

Apollo Beach Woman's Club

Hibiscus Newsletter



Hi Ladies,

2020 is here and it is already February! At this month's meeting, we are celebrating Valentine's Day and Woman's Heart Month. Be sure and wear red to the luncheon on February 12th. March brings us St. Patrick's Day and April is our Easter Hat Contest.

Thank you for all support to our fundraisers. Our Bake Less Bake Sale brought in \$1430.00. The Paint Party was held Saturday, January 18th and the April Trip to the Biltmore is full.

Our 60th year celebration of Apollo Beach Woman's Club Claudia is being held at Southshore Falls Clubhouse on February 16th. Be sure and get your ticket from Katherine Cintron at the February

President's Winter 2020 Message

luncheon. Members are free and guests are \$16.00. You don't want to miss this fun event! We are proud to say we are 60 years old!

I want to thank you from your board in recognizing the need to raise the annual dues to \$40.00. Your dues will be going to help with the operating expenses. If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know.

We do need at least one more fundraiser for the year. Please help us with suggestions and help us make this a successful year.

See you soon,

Hugs,

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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

Fundraiser: Paint Party

The ABWC Paint Party was on January 18th. We earned \$420 toward the scholarship fund. All participants enjoyed the painting experience led by artist & presenter Laina Carlos, while applying skills learned to create "the girl with the umbrella". We had a delicious brunch supplied by the participants. Laina was assisted by 2 helpers from East Bay HS, who earned 4 community service hours toward graduation. They were pleasantly surprised to learn the ABWC offers a college scholarship this year.

- Jeanette Doyle



Photo: Sitting on the floor in front of the group. L-R are Anaiyan Warmack, graduating senior from East Bay (career goal is nursing); Artist & Presenter - Laina Carlos; and McKenzie Brown, graduating senior from East Bay (career goal is nursing).

60th Anniversary Celebration



The 60th Anniversary Celebration program will include a continuous slide show of photographs of the many club community projects and membership activities over the years, a historical trivia contest and a table with interesting historical displays. Bob Hite, once an Apollo Beach resident but now retired from WFLA Channel 8 as a Newscaster, will share some of his insight about his interactions with the club. A couple of ABWC scholarship recipients will join the celebration and provide an update on their status. There will be a catered lunch and music will be provided by Universoul Entertainment. In closing, a cake will be served, video interviews shown of long-time members and the 2020 ABWC Time Capsule shared.

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Fundraiser: Bus Trip (Space may still be available)

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- 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!



View the Blue Ridge Mountains.



Grand Victorian architecture.



The Blue Ridge Parkway Visitor Center.



One of the Biltmore's many gardens.

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,

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

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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Scholarships

One of the ABWC main objectives is to provide scholarships for high school graduates going to college. The committee is looking forward to interviewing students residing in Apollo Beach (33572) and/or are zoned to attend East Bay or Lennard high school.

The scholarship application and criteria have been placed on our website: <u>http://www.apollobeachwomansclub.com/scholarship-info.html</u>. We hope members will become familiar with the criteria so you can promote the scholarship program with your family, friends and acquaintances.

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.

If students attend East Bay or Lennard High School, applications are due on February 20 to the Guidance Counselor at the high school. Other students meeting the residency requirements will mail the applications to Sharon Vasquez by February 20.

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



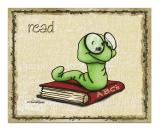


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BOOK CLUB



Chair: Sandy Dillmuth





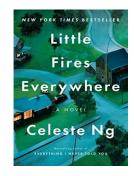
Chair: Cyd Charrow

- The Book Club held its Holiday Party on Jan. 2nd, and a great time was had by all (16 ladies) who participated.
- There was a Book Sale at the January luncheon. Fiction/non-fiction books brought in by members were sold for \$1.
- The Book Club met Jan. 30th at Cyd Charrow's home to discuss "Where the Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owens.



February 27:

"Becoming" by Michele Obama Marlene Hall, Hostess; Nancy Vance, Co-Hostess



March 26:

"Little Fires Everywhere" by Celeste Ng Barbara Lamneck, Hostess

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 early December for our holiday bridge date, as the usual 4th Monday fell between the Christmas and New Year holidays. We enjoyed 2 tables of bridge.

Our January game date was January 27, so by the time of Newsletter printing, it will have past.

We will be looking forward to games Monday, February 24, at 9:30 am, at our usual location at the Apollo Beach Golf Club Café located at 801 Golf and Sea Blvd. Offerings presently include bridge, hand and foot, and Rummikub. Husbands are welcome to join us for play, if they are so inclined.

