



Apollo Beach Woman's Club

Hibiscus Newsletter

President's Spring Message 2019



Wow, what a year we are having! A great year! And I hope you will agree with me. Beverly Brooks, 1st VP of Programs started our year off with Christine Worley from PCAT, a program helping literacy in children and has continued to provide us with so many interesting speakers this year; I particularly enjoyed Jill Andrews from Superior Residences of Brandon. Then our Culture Club ladies- Carol Kock and Teresa Wittmer organized our first outing to the Frank Lloyd Wright Buildings in Lakeland and how fascinating his architectural structures are. And what time was had during the Christmas Plant Exchange in December coordinated by Marie Weigman and Peggy Parlmerri chairs of our Garden and Craft Club. Bridge Club chaired by Sharon Brunk brought new games this year by adding Hand and Foot as well as Rummy Cube. And Sandy Dillmuth our bookclub chair hosted a holiday lunch and book exchange in her home. Sharon Vasquez, Sandy Dobratz, Claudia Gasset and Adrienne Covais I thank you for all of your hard work this year, it has been a pleasure

working and getting to know you all better.

Our fundraisers rocked this year!! The Bake Sale, Paint Party, Book Sale, Mystery Luncheon and Bus Trip have greatly supported our fundraising effects!! This year each and every one of our chairs- Barbara Lamneck, Jeanette Dolye, Sandy Dillmuth, Cyd Charrow and Peggy Parlmerri have knocked the ball out of the park! They each hit a home run!! With your help we have raised \$1,298 for the Bake Sale, \$360 for the Paint Party, \$119 with the book sale and \$4,842 for the Mystery Luncheon. Numbers are not in as of yet for the Bus Trip. We have such a great club, a wonderful club and I am proud to have been your president for the last two years!

I started this year off asking you all to smile for the incredible things you have helped us accomplish and I want to end it by saying-Thank you, Thank you for continuing to make me smile as I end my presidency; I am smiling with you-for I am proud to say I am a member of the Apollo Beach Women's Club!

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Expands whenever
we approach it



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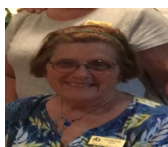
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Your Executive Board for 2018-2019



Adrienne Covais, Sharon Vasquez, Katherine Cintron, Claudia Gasset, Beverly Brooks, Sandy Dobratz
Treasurer Past President President 2nd VP 1st VP Secretary
Membership Programs



Jeanette Doyle

Scholarship News

Dear ABWC Members,



Your Scholarship Committee felt inspired by each and every student they interviewed on Tuesday, March 12th. All 17 student were well prepared and focused during their interviews, seven at Lennard and ten at East Bay High Schools.

The ABWC Board has budgeted \$15,500 scholarship funds for distribution. Scholarships offered are a \$1,500 for a 4-year degree at a FI University or a \$700 at a 2-year degree at a college such as HCC. The applicant must be accepted into a Florida college/university, have submitted a completed ABWC application and met the ABWC scholarship criteria.

Although all these applicants demonstrated excellent academics and impressive success in their activities in and out of school, the scholarship committee had to make hard choices. We identified 10 recipients who met the qualifications and demonstrated the most financial need. Each will be awarded a \$1,500 college scholarship for the academic year 2019-2020. At our May 8th Scholarship Luncheon, the ten recipients will be recognized.

The ABWC should be proud of all their efforts to raise funds to support these students. Perhaps next year, the club will be able aid even more graduating seniors in achieving their collegiate goals.

Sincerely,

Jeanette Doyle, ABWC Scholarship Committee Chair

ABWC GARDEN CLUB PARTY FUNDRAISER



ABWC Garden Club Paint Party Fundraiser - Truly a success!! Our social side came out and participants painted, shared, laughed and generally had a good time. Many brought delicious food for the brunch to share. Thank you to Apollo Bistro Restaurant's Manager - **Scott Griffin** & Banquet Sales Director, **Rachel Vincent** for providing the venue and beverages cost free for the benefit of the ABWC Scholarship Fundraiser.



