



Apollo Beach Woman's Club

Hibiscus Newsletter



President's Fall 2021 Message

Hi Ladies,

Welcome to a great start of another year for Apollo Beach Woman's Club!

Apollo Beach Woman's Club now has a PO Box for you to mail your luncheon monies and any donations you would like to make to the club.

Be sure to designate on the envelope: **Barbara DeOca** or **Sheila May**.

Send to:

**ABWC
PO Box 3534
Apollo Beach FL 33572**

Why not take the time to write this address in your handbook right now!

We had a wonderful September meeting at Apollo's Bistro. If you haven't heard, the meal was delicious whether you had the pot roast or salad. You must try the chocolate cake next time it is on the menu! Everyone attending received the clean plate award!

Our speaker, Kim Novorska from the Humane Society of Tampa was very informative (see p. 9). We all enjoyed listening to her speak about our Humane Society, the hospital they have built and all the volunteer opportunities. I am going to talk to Kim about touring their facility and hospital. Thank you everyone for wearing your mask at the September luncheon.

Remember to purchase on AmazonSmile, selecting Apollo Beach Womans Club Inc, as your organization to support. Keep up to date with us on our website and Facebook page. For more information about AmazonSmile and our webpages (see p. 13).

Our next meeting is October 13th at Apollo's Bistro and no, it's not Friday the 13th (see pgs. 9 & 10 for program & menu)! Looking forward to seeing more of you attending, and as always let me know if you have any questions or suggestions!

Hugs, Claudia
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Expands whenever
We approach it



Executive Board and Committee Chairs 2021-2022

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Executive Board 2021-2022: L-R: Beverley Brooks, Secretary; Claudia Gassett, President; Sheila May, Treasurer; Liz Pedersen, 2nd VP of Membership; and Barbara DeOca, 3rd VP of Membership Meetings;

Not Pictured Jeanette Doyle, 1st VP of Programs
Beverly; Katherine Cintron, Past President.

Committee Chairs

Ads for Newsletter	Sally Coupal	585-734-1646
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	Rebecca Crotwell	813-922-3033
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Woman's Advancement	Katherine Cintron	813-527-6198

New to the position for this year.



We are seeking someone to head up our Garden & Craft Club for 2021-2022. Contact Kate Winch by email (katemwinch@gmail.com) or phone. Thank you.

Fundraisers

Bakeless Bake Sale

Dear Apollo Beach Women,

Fall is upon us and that means it is time for the Bakeless Bake Sale.

There will be a container at the October and November luncheons for you to make your contribution to the bake sale scholarship fund. We are striving to raise enough funds for one student's scholarship. **We are aiming to raise \$1200.00 this year.** Please remember to bring your contribution to the October or November meetings. If you are not able to come to either one of those meetings please send your checks to:

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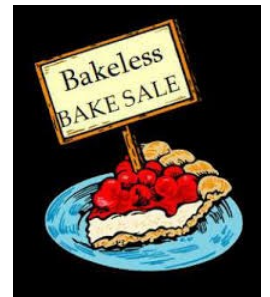
Please notate on the memo line that your check is for the bakeless bake sale.

Thank you ahead of time for helping make one student's dreams come true.

Barbara Lamneck

Bakeless bake sale chair

813-843- 847



Tentative Bus Trip: Nashville May 23 – 28, 2022

A fundraiser for the ABWC is being considered, once again with Diamond Tours. I know due to the virus this past couple of years it has been very difficult to make it a go to the Biltmore Estate. At this point they still have not signed a contract with them for 2022.

I have spoken to Diamond Tours recently and they had suggested a trip to Nashville would be a trip that we may be interested in, so I had them pencil in the date of May 23rd to May 28th for are possible trip.

Currently, Diamond Tours does not have the price set for the trip. I am waiting to hear from them, hopefully soon.

