening your beautiful home for all of us to enjoy.

Thanksgiving: I believe we all have something to be thankful about this Thanksgiving, especially the great camaraderie within our Club; the great fundraising we do, while all the time looking out, not only for our own lovely members but our community too!!

Please don't forget to bring a pre-loved item to our November lunch being held at Tuscany on Wednesday, November 9, as a donation to our White Elephant Stall. Whatever \$\$\$\$ are collected on that day will be put in our DWC Treasury; unsold items will be donated to one of the local charities in Destin.

Although we have not taken supper to the guests at Fisher House these past two months, I would like to thank all of you on this committee for your past help and am sure with the holidays looming, we shall be providing supper at some point to the guests at Fisher House.

Mark your calendars, if you haven't already done so for our "Girl's Night Out" event at Kitchenique on Wednesday, November 2 – Carol Rementer has been working hard to get this coordinated with Vicki at Kitchenique, and I know we are all going to have a fabulous evening, not just enjoying each other's company but great food and wine!!

We have been asked to help decorate Wesley House at Eden State Park for Christmas. We are scheduled to decorate the entrance and hallway on Tuesday, November 15 – if you are interested in helping please let me know! This is such a fun thing to do and of course is great advertising for our Club.

Speaking of Christmas, although a Restaurant has not been confirmed yet for our Christmas Lunch I urge you all to make a reservation when the time comes – needless to say our very own "Santa" will be with us, so bring your wish list!!

Work is underway on our April 21, 2017, Fashion Show. If you haven't signed up to work on a committee, please do so!! Although there is a lot of work involved, I promise you will

all have fun working with other members of our Club and will enjoy the “buzz” of our Fashion Show which has become famous in our community!

Thank you all for being a part of our great Club, your board and myself look forward to seeing you all at Tuscany on Wednesday, November 9; please make your reservations in a timely manner!!

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your families – I wish you all a wonderful day together.

Warm wishes,
Kate

November Birthdays



Debbie Wilson, November 5
Janette Geisinger, November 12
Amy Sheldon, November 14
Julie Wurster, November 19
Linda Panzarella, November 22
Denise Dobelek, November 23
Carol Rementer, November 28

DESTIN WOMAN'S CLUB GENERAL MEETING

OCTOBER 12, 2016

Cantina Laredo

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

Lord, we thank you for the privilege of being able to share in this time together. A time for us, as a Club, to connect with each other. May we bring happiness, friendship and love to one another.

Help us to come together, as a Club, to better our community.

Give us the inspiration it takes to get us to our goals.

We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Mabel, Family Fund Chair, made an announcement concerning Anthropologie, a new store at Grand Boulevard. Her daughter, Rachel, a DWC member, is manager there. There are discount coupons for everyone on the tables. Anthropologie carries home furnishings as well as clothing. They also have a fantastic stylist to help you with your clothing choices. Just ask for Michelle.

Program: Kate introduced local Author Linda Sealy Knowles. Linda was born and raised in Saraland, AL. She is a mother and grandmother and is a columnist in the local Beachcomber newspaper. Linda started her first novel some years after losing her husband. Her books are set in the Old West, and the first four novels are based on the same characters, although each one stands individually. She is currently working on her fifth novel, which is in a different genre. Her books are published by Tate Publishing, a Christian-based publisher and are available in bookstores. Linda told her story from the heart and she was very entertaining and amusing. Following Linda, Kate introduced Foster Sanders, a retired attorney with many outdoor interests, including conservation and wildlife habitat. One of his many studies has been the Choctawhatchee River Basin. His novel, "Almost to Destin," is a romance that is fraught with opposition. A lot of the characters and locations in the book are based on real people and places. In particular, Sarah Whalen, who passed away from cancer several years ago and was a long-time DWC member, was a friend of Foster and has a significant part in the book. Many local people make "cameo" appearances in the book – you have to read it to figure them out! The Choctawhatchee River Basin is a thread that runs throughout the book. Following the authors' talks, books were available for purchase and were signed by the authors.

Following lunch, Kate proceeded with the business part of the meeting.

Minutes: Any questions about the Minutes of the September meeting should be addressed to Sherry Sheldon.

Treasurer's Report: Denise Dobelek managed to put together a current Balance Sheet despite returning from vacation the previous day! Any questions should be directed to her.

Correspondence: Sherry explained that the Club's Friend to Friend Chair, Kathleen Hall, sends cards or flowers to members who are sick or going through a difficult time. Sherry read a thank you card from Maggi Grogan for flowers sent following her husband's recent death.

Membership: Simona Ondrejko, Membership Chair, announced that we have three new members: Francine Webb, Peggy Rice and Pattie Miller. We also had several guests, who hopefully will decide to join the club: Gail Ferguson, Charlotte Reis, Tess Gould, Kathleen Banyon, and Sue Whitten.

Simona reminded members of the **Sip, Sip, Hooray** event this coming Friday, Oct. 14 from 5-7 p.m. at Kathleen Hall's home. Members are invited to bring a guest to get to know the club and what we do. Also, please bring an appetizer. Kathleen has kindly agreed to provide wine.