Artist and Thompson Elementary Art Teacher, Terrena Conson and helper, came prepared with all the materials we needed, including aprons. She made us all feel at ease and inspired. This is her second year donating her profits back to the ABWC Scholarship Fund. A big thankyou to her!!

Adrienne Covais, our treasurer, deposited - \$340 profit. **Jeanette Doyle** organized the event.

MYSTERY LUNCHEON FUND RAISER 2019

The Chicago Caper: ABWC's 2nd Annual Mystery Luncheon

Cyd Charrow, Chairperson



As promised, ABWCs Mystery Lunch Fundraiser even outdid the first one!

Held in the bright and spacious room at South Shore Falls, ABWC second Mystery Luncheon Fundraiser was held on Sunday, March 10, 2019. One hundred and sixty-one guests enjoyed a spectacular silent auction, delicious lunch, and sumptuous homemade desserts as the Pelican Players performed the mystery *the Chicago Caper*.

At 12:30 the doors opened for the start of the Silent Auction. Sandy Dobratz, Auction Chairperson, organized a huge display of tables stretching all across the back wall, covered with a beautiful array of valuably-filled baskets, jewelry, and other great items. Everything was donated by our own ABWC members and generous community businesses who supported our event.

This year, a 50/50 raffle added to the days event, was also a financial success.

At 1:00, ABWC President Katherine Cintron warmly welcomed the guests, explained the ABWC mission and purpose of this fundraiser and introduced the event Chairperson, Cyd Charrow who moderated activities during the day.

The delicious Chicago-style luncheon, was catered by Econ Deli. Between courses, the talented actors of the Pelican Players delighted us with their presentation of the Chicago Caper as we all tried to figure out "*who dunnit?*". (Prizes went to some of those who guessed correctly.)

Peggy Palmieri did a masterful job coordinating desserts "to die for": two tables of culinary sweets ALL prepared and contributed by our own women's club members.

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Special kudos also go to Kate Winch, the fourth member of our organizing team. Her responsibilities spanned the planning timeframe; from creating then selling tickets for the event to transforming the venue into a 1920's style speakeasy!

The program ended as planned at 4:00, at which time participants collected and paid for their auction winnings.

In summary: **We surpassed all our goals!**

We set a fundraising goal of \$3000. **We cleared over \$4800!** ALL proceeds will go toward scholarships to financially needy high school students going on college or training living in Apollo Beach and surrounding areas.

We set a goal of fun & festivity for everyone present. This was totally achieved attested to by the laughter and comments during the day, the rave reviews from people as they left and the continued praise we all heard for days after the event.

So, YES, to those who wonder about next year. You can definitely look forward to our 3rd Annual Mystery Luncheon Fundraiser in 2020!



The Organizing Committee

Sandy Dobratz (Silent Auction); Peggy Palmeri (Desserts); Katherine Cintron (ABWC President); Cyd Charrow, (Event Chairperson); Kate Winch (Tickets/Decor);

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Cast of the Pelican Players



The Clues

Everyone is Having Fun!

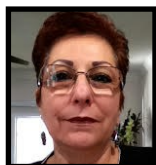


Auction Items

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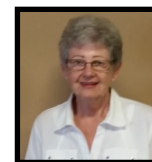


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Marie Wiegmann

GARDEN AND CRAFT CLUB



Peggy Palmeri

In December 2018, the Garden Club ended the year, with a Christmas Luncheon and Plant Exchange. We had ten ladies in attendance. A fun time was enjoyed by all.



Our tour of the Gardens at the Manatee County Jail was cancelled in December due to a conflict in their schedule. Hopefully that trip can be rescheduled at a later date.