This trip includes a visit to the Grand Ole Opry Backstage Tour, Tour of the City, a ride on the Delta Flatboats inside the Opryland Hotel. Tour of the Belle Meade Plantation, Dinner and Show at Nashville Nightlife Theater, Country Music Hall of Fame and more.



If this is a trip you would be interested in, please let us know.

Thanks,

Peggy Palmeri

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SCHOLARSHIP



Chair: Sharon Vasquez



The ABWC was able to award \$14,200 in college scholarships during the May 2021 luncheon due to the generous donations of its members and donations from Sally Coupal, Catherine Goodrich-Gusler, Estate of Betty Fay, Marion LoVerde, Eileen Sengstock, and Florida Laureate Zeta Kappa.

All recipients are from East Bay and Lennard High Schools. Nine recipients who are attending a 4-year Florida University received \$1500 and one recipient who is obtaining a 2-year degree at a community college received \$700.

Scholarship Committee

- Sharon Vasquez*
- Sally Coupal*
- Brenda Fricks*
- Eileen Sengstock*



Bottom row (L-R): Shanya Luke, Jessica Pizano, Gabriela Antonio-Gonzalez, Kate Morrison, & Emily Ann Pesquera. **Next row** (L-R): Dominic Meler, Te'Dajah Bradley, Mikeaela Jackson, Axel Adrion Nunez Perez, and David Ramirez (behind Axel). **Top row** (L-R): Sharon Vasquez (ABWC Scholarship Committee Chair), Brenda Fricks (Scholarship Committee member), Catherine Goodrich-Gusler (special scholarship donor), Sally Coupal and Eileen Sengstock (Scholarship Committee members & special scholarship donors).

Absent from photo: Donors: Marion LoVerde; representatives from the Estate of Betty Fay and Florida Laureate Zeta Kappa; and College and Career Counselors: Mia Felix, East Bay and Miriam King, Lennard High Schools.

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WOMAN'S ADVANCEMENT

ABWC's INSPIRATIONAL WOMEN

Starting this year, we have a new committee whose focus is on the "Advancement of Womenkind", a primary objective in our ABWC mission statement. Watch out for fun and meaningful activities spearheaded by the Woman's Advancement Committee (WAC), especially our first "Inspirational Women" luncheon to be held during Women's History month, March 12, 2022.

We also want to celebrate **inspirational women in our own club**. So, look for this column in each newsletter and meet some of our own ABWC members.

A TALE OF TWO WOMEN: Sandra and Marlene

I love to think about the variety of life circumstances that pre-date each of us landing in lovely Apollo Beach, Florida and becoming involved in ABWC. Some have come from big urban cities and some, like the two I am introducing today, come from very different situations.

— *Cyd Charrow, for WAC, September 2021*

Sandra Dillmuth grew up in a small town of only 300 people in the Northeast Corner of Pennsylvania. It was so small that there was only a one-room schoolhouse for grades 1 through 8: only two other children in Sandy's grade. Yet, Sandy took it upon herself to leave the community for schooling and over the years earned, not only her bachelor's degree, but also two different master's degrees. From her sheltered beginnings in this tiny town, Sandy experienced a career that included 32 years with the Department of Defense teaching overseas in Germany, Okinawa, Japan, and the Philippines.

Sandra came to Sun City Center to care for her mother and then stayed on. Active in other woman's clubs (e.g., AAUW) she joined our club and rather immediately became chairperson of the book club which she still does today. Who knew this fun-loving, easy going, booklover had a history that began in a town of 300 people and then took her all over the world?

We hope you enjoyed getting to know these two women of our club. Next time you are sitting near someone you don't know; you might explore a little ... and be inspired.

Marlene Hall was born in an internment camp in Densen Arkansas. Her family lived in a Quonset hut, part of this sad episode of our history when Americans of Japanese descent were taken from their homes and herded into camps. Marlene credits her mother – a strong and inspirational woman in her own right – for putting their family's life back together after the war ended and they were allowed to return to their home in California.

