

Apollo Beach Woman's Club

Hibiscus Newsletter



President's Holiday Message 2019

Hi Ladies,

Not sure where the year has gone, but another holiday season and year end are upon us. Hopefully, everyone has enjoyed the past months of luncheons and all our clubs' activities.

I want to take this time to thank the board members for all their hard work in planning and providing you with the wonderful trips, fun books to read, games to play and interesting speakers at these meetings! Our first fundraiser, the "Bakeless" Bake Sale has been very successful in raising money for our scholarship fund. We will continue it through the end of the year. We have a Paint Party planned for January 18th, no experience necessary! On March 15th, we will have our Third Mystery Luncheon with the Pelican Players. In-between all the fundraisers we have many activities for you to enjoy including our 60th Anniversary Celebration in February!

Our membership is now 141 wonderful ladies. I appreciate all of you who are attending the luncheons and if you want to help with any of the fundraisers, please let me know. Members are always welcome to bring a guest and I am sure once they attend a meeting, they will be hooked on our smiles, laughter and realize all we do for our community, they will want to be part of this wonderful group!

Please have a very Merry Christmas and enjoy the holidays with those you love. I wish you much peace, love and laughter to last through the next year! Remember I am always here for you.

Hugs,

Claudia Gassett President

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L-R: Top row: Kim Alkins, Publicity/Newsletter; Kate Winch, Hospitality; Cyd Charrow, Book Club; Marcia Ward, Community Service/Raffles

2nd from top: Sandy Dillmuth, Book Club; Peggy Palmeri, Ways & Means; Sharon Vasquez, 3rd VP of Membership Meetings; Beverly Fletchell, Community Service; Jeannette Doyle, Ads

3rd from top: Katherine Cintron, Ways & Means; Beverley Brooks, 1st VP of Programs; Joan Kelly, Hospitality; Judy Piper, Parliamentarian; Pat McChesney, Website; Carol Kock, Culture Club

Front row: Liz Pedersen, 2nd VP of Membership; Sara Dottellis, Garden & Crafts Club; Sheila May, Treasurer; Sonja Davidson, Bake Sale/Sunshine; Claudia Gassett, President; Sandy Dobratz, Secretary; Barbara Lamneck, Chaplain/Bake Sale

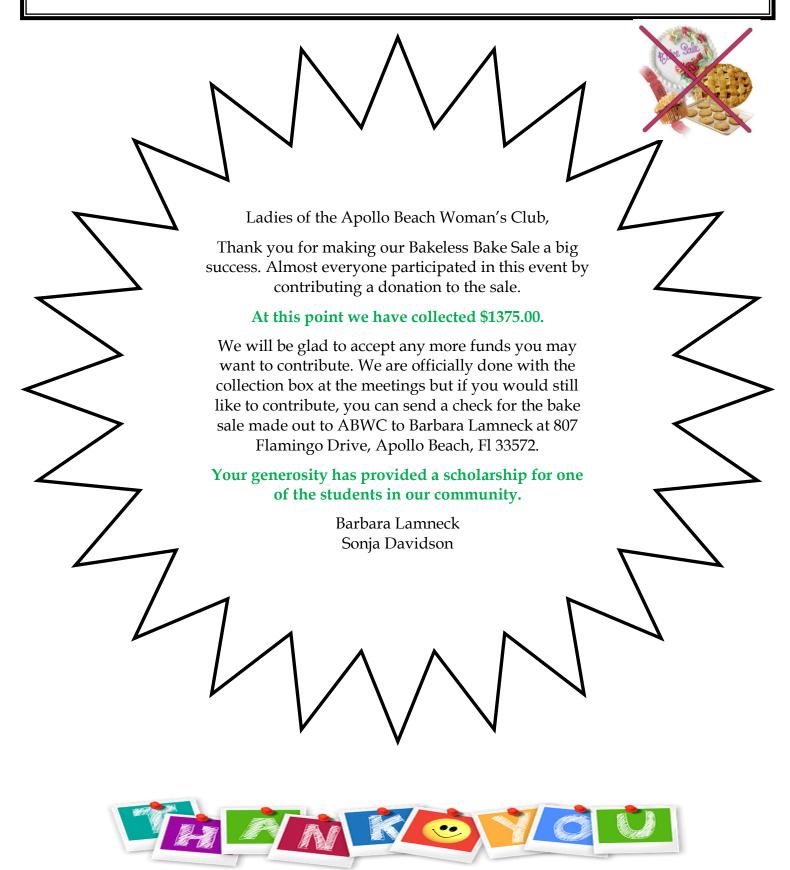
Not pictured: Gloria Brown, Garden & Craft Club