On April 17th we will be going to the UF Gulf Coast Research Education Center on Co Rd 672, in Wimauma. There will be a bit of walking, through the gardens (which is handicap accessible) so wear comfortable shoes. Our tour runs from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. I only know (from what I read) that they have been experimenting on growing strawberries,

that would be sweeter and bigger than those we buy now. Also, they are trying to grow Artichokes in Florida, which they have never grown here before. I'm sure there will be many more things we will also learn at this Research and Education Center. Please sign up at the April Luncheon.

On Thursday May 23rd we will have a private tour of the Exotic Plumeria Nursery, located in Seffner. This Nursery has the number one Plumeria Nursery Website, on the world wide web and are celebrating 30 yrs. in the Plumeria business, along with being on the web for 22 yrs. For those who do not know what a Plumeria is, it is a tropical tree that produces flowers that most people associate with the Hawaiian Leis. Stop by the Garden Club Table, at the April or May Luncheon, to sign up for this trip.

Sunshine Committee



Sonja Davidson



Get Well Cards:

- Judith Pieper**
- Judy Conn**
- Adrienne Covais**
- Dottie Drouin**
- Sally Blacksher**
- Denise easel**
- Carol Kock**
- Genevieve Waite**
- Teresa Wittmer Husband John**
- Pat McChesney**
- Betty Fay**
- Barbara Talaska**
- Linda Nelstead**

These donations went to:

- Ruskin Elementary School**
- South Shore Chamber of Commerce**
- Angel Attic Lutheran Church**
- Cora Rehabilitation in Sun City Center**

To all my Sisters, Thank you for the "Honor" you gave me for the wonderful 40 years in the ABWC. I love the pillow that was made.

A special thank you to Claudia Gasset for her help in making the different surprises you find on your tables at each luncheon.

Don't forget our Easter "Hat" contest is April 10th 2019!



Thinking of you card went to Kaye Westerman.

Thank you to all for all the donations, Calendars, Christmas cards, note pads, books, birthday cards and get well cards.

"The only way to have a friend is to be a friend"
Thank you!

Sonja

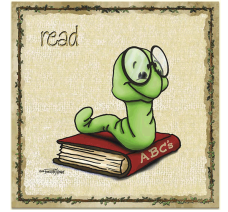
Club Activities



Sandy Dillmuth, Committee Chair,
Cyd Charrow

Book Club

Meets the 4th Thursday of the Month at 10:00 a.m.



The ABWC Book Club meets every month on the 4th Thursday of the month at 10am at a member's home. Interesting discussions with varied perspectives always awaits our attendees. The hostess also provides delicious refreshments that usually reflect some aspect of the book.

In April the monthly read is Whistling Past the Graveyard by Susan Crandall. The title comes from the idiom meaning to remain optimistic through depressing circumstances. This is a coming of age story that includes the meaning of family, the impact of racial segregation, and the development of self-esteem. Marlene Hall is the hostess.

In May we are scheduled to read Lilac Girls by Martha Hall Kelly. The lives of three women, an ambitious German doctor, a Polish resistance teenager, and a wealthy US socialite, are set on a brutal collision course as the circumstances created by WWII threatens to encompass and destroy their worlds. Marcia Ward is the hostess. We will also be voting for the "reads" for next year.

Everyone is always welcome!

The book club meets monthly on the fourth Thursday of the month at the home of the hostess at 10:00 a.m.. Everyone is welcome.



Sharron Brunk

Bridge Club



Bridge and Other Fun

The Bridge Group is now offering new games to club members who like the idea of socializing with others over a card game. Besides social bridge, we have added a table or two of other games suggested by club members. Rummikub or Hand and Foot, Mahjongg, or possibly a board game like Scrabble, were suggested. We have played Rummikub and Hand and Foot so far along with our regular bridge.

In February, we held our annual game followed by luncheon at the Café. There were 14 of us playing games and 11 stayed for lunch. So, we are indeed growing once again. We also welcomed Lou Knight who plans to join the Women's Club. Our group has also been pleased to include regular club members for the new games.