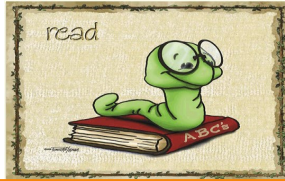
Did you know that our sweet Marlene Hall was a "motorcycle mama"? My favorite part of Marlene's story is how she met her husband, Richard on the back of his motorcycle taking her first motorcycle ride through the mountains They married six months later.

After a career in business, Marlene returned to college to pursue a new vocation as a Respiratory Therapist. Working full time jobs throughout her career, she raised three children, traveled the world, and of course continued to enjoy motorcycle riding. Eventually, the family moved from Connecticut to Apollo Beach to be on the water, following Richard's passion for boating. Marlene's passion became ABWC. She joined in 1990 when the club (so much smaller) met at the Rescue Squadron and held numerous positions over the years including ten years as Treasurer and the last as our chair of Membership.

BOOK CLUB



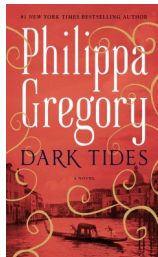
Chair: Sandy Dillmuth



ABWC Book Club kicked off the reading year with a book chat & luncheon at the Sunset Grill, Little Harbor, Ruskin. Members shared their memorable summer reads & exchanged books (see p. 13 for photo).

The **October** read is **DARK TIDES** by **Philippa**

Gregory. It's the 2nd book in Philippa Gregory's historical fiction series, The Fairmile. We read Book 1, Tidelands, as a book club selection last year. It begins 21 years after Tideland ends. Alinor Reekie and her daughter, Alys, have long left Sealsea Island behind and reside on the banks of the Thames River, operating a small warehouse that services unloading ships. Two visitors show up that spins this novel of greed from the poverty and glamour of London, to the golden streets of Venice, and onward to the contested frontier of early America.



In **November** we return to contemporary times with the selection, **Next Year in Havana** by **Chanel Cleeton**. This book was the July 2018 selection for Reese Witherspoon's Book Club and a New York Times bestseller. The novel alternates between 2017, when Cuban-American writer Marisol Ferrera goes to Cuba to scatter the ashes of her grandmother Eliza (Perez) Ferrera and 1958-59 when Eliza falls in love with a revolutionary.

You will notice that no hostesses are listed. Due to the size of our group and the COVID 19 situation, this assignment is still in flux. **Please watch carefully for the location of the monthly Book Club meeting. Meets the 4th Thursday of the month at 10am**

—Sandra Dillmuth, floridadill@gmail.com

BRIDGE CLUB & OTHER GAMES



Chair: Sharron Brunk



Our Bridge and Games Group was happy to have met a couple of times during the summer. We look forward to welcoming back all those whose activities have been curtailed during the pandemic and also any returning snow birds. By Oct 1, we will have had our Sept 27 game day. The current schedule includes games Oct 25 and tentative Holiday games Nov 22 and Dec 27 depending on members' availabilities for those 2 dates.

We offer regular party bridge and games of Rummikub or Hand and Foot. Other board games such as Scrabble or Mah-Jongg could be accommodated if there is interest. Bingo, too, may become a regular offering or an occasional fundraiser.

Looking ahead we're planning a modest Bingo fundraiser for our club Monday, Feb 21, in the afternoon at our Covington Club House. We would charge an entry fee selling tickets which would include a slate of games offering cash prizes with perhaps 2/3 of monies collected going to the scholarship fund, and the remaining for prizes. We would keep it simple with refreshments donated (drinks, snacks and cookies??) Our goal might be to have 30 to 40 participants, \$15 tickets netting \$300-\$400.

Our group is open to all with reservations required so that we may set up for sufficient numbers (bridge always requires 4 players per table). \$3 entry includes nominal prize with \$2, raised for scholarship funds. Spouses who wish to join in the fun are welcomed.