- January 18, 2020, Paint Party: At Apollo Beach Park & Recreation Center. The teacher is from Thompson Elementary School. This is the 3rd year we are holding this event.
- February 16, 2020, 60th Anniversary Luncheon: At Southshore Falls.
- March 15, 2020, Mystery Luncheon/Silent Auction: The 3rd annual event. The play is entitled "Lethal Luau", and it will be held at Southshore Falls.
- April 19 to 24, 2020, Bus Tour: To the Biltmore Estate and Ashville, NC.

All events are fundraisers except for the Anniversary Luncheon. The lap quilt raffle has been cancelled.

Fundraiser: Bakeless Bake Sale Update



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Fundraiser: Paint Party

ABWC Garden Club Fundraiser Paint Party

Date: Saturday, January 18, 2020

Time: 11:00 am-2:00 pm (Please arrive by 10:45 am)

Location: Apollo Beach County Recreation Park

Community Room 664 Golf to Sea Blvd. Apollo Beach, FL 33572



RSVP: Jeanette 813 310-8738 apollobeach5@gmail.com \$20 from every ticket goes to the ABWC scholarship fund!!!!!!

Cash and checks accepted. Make checks payable to ABWC.

Sign up today to enjoy a fun, social painting class



60th Anniversary Celebration



An Invitation to every ABWC member to Celebrate the club's "60th Anniversary"! Sunday - February 16th, 2020 at Southshore Falls – Community Room 11a – 2p

free of charge, but you must make reservations

If you bring a guest, their lunch will be \$16. Reservations are to be made at the Luncheons

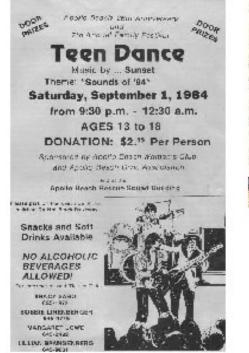




News from the past....

Bob Hite (AB resident & senior anchor at WFLA-TV News) & Donna Gebbia participating in ABWC Beauty Pageant at the AB Rescue Squad

Dean Tea, past president with her husband Charles -







Apollo Beach Women See "Tower Of Truth"

The February meeting of the Applitu Beach Junius Women's Club will feature a film. "Towars of Truth," shawing a day by day operation of Table Free Europe, narcated by Walter Groulde. The meeting will be held at the Applitu Beach Yacht Club and Community Canter. A special opening coremony for the program will be piesented by Hugh Goodwin, Richard Goodwin and Bill Cherry, Applie Beach hoy scours from Troop 68. The program is scheduled for 3:30 parts fallowing a business meetipé.

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Fundraiser: Bus Trip

APOLLO BEACH WOMENS CLUB PRESENTS Biltmore Estate & Asheville, NC

INCREDIBLE PRICE INCLUDES:

- Motorcoach transportation
- 5 nights lodging including 3 consecutive nights in the Asheville area
- 8 meals: 5 breakfasts and 3 dinners
- GUIDED TOUR OF ASHEVILLE, NC
- Full day visit to the BILTMORE ESTATE
- GUIDED Drive along the Blue Ridge Parkway
- Visit to the famous FOLK ART CENTER
- Visit to the Blue Ridge Parkway Visitor Center

Tonight, check into an en route hotel for a good night's rest.