Membership dues for the 2016-2017 year should be paid by now. Please give your cash or check to Denise Dobelek.

Fisher House: DWC provides supper for Fisher House guests on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. In September, there were no guests, but we will provide supper this month. Cindy Posey is making spaghetti and meatballs. Kate will contact the Fisher House committee members to coordinate other items.

Sponsorship Task Force: Patti B is Chair of the STF. Their mission is to persuade local businesses to become Sponsors of DWC. There are several levels of sponsorship, from Bronze to Platinum. Money provided by Sponsors is used to set up our fundraisers, especially the Fashion Show. Please contact someone on the STF Committee – Patti B, Sandra Williams or JoDell Haverfield, if you know of anyone who might like to be a sponsor.

The 50/50 Drawing was won by Wendy Schmutz who went home \$75 richer, and Fisher House was also \$75 richer!

Wesley House at Eden State Park. Kate said that the club had been asked to decorate part of Wesley House for the Holidays. Different organizations are asked to do different parts of the house. We have been allocated the hallway and staircase. Kate will ask our own decorators, Lynn Lake and Lin Bryant, and also asked for more volunteers. The decorating will be done on November 15.

Girls Night Out. Carol Rementer has organized a night at Kitchenique on Wednesday, November 2. The cost is \$28, which includes dinner and wine. Reservations should be made on-line at Kitchenique.com or you can call Vickie at Kitchenique. The class is filling up, so please make your reservations fast!

November meeting: Kate reminded everyone that the November meeting is at Tuscany and will feature a White Elephant stall. All proceeds will go to the DWC Treasury. Several members had brought items to today's lunch, and Kathleen Hall said members could bring them to her house for the Sip, Sip, Hooray on Friday.

December lunch meeting: Restaurant Chair, Peggy Herbig, said she had contacted Solaris about having our December lunch while sailing on the Bay. However, they required a minimum of 50 people and the price would be \$30. If we guaranteed 40 people the price would be \$35. After asking for input from the club, it was decided not to pursue this as it could potentially cost the club some money. Peggy said she would look for an alternative venue for December.

DWC Cruise 2017: JoDell Haverfield said she currently had 20 members signed up for the cruise. It is a 7-night cruise to the western Caribbean, leaving from New Orleans on Feb. 12. You can sign up now for only \$50 deposit. The remaining amount is due by November 14. See JoDell for details.

Fashion Show 2017. Kate emphasized that everyone should sign up to serve on a Committee for the fashion show. It is a fun event and everyone pulls together to make it happen.

We are working on more social occasions, fundraising and lunch venues. Stay tuned for details in your upcoming Newsletters.

Door prizes were provided by: Georgeia Pappas-Johnson, Betsy Stout-Jones (our Avon lady), and authors Linda Sealy Knowles and Foster Sanders.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Maggi Grogan
Recording Secretary

Sponsorship Program

Dear Members,

As you all know, one of the most important ways that we obtain monies is through the generous donations from our Sponsors.

We are currently working hard to secure Sponsors for 2016-2017.

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.

Thank you all so much!

Sandra Williams, JoDell Haverfield & Patti B, Sponsorship Chairs

Sponsorship Opportunities 2016-2017:

Platinum Sponsor Level \$2500

Gold Sponsor Level \$1500

Silver Sponsor Level \$750

Bronze Sponsor Level \$250



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!

2017 DWC Cruise



WELCOME ABOARD to the 21 club members, family and friends, who have booked their space to join the DWC on our annual FUN CRUISE. We will be sailing on the newly refurbished Norwegian Dawn for 7 glorious nights starting on February 12, 2016, from New Orleans to Mexico, Honduras, Belize and NCL's brand new private island, opening November 2016.

It's not too late to join us! Until October 31, you only need a \$50-per-person deposit to book your cabin so don't get spooked and miss out on a chance to join this cruise for only \$50 TODAY!

BOOK NOW to take advantage of the FREE @ SEA CHOICE offers such as:

FREE UNLIMITED OPEN BAR

FREE SPECIALTY DINING

FREE WIFI

FREE PREPAID GUEST SERVICES

FREE FRIENDS AND FAMILY - 3rd and 4th guest in cabin only pay tax of \$145.64

BOOK A SUITE OR HAVEN AND GET ALL 5

Email JoDell at jodell@havetravelmemories.com or call her at 406-544-8365.

Just to whet your appetite, check out last year's photo below—as you can see, you don't even have to dress up!

BON VOYAGE!!!



DESTIN WOMAN'S CLUB
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EST 1976
Cruise

**Inaugural Cruise
February 1st, 2016
Western Caribbean**

**Love Cruising
with
Have Travel
Memories Vacations**

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. Penne Alla Romana** - pasta tossed with prosciutto, peas and mushrooms in a creamy vodka pink sauce
- 2. Salmon Al Nero** - blackened salmon pan seared with lemon butter sauce, capers and spicy seasoning on a bed of marinated shitake mushrooms and arugula
- 3. Vegetarian Option** - Manicotti Classico- cheese manicotti baked with marinara sauce, mozzarella and parmesan cheese

Dessert: Italian cookies/pastry