We meet usually the 4th Monday of each month with possible schedule changes when holidays conflict with meeting dates. **Our games are held at the Apollo Beach Covington Clubhouse location at 6806 Covington Garden Drive and we play from 9:30 am until about noon. Regulars in the group will be contacted and new members may sign up by email or calling Sharron Brunk, sharbrunk@aol.com or 813-672-3553 indicating your desired game. Sign up now for our October 25 game day.**

—Sharron

COMMUNITY SERVICE



Co-Chair: Mary Lou Cunningham



Co-Chair: Rebecca Crotwell

To begin the 2021-2022 year we have been in touch with three local elementary schools. They are Apollo Beach, Doby and Ruskin. There have been some staff changes, temporary and permanent, so we are introducing ourselves and learning to get to know new contact personnel.

Items requested from the schools include uniforms for Ruskin, three Ring Binders, Glue sticks, scissors, pencil pouches, pencil plastic cases, and also underwear for appropriate sizes requested from the other schools. These items are purchased from the ABWC Community Service budget. We just do the shopping!

Next on the agenda will be one \$150.00 Publix gift card for one deserving family from each school to help with Thanksgiving. Families are identified by the school Counselors. Be on the outlook for Angel Tree information during the Christmas/Hanukah Season.

We are happy to be able to serve local families and schools.

Any questions or comments, please contact:

Mary Lou cunninghammlc46@gmail.com

or

Rebecca rebecca@crotwell.net



Supplies delivered to Apollo Beach Elementary on September 24th.

L-R: Rebecca Crotwell; Valerie Dickson, School Counselor; & Mary Lou Cunningham

CULTURE CLUB



Co-Chair: Nancy Ducharme



Co-Chair: Sandra Memoli

October 19, 2021 (Tuesday)

FREE OF CHARGE from 10:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. with a 1-2 guest artist (s) speaking to our group about designs on porcelains and/or with other media with up to 20 people including leaders. We will have a free WINE and CHEESE reception with an artist (s) and tour the new **De STIJL ART GALLERY and Gift Shop in RUSKIN** on Shell Point Road (East) -- Then, go to *THE LAZY GATOR Restaurant* afterwards for a group lunch (pay on your own). Members are to drive themselves to 100 E. Shell Point Road, Ruskin, FL.

November 1, 2021 (Monday)

At 10 a.m. meet at the *SUNCOAST YOUTH Conservation Area* parking lot in Apollo Beach on Dickman Road. For the **GRAND OPENING!** ~~~with lunch afterwards at *Salty Shamrock Restaurant* in Apollo Beach, Hwy 41 - Southbound..

-Nancy Ducharme

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS



2nd VP Membership:
Liz Pedersen

Our membership total is 137

NEW MEMBERS

Shoff, Nancy
Birth month: April

Carpenter, Laurie
Birth month: April

Zeuner, Christine
Birth month: July

McNamee, Connie
Birth month: September

Davis, Asheera
Birth month: May

Stasia, Kathleen
Birth month: May

Robbins, Ann
Birth month: October

Parisen, Ann
Birth month: May

Olis, Jeanine
Birth month: March

Kristoff, Marilyn
Birth month: October



For the website, this page has been edited to remove all addresses, phone number, and email information.

CORRECTIONS

Please add the following corrections to your handbook:

Drizd, Ann:
Birth Month: March

Looper, Jennifer:
Address change

**Anyone you know wanting to join our Woman's Club?
Please direct them to our website:
www.apollobeachwomansclub.com for a membership form
or they can call me.**

Liz Pedersen, 813-777-8215



1st VP Programs:
Jeannette Doyle

PROGRAMS

On September 8th the Apollo Beach Woman's Club welcomed new and returning members to their luncheon at the Apollo's Bistro located at 6520 Richies Way, Apollo Beach, FL. Lisa Novorska, Volunteer Manager from the Human Society Tampa Bay, was the guest speaker and shared information on their new facilities, affordable services, animal care, and ways to help.



President Claudia Gasset and Guest Speaker Lisa Novorska, Volunteer Manager Humane Society Tampa Bay

October 13th Program

Financial Management - Christian Baiter, CFP Financial Advisor

Chris will discuss managing your affairs after a life changing events such as empty nester, relocating, loss of partner, retiring, illness etc.