Our group meeting times for the upcoming games will be Monday, April 29 (the 5th Monday because Easter Sunday would be the day before our regular 4th Monday). In May, we will vote whether to play the Monday before Memorial Day, the Tuesday after Memorial Day, May 28, or the week after Memorial Day, June 3. Members are always contacted by email and we will announce these dates at our April and May luncheons. Our meeting location continues to be the Apollo Beach Golf Club Café and the time period will also be 9:30 am until about noon.

Some members who enjoyed socializing at the club for lunch afterwards in February suggested we offer lunch as a regular feature. We will make it optional and I will ask how many wish to stay for lunch each month so we can let the café staff know how many extra might be coming. They then would be able to schedule sufficient food handlers.

Bridge requires a precise group of 4 to a table. While Rummikub, Hand and Foot, and Mahjongg can be played with varying numbers, planning makes reservations desirable. Our games are also open to spouses.

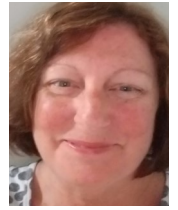
If you would like to join us, please make your reservation with Sharron Brunk at 813-672-3553 or sharbrunk@aol.com. Regulars will be reminded by email and reservations can be made by email as well.



Culture Club



Carol Kock



Teresa Wittmer

The culture club went on the December 4th trip to Florida Southern College to view the many sculptures and unique chapels designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. The college has the largest concentration of Wright designed structures anywhere in the world. Sixteen people attended and afterwards went to "Harry's Bar and Grill" in downtown Lakeland for a New Orleans style lunch before heading home.



A good time was had by all that attended Ona Florida, on January 16th, to see the unique castle that Howard Solomon made from old aluminum newspaper printing plates. It took him 7 years to make it livable.

He filled up the castle with his art that he created from many crazy items with discarded materials such as oil drums, beverage cans, chains, coat hangers and such. Mr. Solomon was a sculptor, painter, welder, and writer. He also built a ship in a deep ravine that is a restaurant called "the Boat in the Moat"

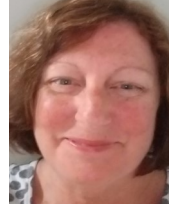
Howard passed away several years ago. His wife continues to live there and his family helps to run the attraction.





Carol Kock

Culture Club



Teresa Wittmer

On February 19th, twenty three ladies enjoyed the backstage tour of the "Tampa Theatre."

The Theatre opened on October 15, 1926 and for 25 cents you could escape into a fantasyland, enjoy first class entertainment, and be treated like royalty by platoons of uniformed ushers. Today the theatre hosts more than 600 events each year.

After the tour many enjoyed a wonderful late lunch at the Four Green Fields Irish Pub. They enjoyed such dishes as Shephards Pie, Guinness Stew, Irish Soda Bread, and Fish N Chips.

It was a fun day had by all, except driving in Tampa is sometimes challenging. We all made it home safely.





Beverly Fletchall
Committee Chair

Community Service

WOW! Would you believe that the ABWC gave 2,052 food items to Backpack on a Mission February 12th. The dollar amount was \$ 685.80 (\$660.80 in food and a \$25.00 check).

Thank all of you generous ABWC members who brought food and who gave a money donation. Also thanks to all the ladies who helped load the items on the delivery truck.

The Apollo Beach Woman's Club is a blessing to the South Shore Area for all the members do to help those in need of food, clothing, health supplies, college scholarships, gas cards to help get to work and any other needs that may become necessary.

Connie Bishop who is the coordinator of the Backpacks on a Mission wrote a thank you note to the ABWC members on February 18th. It read:

"On behalf of Backpacks on a Mission, I want to thank each and everyone of the ladies for their donations. Their generosity is overwhelming and truly appreciated. Backpacks on a Mission is so honored to partner with such a caring and giving group of women.

