



Apollo Beach Woman's Club

Hibiscus Newsletter



President's Spring 2020 Message

Hi Ladies,

We have had a lot going on lately with the Coronavirus news. I have cancelled all club activities for March and April, including the April Board Meeting and our April Monthly Luncheon. Please stay home and stay healthy.

In this newsletter you will see all the up to date news with our club! To date, we have 150 members! I am so excited to be leading this wonderful group of women! Each of you add so much to the club and the board is thankful for each of you! It is time to pay your annual dues so be sure and make sure you mail your dues of \$40.00 to Liz Pederesen, our membership vice-president. Her address is listed on the membership page.

The 60th Anniversary Celebration was such a success! I am sorry if you couldn't attend as the committee did a fantastic job! Thanks to everyone on the committee for coordinating this event. I know it was a big job.

The Scholarship Committee has selected 13 students who have excelled in their high school studies and need financial help. The committee had 17 applicants who qualified. We hope to be able to present their scholarships to them at the May Luncheon. Community Service projects included food for backpacks and a donation for Mission Smiles.

Be sure and look in the Observer and Osprey newspapers that circulate our area. Our Facebook page is fantastic and check out our website, <http://www.apollobeachwomensclub.com> We are keeping you up to date with all the news of the club through these areas easily accessible to you.

Enjoy reading this newsletter and I hope to see each and everyone of you at our May Luncheon!

Hugs,

Claudia Gasset

President

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Due to coronavirus restrictions, all March and April ABWC events have been canceled. Please stay tuned regarding May events, as they may need to be canceled too.

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Expands whenever
We approach it



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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 Gasset, President; Sandy Dobratz, Secretary; Barbara Lamneck, Chaplain/Bake Sale

Not pictured: Gloria Brown, Garden & Craft Club

60th Anniversary Celebration

On Feb. 16th, the Apollo Beach Woman's Club had its 60th Anniversary Celebration with members & guests at the Southshore Falls Community Center. The program included a continuous slide show of photographs of club community projects & membership activities over the years, a historical trivia contest & a table with interesting historical displays. Former Apollo Beach resident and retired WFLA Channel 8 newscaster Bob Hite shared some insights about being a newscaster in the area & interactions with the ABWC. Two past ABWC scholarship recipients, Eddie Livsay & Madison Corr, updated us on their status. Lunch was catered by Mi Viejo Latin Cafe & music was provided by UniverSoul Entertainment. The program ended with a cake, video interviews shown of long-time members & the 2020 ABWC Time Capsule shared.

The ABWC has been around for 60 years. The club was originally started by developer Francis Corr in 1959, along with other clubs, to attract families to settle in his Apollo Beach Community by the Bay. The family of current ABWC member Norma Woodard was one of the first homeowners in the community & she joined the Apollo Beach Junior Woman's Club at its inception in 1959. Eventually, the junior club merged with ABWC. Norma left the club when she went back to work but rejoined in 2001. Her daughter, Dawn Woodard was the first girl born in the Apollo Beach community & joined the ABWC in 2013. The membership has grown to include



Photos: Top l to r: Current & 7 past ABWC presidents; Diane Livesay & past scholarship recipient Eddie Livsay; Katherine Cintron w/ guest speaker Bob Hite. Bottom l to r: ABWC members, including seated in the center, Dawn & Norma Woodard; ABWC member Phyllis Elsberry, past ABWC scholarship recipient Madison Corr, & Natalie Corr.

all of Southshore & at last count there are 150 members.



60th Anniversary planning committee.

Overall the event was a huge success and would not have been without the help of the following. I want to thank: Jeanette Doyle & Beverley Brooks for their interviews of the ladies; Jeanette Doyle for the club history & slide presentation; Terresa Wittmer, Brenda Harewood, Yolanda Sullivan & Ann Robbins, who made the tissue cases; Marie Weigman & Adrienne Covais for decorations; Kim Alkins for advertising; Pat McChesney for updating our website; Kate & Robert Winch for printing the tickets; Gloria Brown for making posters for the Time Capsule; Peggy Palmeri, Sharon Vasquez, Sandy Dobratz & Teresa Wittmer for checking people in & handing out the gifts; & the husbands who helped serve food, Tom Gassett, Jack Brooks, Don Ward, Robert Winch & Barry Lea.

Thank you to all. I hope you enjoyed it! – Katherine Cintron

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Scholarships

One of the main objectives of the Apollo Beach Woman's Club is to provide scholarships for high school graduates going to college.



The scholarship amounts are \$700 for Hillsborough Community College (two year degree) and \$1,500 for a four year accredited Florida college or university. The money may be used to cover tuition, books, and fees.