November 10th Program

Beekeeper - Sam Goodwin
Retired Army Major, Defense Contractor and now a local Beekeeper. He will share his story of becoming a beekeeper, removal of unwanted swarms and providing support for local apiarists. He maintains hives in Ruskin, Apollo Beach and the Neem Tree Farm in Brandon.

SUNSHINE NEWS



Chair: Peggy Palmeri



Do you know of someone in ABWC who needs a little cheering up from surgery or an illness? How about a sympathy card? Maybe just a thinking of you card.

Please let Peggy Palmeri know.
Peggy is our new Sunshine Committee Chair!

Phone: 586-255-5958.

Email: palmerimpeg43@yahoo.com

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



- | | |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| Collins, Georgana | Lundy, Carolyn |
| Burrow, Ginny | (Seel) |
| Cintron, Katherine | Newcomb, Carol |
| Craig, Connie | Robbins, Ann |
| Crotwell, Rebecca | Swinscoe, Lynn |
| Dappen, Dianne | Vasquez, Sharon |
| Dobratz, Sandy | Winkelman, Lori |
| Kelly, Joan | Zak, Susan |
| Kristoff, Marilyn | |

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- | |
|--------------------|
| Memoli, Sandy |
| Rosenblum, Barbara |
| Stamper, ILA |
| Widger, Lesley |
| Willis, Jackie |
| Wilson, Pat |
| Winner, Joyce |
| Woodward, Dawn |
| Woodward, Norma |
| Allaert, Barbara |
| Anest, Deanna |
| Baryza, Kathie |
| Besch, Jill |
| Brooks, Beverley |
| DeOca, Barbara |
| Frank, Mina |
| Gounaud, Jo Ann |
| Heitmann, Jutta |
| Marx, Lucita |



LUNCHEON MENUS

Apollo's Bistro, Apollo Beach

October 13, 2021

*Chicken Marsala with Vegetable Medley and Rice -or-
Santa Fe Salad with Ranch Dressing
Apple Cobbler -or- Fruit*

November 10, 2021

*Oven Roasted Turkey with Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes and Green Beans -or-
Roasted Red Pepper Caesar Salad
Pumpkin Pie -or- Fruit*

Full menu descriptions will be included in the reservation email or
from your caller if you do not have email.

The cost is \$22.00 for all lunches.

Cocktails or soda may be purchased individually before the meetings at the bar.

As an alternative to the Chef's Choice Meal, you may choose the salad listed for the month.

Your order must be placed and paid for by the Friday prior to the luncheon.

A box is provided at the check-in table if you wish to pay ahead.

For more information please call

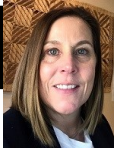
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Closing Smiles, Thoughts, & Reminders



"For most people, what is so painful about reading is that you read something and you don't have anybody to share it with. In part what the book club opens up is that people can read a book and then have someone else to talk about it with. Then they see that a book can lead to the pleasure of conversation, that the solitary act of reading can actually be a part of the path to communion and community."

– Bell Hooks (author, social activist)

The Book Club's September meeting at Little Harbor

Looking for more ABWC information or pictures, please visit our:

✂ Website: <http://www.apollobeachwomensclub.com/index.html>

and

✂ Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=apollo%20beach%20woman%27s%20club>

You can find articles about ABWC periodically in the Observer News (published weekly), The News of Sun City Center & South County (published monthly), and the Osprey Observer (published monthly).

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Here's how to sign up for AmazonSmile:

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4. Start shopping! (You can add a bookmark for smile.amazon.com to make it even easier to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile.)

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<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/59-3539727>

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NOVEMBER 2021

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7	8	9	10 Luncheon	11 Veterans Day	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 Book Club	19	20
21	22 Bridge & Other Games	23	24	25 Thanksgiving	26	27
28	29	30				

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