God's peace and blessings to all"





Claudia Gassett

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

A note from Claudia:

In January we honored the following ladies at our Luncheon for their longevity and commitment to Apollo Beach Woman's Club:

10 years: Kathie Baryza, Jill Besch, Stephanie Betz, Beverley Brooks, Dottie Druin and Marion LoVerde.

20 years: Ginny Burrow and Genevieve Waite

25 years: Beverley Fletchell and Carol Newsome

35 years: Janet Pizzichetti

40 years: Sonja Davidson

Thank you, ladies, for your service and especially for your friendship!

In March, the board voted to honor Sylvia Gordon and Janet Pizzichetti for their service to Apollo Beach Woman's Club by making them Honorary members. Congratulations Ladies!

Please remember your membership dues of \$25.00 are due in May but I will be glad to accept your payment early! Please remember to pay your dues if you are leaving for the summer months!

See you at our next luncheon!



April Birthdays

Sharon Bossie
Cyd Charrow
Catherine Goodrich-Gusler
Chris Haley
Pattie Jones
Pat McChesney
Marie Notarfrancesco
Joan Ranes
Millie Rivera
Jackie Sylvia
Nancy Vance
Marie Wiegmann
Teresa Wittmer

May Birthdays

Denise Giesel
Disa Hjaltason
Sandy Kumpf
Pat Lea
Lynn Lucido
Betty Michelfelder
Luella Mikulski
Lix Pedersen
Becky Stefenelli

June Birthday

Tina Delgado
Marlene Hall
Mary Jackson
Janet Johnson
Carol Kock
Marion LoVerde
Ann Mastroisnni
Shelia May
Delores Strawser



Programs



Beverly Brooks

Newsletter time again and we celebrated many interesting programs.

In November Jill Andrews, Senior Sales and Marketing Director of Superior Residences of Brandon gave us a very informative presentation on dementia. With her great sense of humor she educated us on a very serious subject that many of us have or will face in our lives. The ladies really enjoyed it.

December brought our special Christmas luncheon at South Shore Falls Community Center. The ladies were once again entertained by "The Sounds of Time" choral group from East Bay High School under the direction of Brian NeSmith. They did not disappoint.



January we celebrated our ladies for their longevity in the club. A special congratulations to Sonja Davidson for her 40 years of service in the club



L-R standing: Claudia Gassett, 2nd VP Membership, Ginny Burrow (20yrs), Kathy Baryza (10yrs), Carol New-some (25yrs), Katherine Cintron, President.

L-R sitting: Janet Pizzichetti (35yrs), Sonja Davidson (40yrs), Beverley Brooks (10yrs), Beverly Fletchall (25yrs), Marion Loverde (10yrs). Unable to attend: Stephanie Betz (10yrs), Dottie Drouin (10yrs)



Beverly Brooks

Programs

In February Georgia Vahue of the Firehouse Cultural Center gave us a history of the center. The ABWC contributes money for scholarships so that children who might not otherwise be able to attend will have a chance to take part in some of their many programs.

Georgia Vahue, Beverly Books, and Katherine Cintron



March had the ladies learning about the health of Tampa Bay from Kimberly Yates, Research Oceanographer. Her presentation taught us about the unexpected benefit from sea grass recovery in Tampa Bay.


Once again I would like to ask anyone who may have suggestions for future programs to please email me the information.

Thank you.




Katherine Cintron, Beverly Books and Kimberly Yates

April 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Board Meeting	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 ABWC Luncheon Easter Hat Contest	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 UF Gulf Coast Research Center	18	19	20
	22	23	24	25 Book Club 10:00 am "Whistling Past the Graveyard"	26	27
28	29 Bridge and Other Fun Games 9:30 Apollo Beach Golf Club	30				

May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Board Meeting	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 ABWC Luncheon- Presentation of Scholar- ships & installation of officers	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 Book Club 10:00 am "Whistling Past the Graveyard"	24	25
26	27 Memorial Day 	28 Bridge and Other Fun Games 9:30 Apollo Beach Golf Club	29	30	31	

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