



Hibiscus Newsletter



President's Summer Message 2019

Welcome to a new year for the Apollo Beach Woman's Club! I am excited to serve as your President and looking forward to a fun year ahead.

We are off to a great start with over half of you renewing your memberships for 2019-2020. If you haven't renewed your membership, please do so today to our new V.P. of membership Liz Pedersen, 5813 Hidden Falls Lane, Apollo Beach. She can be reached at (813) 777-8215 or kenlizpedersen@msn.com.

A great big thank you to Peggy Palmeri for a successful bus tour to Savanna, Ga., which raised \$2,854 for our scholarship fund. So save the date for next year's bus tour to the Biltmore Estate and Asheville, NC. April 19th to April 24th 2020.

We will be meeting at Apollo Bistro for our luncheons the second Wednesday of the month starting in September so be sure

and mark those dates on your calendar as your executive board and committee chairs have planned an exciting year! On February 16, 2020, ABWC will be celebrating 60 years! You don't want to miss this celebration!

Your new executive board members and committee chairs are listed on page 3 of the newsletter. Thank you ladies for your dedication to our club.

Have a wonderful fun summer and I am looking forward to seeing you in September.

Claudia Gasset
President

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Friendship is a horizon which
Expands whenever
we approach it



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	Cyd Charrow	645-3959
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	Marcia Ward	677-9993
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	Teresa Wittmer	419-706-4021
Garden Club	Marie Wiegmann	645-0260
	Peggy Palmeri.....	741-2686
Hospitality	Kate Winch	645-1676
	Joan Kelly	922-4733
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Publicity	Kim Alkins.....	672-4462
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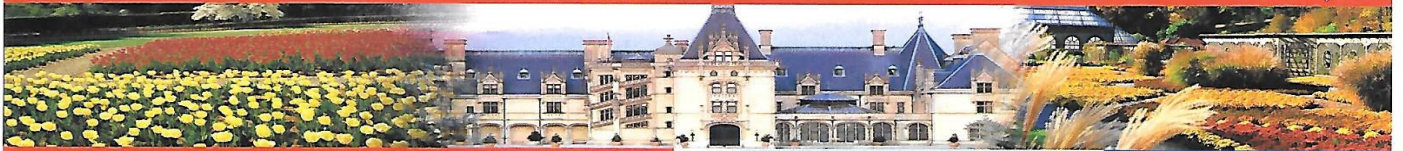


Adrienne Covais, Sharon Vasquez, Katherine Cintron, Claudia Gasset, Beverly Brooks, Sandy Dobratz
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Membership Programs



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- ◆ and much more

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Day 2: Today after enjoying a Continental Breakfast, you will continue towards your destination. Tonight, you'll enjoy Dinner before checking into your Asheville area hotel.

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

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 group trip will take you!

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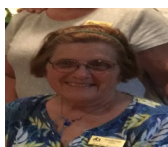
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Peggy Palmeri @ (586) 255-5958



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Jeanette Doyle

Scholarship News

Congratulations



Apollo Beach Woman's Club 2019 college scholarships totaled \$15,000 and awarded to 10 Recipients:

top row L-R: Jordan Rutherford, James-Patrick Green, Savannah Rogers, Trinity Rosado and Alex Henry. 2nd row L-R: Macy Gardner, Madison Corr, Catalina Street, Ani Hoyt and Oluwatobi Onalaja (Toby).

Adults: (far back row) L-R 2 ABWC member special scholarships (donors): Catherine Goodrich-Gusler (absent from photo) and Eileen Sengstock; ABWC Scholarship Committee members: Brenda Fricks, Sharon Vasquez, Pat Wilson and Dr. Brenda Harwood; (left front): ABWC Scholarship Committee members: Jeanette Doyle, ABWC Scholarship Chair and Katherine Cintron, ABWC President; (right front) College and Career Counsellors: Mia Felix - East Bay and Miriam King - Lennard High Schools; Bell Creek Academy (Charter School) no representative.

Scholarship News



Apollo Beach Woman's Club funded \$15,000 in college scholarships this year and all graduates are from East Bay, Lennard High Schools and Bell Creek Academy (Charter School). The 10 recipients were formally awarded at our 2019 May Apollo Beach Woman's Scholarship Luncheon held at the Apollo Bistro. Each received a \$1,500 scholarship. Six are attending a 4-year Florida University, two are finishing up their 2-year degree at a Community College, then transferring in the spring to a 4year university. Two specially funded scholarships by Catherine Goodrich-Gusler and Eileen Sengstock, club members. Catherine has generously shared her talents as VP of programs, Club president and scholarship committee chair over the years. Eileen is honoring her daughter posthumously.