The committee went to Lennard and East Bay high school on Monday, March 9 to interview students. Students who met qualifications and were selected to receive scholarships will be recognized at the May 13 luncheon along with their parents.

We were able to award a total of \$18,700 to students because of the hard work of ABWC members and generous donations from Catherine Goodrich-Gusler, Eileen Sengstock, and Betty Fay's estate. Six \$1,500 scholarships will be presented to students at Lennard High School. Six \$1,500 scholarships and one \$700 scholarship will be presented to students from East Bay High School.

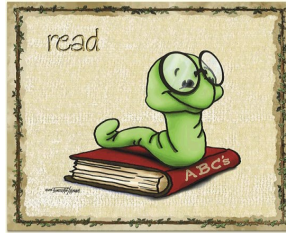
ABWC Scholarship Committee

Sharon Vasquez, Chairperson
Brenda Fricks
Brenda Harewood
Eileen Sengstock
Yolanda Sullivan

BOOK CLUB



Chair: Sandy Dillmuth



Chair: Cyd Charrow

With the chaos caused by the threat of the coronavirus appearing in our world, there is no better place to escape to than the pages of a good book. The Book Club has 2 such recommendations on their schedule.

For April we are reading **Eleanor Oliphant Is completely Fine** by Gail Honeyman. This is a warm, funny, story of a needy young lady who finds acceptance and love with the help of Raymond, the bumbling office IT guy with a big heart.

The Great Alone by Kristin Hannah is the May 21 selection. It is another best seller. It features enduring love, survival, community, PTSD, a family in crisis, all located at the edge of the world, Alaska.

The location and hostess of both of these meetings (if they happen) will be announced later.

This is also the time to hand in recommendations for next year's reading list. Please send to my email: Floridadill@gmail.com.

– Sandra Dillmuth

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 on February 24, and we enjoyed a 2-table bridge rotation.

Unfortunately our March and April game days have to be cancelled on account of the guidelines for the coronavirus pandemic.

When we meet again, as usual we will be offering bridge, Rummikub, Hand and Foot, and Bingo. New members to the club suggested Bingo, and we are happy to oblige. We will look into rules for Bingo, if we offer it as a fundraiser. But as for our next meeting time, prizes will be nominal out of our usual \$3 per member charge.

We play at the Apollo Beach Golf Club Café located at 801 Golf and Sea Blvd.

Regular members are contacted by email and phone to make reservations so that we have sufficient numbers for bridge or any other games offered.

Please call Sharron Brunk at 813-672-3553 or email at sharbrunk@aol.com. Spouses are welcome if so desired.



B I N G O				
14	20	32	52	71
10	27	42	55	64
7	23	FREE	58	69
11	28	34	56	72
15	25	33	53	66



Bridge





Chair: Sara Dottellis

GARDEN AND CRAFT CLUB



Chair: Gloria Brown



February 19, 2020

16 Ladies and one husband enjoyed a wonderful tour strolling the meandering paths of Sunken Gardens lush with exotic plants from around the world. Thanks to Jeanette Doyle for enlisting a Docent to give us a very informative tour. Afterwards, we all had a great lunch at The Three Birds Tavern, just a short walk away.

The May 20th Sarasota Jungle Garden Tour is on hold until further notice.



Chair: Beverly Fletchall

COMMUNITY SERVICE



Chair: Marcia Ward

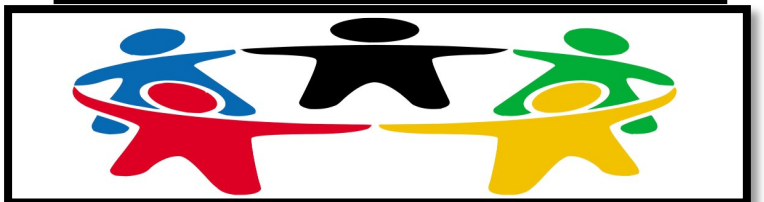
The Apollo Beach Woman's Club for their February 2020 community service donated food supplied by members to **Backpacks on a Mission**. Backpacks on a Mission is an outreach ministry of South Shore United Methodist Church that provides a weekend supply of nutritious food for 159 students at four elementary schools. These students receive breakfast and lunch at their schools but no weekend food. The school counselors give the 159 backpacks to the students full of food that has been donated for the weekend.

(Pictured l to r): ABWC Community Service Committee members Rebecca Crotwell, Mary Lou Cunningham and Beverly Fletchall (Chair).