Tonight, you'll enjoy Dinner before checking into your Asheville area hotel.

and much more

Departure: Winn Dixie Parking Lot, 6180 US-41, Apollo Beach, FL @ 8 am

Day 1: Depart your group's location in a spacious, video and restroom equipped motorcoach as you head for your destination: beautiful Asheville, North Carolina, nestled among the Blue Ridge Mountains!

Day 3: Begin the day by enjoying a Continental Breakfast, before departing for a visit to the spectacular BILTMORE ESTATE, America's largest privately owned home. Your visit will include experiencing the Biltmore House and Gardens. You will also visit the new Antler Village and Winery. This is Biltmore's new village that connects the estate's present and past, providing a relaxing place for dining, shopping, historical exhibits, and new ways to experience Biltmore's hospitality. This is a "must see" destination in America. Later, you'll enjoy Dinner with entertainment before returning to your hotel for the night. Day 4: Enjoy a Continental Breakfast before departing for a GUIDED TOUR OF ASHEVILLE. Downtown Asheville features more Art Deco architecture than any other southern city outside of Miami Beach. You will also see the magnificent ST. LAWRENCE BASILICA. This afternoon, you will go with your guide for a

Day 2: Today after enjoying a Continental Breakfast, you will continue towards your destination.

drive on the scenic Blue Ridge Parkway, America's most visited National Park unit and known as

"America's favorite drive". You will visit the Blue Ridge Parkway Visitor Center and see "The Blue Ridge Parkway – America's Favorite Journey", a 24-minute film shown in High Definition surround sound and using breathtaking aerial photography. Later, you will visit the famous FOLK ART CENTER. This evening, you will enjoy Dinner before returning to your hotel to relax and recall the highlights of the day. Day 5: Enjoy a Continental Breakfast before leaving for the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library & Museum

Day 6: Today after enjoying a Continental Breakfast, you depart for home... A perfect time to chat with your friends about all the fun things you've done, the spectacular sights you've seen and where your next



View the Blue Ridge Mountains.



Grand Victorian architecture.



The Blue Ridge Parkway Visitor Center.





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in Atlanta, GA. This evening, relax at your en route hotel.

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BOOK CLUB



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Chair: Cyd Charrow

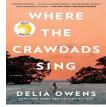
The Book Club continues to thrive with a welcome luncheon and 2 book discussions. In December we come to a screeching halt due to the holiday calendar. You should not have any worries. In January we pick up with full speed ahead with 3 events.

On **January 2, 2020 at 11:00** we will have a special event: a Holiday Lunch with our fun book exchange. Each person brings a wrapped book or reader theme item. We play games exchanging the gifts. Sandra Dillmuth hosts this event.

At the January membership meeting, **January 8, 2020**, the club will sponsor the annual book sale supporting the scholarship fund. All members of ABWC are asked to bring high interest books to sell and \$ to purchase good "reads".

On **January 30, 2020** the regular book club meeting is scheduled. We will discuss the #1 U.S. book club read, "Where the Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owens. Cyd Charrow is hostess.

Everyone is welcomed.



Books are reserved at the Ruskin Library when they are available.

The ABWC Book Club meets the 4th Thursday of the month at the home of the hostess at 10:00 am. Adjustments are made for the holidays.

Reservations made to Sandra Dillmuth or the hostess of the month.





BRIDGE AND OTHER GAMES CLUB

Chair: Sharron Brunk

Our Bridge and Games Group met in September and October playing Bridge, Hand and Foot and Rummikub. We were happy to welcome back some of our snowbirds Lou Knight, Joan Bolla, Luci Marx, and Mary Lou Cunningham. But our numbers were still small so I was heartened to get a call from new member Kate Carlisle who will be playing bridge once again after some years away from the table.

If other games are desired, let us know and we will offer them to our members. It is a great way for club members to meet others and socialize, while playing cards or a board game.