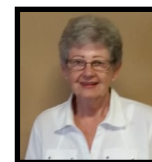
The scholarship awards are subject to funds available. To be eligible, scholarship applicant must be assigned to attend to either East Bay or Lennard High Schools, plan to attend a Florida college or university and submit a complete application by our deadline date. All applicants must meet the club's stated scholarship criteria: showing financial need, outstanding scholastic accomplishments, extracurricular activities, leadership roles, 2 recommendations, a 500-word student essay and the required community service hours.

The ABWC primary mission is to raise funds for college scholarships. Thank you to all club members and the community for supporting our efforts of fundraising for the benefit of the ABWC Scholarship Program.



Marie Wiegmann

GARDEN AND CRAFT CLUB



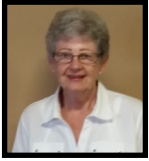
Peggy Palmeri

In April the Garden Club enjoyed a very interesting and informative guided tour of the UF Gulf Coast Research Education Center in Wimauma, followed by lunch at Ybor Grille in Ruskin.



On May 23rd we will have been on 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. 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. They are open to the public and I'm sure it would be a nice little road trip, if you were not able to have joined us on this trip.

At this time, Marie Wiegmann and I, Peggy Palmeri would like to thank everyone for joining us on all the beautiful Garden Trips and Crafts that we have done together over the last four years. Marie and I have chosen to step down from the Garden Club position and are now turning it over to two great ladies, Sara Dottellis and Gloria Brown. Marie and I have seen a sneak prevue of what they are planning for the 2019-2020 Club Activities, we are sure you will not be disappointed.



Peggy Palmeri

Savannah, Ga

The Apollo Beach Women's Club and Friends, had their third Annual Scholarship Fund Raiser Trip to Savannah Ga., Beaufort SC, and Jekyll Island. A great time was had by all attending.



Sunshine Committee



Sonja Davidson



Get Well Cards:

- Liz Pedersen
- Kaye Westerman
- Marica Ward
- Adrienne Covis
- Pat McChesney

Thinking of you card went to Betty Fay and Emma Dole

Eileen Sengstock Sympathy card for her brothers passing

Betty Fay passed away a Sympathy card to her family

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

These donations went to:

- Ruskin Elementary School
- South Shore Chamber of Commerce
- Cora Rehabilitation in Sun City Center

Winners of the Easter Hat Contest are:

1. Beautiful—Rachel Vincent
2. Class Style—Shenice (Wait staff Apollo Bristo)
3. Crazy Creative— Jeanette Doyle
4. Spring Hat— Diana (Wait staff Apollo Bristo)



Remember, anyone that is sick, or in need of a card, please call me.

Have a wonderful summer...see you in September!

“The only way to have a friend is to be a friend”

Thank you!

Sonja

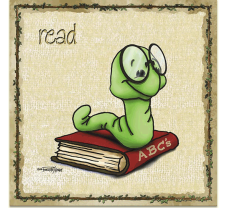
Club Activities



Sandy Dillmuth, Committee Chair,
Cyd Charrow

Book Club

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



This past year has been a very good year for the book club with interesting books and discussions. We "peeked" around the corner for gangsters in Ybor City; we rode north with the last cattle drive from Texas to Montana; we looked for a murderer on a cruise ship; and we stepped back in time and flew to Moscow and Poland. These are only a few of the adventures we enjoyed via the world of reading!

At the time of this writing there is just one meeting reminding. We will discuss "Lilac Girls" by Martha Hall Kelly. We will also review the nominations for reads for next year and cast our vote.

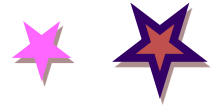
I would like to thank all the hostesses. We always had delicious refreshments as well as comfortable accommodations. Thank you to all of us who attended and contributed. It takes everyone of us to have a successful club!





Sharron Brunk

Bridge Club



Bridge and Other Fun

Our Bridge and Games Group met in March and April, with tables of Bridge, Hand and Foot, and Rummikub.

We changed our May date to May 28 so that we did not conflict with the Memorial Day Holiday. New games are being offered to club members who like the idea of socializing with others while playing cards or a board game. We could offer Mahjonn or possibly Scrabble if there is interest in the future.

During the summer, we will play our regularly scheduled fourth Monday, June 24, July 22 and August 26, and welcome back vacationers in September on the 23rd. Time is 9:30 am until about noon. Plan to stay for lunch (on your own order) if there are 2 or more interested.