We will discuss a game day luncheon for February and make plans if it is generally approved. Looking ahead our March date comes early on the 4th Monday of the month, March 23.

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 <u>sharbrunk@aol.com</u>. Spouses are welcome if so desired.





CULTURE CLUB



Chair: Carol Kock



The Culture Club trip for January was WEEKI Wachee Springs. The weather was perfect for a morning boat ride down the river. Did you know the average depth of the river is only 1-4 feet with a water temperature year round of 72-74 degrees. Not an ideal location for alligators with the river being so shallow.

We watched an underwater performance in an aquarium-like setting in the springs. The mermaids swim with the fish and turtles.

Before heading home we enjoyed a wildlife show with snakes and a baby alligator.

On December 5th Apollo Beach Woman's Club board members spread some holiday cheer by singing and giving out beautiful pine cone ornaments along with warm cozy blankets (gifts made by ABWC members) to the residents at the Palm Gardens Nursing home in Sun City Center.



There are no Culture Club events scheduled for February & March.

GARDEN AND CRAFT CLUB

Chair: Sara Dottellis



Chair: Gloria Brown

Christmas Plant Exchange and Pot Luck Lunch

Our Christmas Plant Exchange and Pot Luck Lunch was held on Tuesday December 17, 2019. The event was hosted by Sara Dottellis & Gloria Brown. We played a few games, had a great lunch, and exchanged beautiful plants. A fun time was had by all!

Upcoming in February:

Sunken Gardens Tour 1825 4th St N St Petersburg

Please join us on:

Wednesday, February 19, 2020

We are meeting at 9 AM leaving at 9:15AM from the RT 41 and 19th AVE South Publix parking lot.

Cost: \$8.00

Lunch is at 1:00 at the Three Birds Tavern.

Enjoy a stroll through the Sunken Gardens meandering paths, lush with exotic plants from around the world. Explore cascading waterfalls and beautiful gardens. Sunken Gardens also welcomes New Flamingos.

Upcoming in March:

Come out and enjoy making your own Fused Glass necklace

Wednesday, March 18, 2020

JoAnne Wedge will help us create our own designs.

Time: 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Where: Apollo Beach Recreation Center

664 Golf & Sea Blvd. Apollo Beach FL

Cost: \$20.00 per person

Bring a dish to share.

Hosted by Sara & Gloria

813-992-4235 for more information

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COMMUNITY SERVICE



Chair: Marcia Ward

Chair: Beverly Fletchall

A Merry Christmas to Families in Need

Because of the generosity of the Apollo Beach Woman's Club members, three families were given Christmas gifts they wanted and gift cards for Christmas food.

Guidance counselors from three elementary schools, Apollo Beach, Doby and Ruskin, selected a family in need to receive gifts they would like to have and a gift card for food for Christmas. The Apollo Beach Woman's members purchased gifts of clothing, shoes, toys and other requested gifts by the families.