At the March 11, 2020 luncheon, the ABWC donated \$500 to **Mission Smiles** (a Ministry of Mission Tampa, <https://www.missiontampa.org/missionsmiles>), which is a mobile dental clinic that serves Hillsborough. Mission Smiles provides free emergency dental care for those who financially qualify. You can also donate items like toothbrushes, toothpaste or donate your time.

Pictured l to r: Claudia Gasset, ABWC President; Beverly Fletchall, ABWC Community Service co-chair; Kathy McGartland, Mission Smiles RDH Program Director; and Marcia Ward, ABWC Community Service co-chair.



MEMBERSHIP NEWS



Liz Pedersen

Our membership total is 150.

With the April Luncheon canceled, members can mail their \$40 membership dues to:

Please Make Check Out to ABWC

Liz Pedersen
5813 Hidden Falls
Apollo Beach, FL 33572

Please add the following to your handbook:

NEW MEMBERS!!

Chatmon, Dorothy

H: 813-677-5242

C: 813-802-0755

(May)

McBrayer, Yolie

H: 813-677-7314

(April)

Pierce, Donna

H: 813-642-9776

C: 813-435-8775

(Sept)

Tross, Nina

C: 480-440-9708

(July)



CORRECTIONS

Elsberry, Phyllis

(813) 545-2872

Fletcher, Beverly

(813) 938-3215

Home/Email addresses removed for the website.

Please have your dues paid by June 1st to have your information included in the membership handbook.

SUNSHINE NEWS



Chair: Sonja Davidson



Hello Sisters,

We had a nice St. Patrick's Day. Most of us wore green.

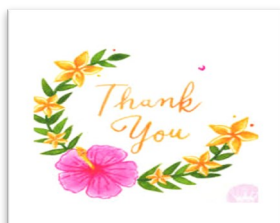
Birthday cards were sent to ladies with birthdays in February and March.

I took calendars, notepads, pens and pencils to Ruskin schools.

I took calendars and notepads to Cora Rehab Center in Sun City Center.

I took newsletters, calendars, and notepads to Southshore Chamber of Commerce.

As you know I was sick. Thanks for all the nice Get Well cards. I am doing okay now.



Get Well cards sent to:

- Kim Alkins
- Ginny Burrow
- Denise Geisel
- Catherine Goodrich
- Nancy Grubb
- Lou Knight
- Judy Peck
- Janet Pizzicheti



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

Good Bless all our sisters!

Thank you!

Sonja



April

Adams, Gerry
 Charrow, Cyd Dr.
 Gusler-Goodrich, Catherine
 Haley, Chris
 Hosler, Trish
 McBrayer, Yolie
 McChesney, Pat
 Prager, Betty
 Ranes, Joan
 Rivera, Millie
 Sylvia, Jackie
 Vance, Nancy
 Wiegmann, Marie
 Wittmer, Teresa

May

Browing, Clarice
 Chatmon, Dorothy
 Geisel, Denise
 Hjaltason, Disa
 Kumpf, Sandy
 Lea, Pat
 Lucido, Lynn
 Pedersen, Liz
 Stefenelli, Becky





Beverley Brooks

PROGRAMS



February 12th Luncheon: Members and guests were given useful tips on home fire safety (like changing fire alarm batteries twice a year) from Hillsborough County Fire Rescue Fire Inspector and Public Educator, Myesha Johnson.

Pictured l to r: Myesha Johnson, guest speaker and Beverley Brooks, 1st VP of ABWC Programs.

March 11th Luncheon: Denyve Boyle from the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay, a nonprofit that connects people and resources to inspire charitable giving, was the guest speaker.

Pictured l to r: Damon Glisson, Board Member, Community Foundation of Tampa Bay; Claudia Gasset, ABWC President; and Denyve Boyle, Director of Philanthropy at the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay.



The upcoming programs for the next two months are as follows:

The April 8th program and luncheon have been canceled.

May 13th: Presentation of Scholarships and Installation of Officers for 2020-2021.
As we get closer to this date it will be decided whether to cancel the luncheon due to continuing coronavirus concerns.

-Beverley Brooks

LUNCHEON MENUS

Apollo Bistro, Apollo Beach

April 8, 2020
Canceled

May 13, 2020*

Lasagna & Caesar Salad with Bread
or
Blue Cheese Walnut Salad with Bread
Lemon Cake or Fruit

***Due to ongoing coronavirus concerns the May luncheon may be canceled.**

LADIES
LUNCHEON



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.

All menus include coffee, ice tea and ice water.
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 luncheon.

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

**For more information please call Sharon Vasquez
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