With the holidays approaching, we decided to consolidate our November and December games into one event, playing Monday December 2 at our regular time 9:30 until about noon. (The November and December dates fell too close to the holidays.)

In January, we should be back on the regular schedule of the 4th Monday morning of the month – January 27th.



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CULTURE CLUB



Chair: Carol Kock



October 15, 2019 we went to the Imagine Museum in St. Petersburg to view the many collection and major works of American and International art created by founding, leading, current and emerging artists working in the field of studio glass. Lots of beautiful pieces. Before heading home, we stopped and had lunch at Red Mesa Cantina restaurant. Great Mexican food.

The Culture Club and Garden Club will together go to the Palm View Nursing Home on **December 5th, 2 pm.** We will be meeting at Palm Gardens nursing home in the lobby. You can sign up by calling me at 440-667-9501. We will be singing Christmas Carol's and giving out Christmas ornaments and blankets.

On **Monday, January 13th**, the club will go to Weeki-Wachee Park. Cost is \$13. We will meet at 7:15 am at the north end of the Publix parking lot on Hwy. 41 & 19th Street. You can register with me no later than January 8th. We will eat lunch at the park.

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Chair: Sara Dottellis

GARDEN AND CRAFT CLUB



Chair: Gloria Brown

Christmas Craft Party & Pot Luck Lunch

Our first craft party of the season was held on November 5th at the Apollo Beach Recreation Center, and was a great success. Many thanks to all the ladies that came out to enjoy great food, great companionship and a fun day crafting 50 Christmas decorated pine cones and 6 No-sew Tie Fleece Blankets. **All the items will be given away during the Culture Club visit to the Palm Gardens Nursing Home on December 5th.**







Christmas Plant Exchange and Pot Luck Lunch

Please join us on Tuesday, December 17, 2019

Pot Luck Lunch: Bring a dish or desert to share Where: 11709 Summer Springs Drive Riverview Time: 11:00 -2:00

Hosted by Sara Dottellis & Gloria Brown (813-992-4235) for more information No Poinsettias please



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COMMUNITY SERVICE



Chair: Marcia Ward

Chair: Beverly Fletchall

Apollo Beach Woman's Club Community Service furnished nurses' stations with supplies at three elementary schools, Apollo Beach, Doby, and Ruskin in September that the county does not furnish but are badly needed by the nurses.

We will continue to help during the school year.

Every month we will continue do a project to help people in need in our community.

Beverly Fletchall,

Community Service



Doby Elementary School L-R: Beverly Fletchall; Sarah Guggenmos, Guidance Counselor; and ABWC Community Service Committee Members Mary Lou Cunningham and Rebecca Crotwell



Apollo Beach Elementary School L-R: Mary Lou Cunningham; Valerie Dickson, Guidance Counselor; Beverley Fletchall; Rebecca Crotwell



Ruskin Elementary School L-R: Mary Lou Cunningham; Rebecca Crotwell; Delissa Rivers, Guidance Counselor; Beverly Fletchall





MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Liz Pedersen

Our membership total is 142.

Please add the following information to your handbook. Please let me know if you have any changes or corrections for my records.

NEW MEMBERS!!

Clark, Jennifer Cell: 813-449-3355 (March)

Osik, Kathleen Cell: 215-208-6778 (June)

Frank, Mina H: 813-641-6886 C: 586-556-6994 (November)

Hosler, Trish C: 302-519-9788 (April) Kelsey, Karen Cell: 813-784-6454 (June)

Quinn, Sherry Cell: 724-513-6529 (March)

Easler, Bonnie C: 775-901-3327 (Sept)

Carlisle, Kate C: (937) 267-2174 (January)

RETURNING MEMBERS!!

Murphy, Ellen H: 813-641-1223 (January) Wilson, Pat H: (813) 922-6844 (November)

CORRECTIONS!!