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

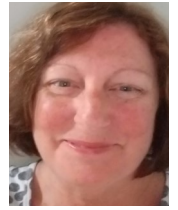
Regular members are contacted by email and phone to make reservations so that we have sufficient numbers for bridge or any other games offered. Please call Sharron Brunk at 813-672-3553 or email at sharrbrunk@aol.com. Spouses are welcome if so desired.



Culture Club



Carol Kock



Teresa Wittmer

March 20, 2019, was our last Culture Club event: "Dolphin's Quest" in Madeira Beach. We were excited to learn that John's Pass was first created by a Hurricane in 1848. In June 1985, the movie "Cocoon" was filmed in a little pink pool house and was directed by Ron Howard.

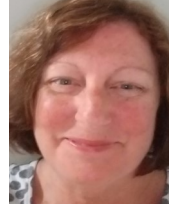


ABWC
Dolphin Quest
private tour



Carol Kock

Culture Club



Teresa Wittmer

Our guide showed us where the CEO of Levi Strauss lives. We saw where Al Capone once lived and the restaurant, where he ate. Also, the house once owned by Brach Candy.



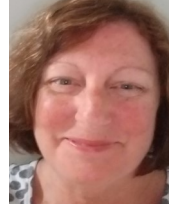
Our guide took us to a small island where the bird sanctuary is and told us about the different breeds of birds on the island.





Carol Kock

Culture Club



Teresa Wittmer



The 3rd Dolphin is
"Notch". See his
fin.

We truly had a great guide and an enjoyable day. Some said that they would do this tour again.



Beverly Fletchall
Committee Chair

Community Service

As the year, 2018 - 2019, for the Apollo Beach Woman's Club is coming to an end, the Community Service has helped many needy people in our South Shore area. Each month of our ABWC year the Community Service has made a difference in many lives. Your kindness will always be remembered.



What an honor to belong to such a great club that is full of social fun and yet is always in the acts of kindness to help those in need.

Thanks to all of you members who have been of such great support to Community Service.





Claudia Gasset

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

New Members

Apollo Beach Woman's Club is a wonderful club. We give back to our community and surrounding communities with open hearts! Please renew your membership dues by June 15! Annual Dues are \$25.00 and please send your check to: Liz Pedersen 5813 Hidden Falls Lane Apollo Beach FL 33572. Liz is your new MEMBERSHIP VP.



June:

Tina Delgado
 Marlene Hall
 Mary Jackson
 Janet Johnson
 Carol Kock
 Marion LoVerde
 Ann Mastroianni
 Sheila May
 Dee Strawser
 Linda White

August:

Joan Andersen
 Connie Brewer
 Sandra Dillmuth
 Mary Haggart
 Roz Hensor
 Judith Pieper
 Janet Pizzichetti
 Yolanda Sullivan
 Nancy Turco
 Nancy Weschrob

July:

Linda Benz
 Linda Cockerham
 Texie Davis
 Nancy Ducharme
 Sylvia Gordon
 Dr. Brenda Harewood
 Lyn Hodgson
 Helene Reich
 Jennifer Stendahl

September:

Joan Bolla
 Jeanne Bush
 Dottie Drouin
 Janice Gibson
 Nancy Grubb
 Marry Haggard
 Barbara Hamel
 Donna Keach
 Helen Monte
 Linda Reynolds



Programs



Beverly Brooks

Starting in September we will, hear from Jim Williams who will tell us how Goodwill serves our community.

October we will have Debbie VanOre enlighten us on the group, "100 Women"

November we have the pleasure of welcoming James Van Aulen Jr. who will tell us what it takes to be a 'War Dog'

December we will once again be entertained by "The Sounds of Time" brought to us by Brian NeSmith from East Bay High school

January is our annual presentation of Longevity awards.

February the Hillsborough County Fire Department will give us tips on home security.

March, Denyve Boyle of Community Foundation of Tampa Bay will share unique ways community members can be creative with their philanthropy.

April, Robin Valeri, Professor of Psychology, will tell us about Cyber Hate Crimes.

May will once again be the presentation of scholarships and the installation of officers.

Thank you Jeanette for the wonderful scholarship presentation to our young recipients.

September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Labor Day	3	4 Board Meeting	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 ABWC Luncheon	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 Bridge/other games	24	25	26 Book Club	27	28
29	30					

October 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Board Meeting	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 ABWC Luncheon	10	11	12
13	14 Columbus Day	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Book Club	25	26
27	28 Bridge/Other Games	29	30	31 Halloween		

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