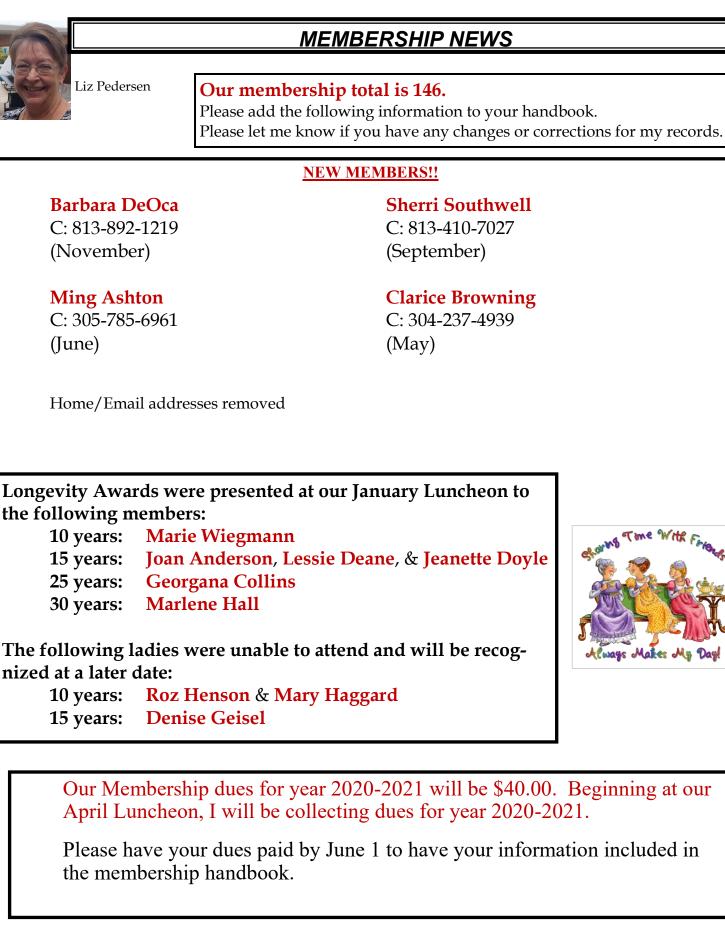


Photos taken at the December ABWC holiday luncheon. L-R: ABWC Community Service members Mary Lou Cunningham & Beverly Fletchall (chair), standing in front of gifts donated by ABWC members for families in need at local elementary schools, Apollo Beach, Doby, and Ruskin.



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Time With A



SUNSHINE NEWS



Chair: Sonja Davidson

Thinking of You cards went to:

Tanya Alderman Gloria Brown Kay Westerman



A sympathy card sent to past ABWC member Terry Antitoda whose husband passed away.

Birthday cards were sent to ladies with birthdays in December and January.

Thanks to everyone who gave me cards, calendars, pens, and pads. Without the cards I wouldn't be able to send out so many birthday, thinking of you, and get well wishes. I give out the other things to places like the Cora Physical Therapy in Sun City and Creative World School. I delivered copies of the Holiday Newsletter to the Southshore Chamber of Commerce and other businesses. Whenever they see me coming, they smile and are happy to receive the items.



Get Well cards sent to:

Denise Geisel Nancy Grubb



The Sunshine Lady was sick as well, but I am feeling much better.

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



Remember to mention to the advertiser that <u>YOU SAW</u> their advertisement in The ABWC <u>Hibiscus</u>



February

Anderson, Nicole Anderson, Lisa Collier, Diane Covais, Adrienne Davidson, Sonja Fricks, Brenda Gannon, Phyllis Gassett, Claudia Lively, Fay Myers, Dottie Newcomer, Robin <u>March</u> Billings, Judy Brown, Gloria Brunk, Sharron Clark, Jennifer Coupal, Sally Deane, Lessie Drizd, Ann Elsberry, Phyllis Fletchall, Beverly McKee, Grace Palmeri, Peggy Parisen, Ann Quinn, Sherry Waronka, Diane





PROGRAMS



Beverley Brooks



Photos taken at the Dec 2019 Holiday luncheon.

Members were treated to the melodic sounds of The East Bay Choral Group, "Sounds of Time" directed by Brian NeSmith.

Photo taken at the ABWC Jan 2020 Longevity Awards Luncheon. We recognized members active 10, 15, 20 years or more (active years in parentheses):

Pictured L-R: Marie Wiegmann (10 yrs.), Joan Andersen (15 yrs.), Lessie Deane (15 yrs.), Jeanette Doyle (15 yrs.), Georgana Collins (25 yrs.), & Marlene Hall (35 yrs.).

Unable to attend: Denise Geisel (15 yrs.), Roz Henson (10 yrs.) & Mary Haggard (10 yrs.).



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

February 12th we will have a representative from the Hillsborough County Fire Department give us tips on home safety.

March 11th Denyve Boyle, Director of the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay will share unique ways community members can be creative with their philanthropy.

-Beverley Brooks

LUNCHEON MENUS

Apollo Bistro, Apollo Beach

February 12, 2020

Grilled Chicken Wrap Artichoke Caesar Salad with Chicken Brownie or Fruit

March 11, 2020

Chicken Cordon Bleu, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans Hawaiian Chicken Salad with Bread Cheese 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.

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 <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

LADIES LUNCHEON



February 2020

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| 16 <mark>60th</mark> Anniversary | 17 | 18 | 19 Garden & Craft Club Event | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23 | 24 Bridge & Other Games | 25 | 26 | 27 Book Club | 28 | 29 |

March 2020

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Save the Date

v February 16, 2020, 60th Anniversary Luncheon: At Southshore Falls.

April 19 to 24, 2020, Bus Tour: To the Biltmore Estate and Ashville, NC.

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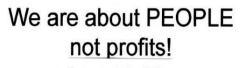
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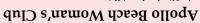


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