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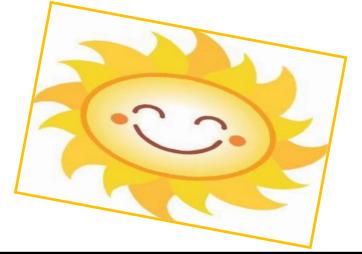


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Sunshine Committee



Chair: Sonja Davidson



Thinking of you cards went to:

Gloria Brown Marcia Ward

Thanks for all the calendars, note pads, cards passed on to:

Ruskin Elementary Cora Rehabilitation Clinic Creative World School at Apollo Beach SouthShore Chamber of Commerce

Remember, anyone that is sick, or in need of a card, please call me at (813) 690-6479.

Happy Holidays to all Our Sisters!

Thank you! Sonja



"The only way to have a friend is to be a friend"



December

Stephanie Betz Kathy Campbell Judy Conn Sara Dottellis Jeannette Doyle Juanita Hansen Tonda Parrish Lucy Rafalik Kate Winch



January

Tanya Alderman Kimberley Alkins Kate Carlisle MaryLou Cunningham Suzanne Ensslin Evelyn Gammon Rossalie Greenland Diana Gross Kyle Heyd Lou Knight Jennifer Looper Barbara Lamneck Ellen Murphy Colleen Ottinger Eileen Sengstock





Beverley Brooks

PROGRAMS

Time once again for our newsletter. Looking back to October we enjoyed a presentation to our ladies from Debbie Van Ore a leader of, One Hundred Women Who Care. She explained the history of this club as well as its philanthropic purpose of quarterly donating \$100 per member to a worthy cause.



Photo taken at the October luncheon.

L-R Beverley Brooks, 1st VP of ABWC Programs; Debbie Van Ore, program speaker; Susie Cochran "100 Women Who Care" member; and ABWC President Claudia Gassett.

A cancellation of the November presenter SGT Theodore James Van Aulen Jr was a disappointment. Unfortunately James was diagnosed with brain tumors and was scheduled for surgery at Moffit. Prayers for him and his family would be appreciated. We were fortunate enough to get Tina McGlynn from C.A.T.E., Conquering Addiction Through Education, to step in for us. She along with her friend Sharon saw the need for this program in our area. CATE is an Apollo Beach non-profit organization dedicated to helping individuals dealing with drug, alcohol, gambling, food or other addictions.

Photo taken at the November luncheon.

L-R: Tina McGlynn, CATE President/Co-Founder and program speaker; Beverley Brooks, 1st VP of ABWC Programs; and Sharon LaFelice, CATE VP/Co-Founder.



Coming on December 11th we will have the privilege of being entertained once again by the East Bay High School choral group, Sounds of Time, under the direction of Brian NeSmith.

As usual we have the pleasure on January 8th to take the time to celebrate and honor our long time members.

LUNCHEON MENUS

Southshore Falls, Apollo Beach

December 11, 2019

Racquet Club Sandwich or Blue Cheese Walnut Salad with Chicken Bread Pudding or Fruit

Apollo Bistro, Apollo Beach

January 8, 2020

Baked Manicotti with Caesar Salad or Strawberry Toasted Almond Salad with Bread Lemon Cake 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 \$18.00 for all lunches, \$20.00 for December only.

All menus include coffee, ice tea and ice water. Apollo's Bistro only: 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 by the Friday prior to the <u>luncheon.</u> A box is provided at the check-in table if you wish to pay ahead.

For more information please call Sharon Vasquez 3rd Vice President of Membership Meetings.

sharonlvasquez@verizon.net Phone: 813-641-7856

December 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 Bridge & Other Games	3	4 Board Mtg.	5 Culture/ Garden Club Event	6	7
8	9	10	11 Luncheon	12	13	14
15	16	17 Garden & Craft Club	18	19	20	21
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January 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2 Book Club Lunch	3 Board Mtg.	4
5	6	7	8 Luncheon	9	10	11
12	13 Culture Club Event	14	15	16	17	18 Paint Party
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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