

DESTIN WOMAN'S CLUB

NEWSLETTER

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THE NEXT DWC BOARD MEETING

Date: Wednesday, January 6, 2010
 Time: 10:30 a.m. Executive Board
 Time: 11:15 a.m. Governing Board
 Place: Destin Methodist Church Life Center

**Next meeting and luncheon is Wednesday January 13, 2010
 Cafe 790 On the Gulf
 Located in the Inn at Crystal Beach, Scenic Hwy 98.**

**Social Time 11:00 a.m.
 Speaker 11:30 a.m.
 Lunch Noon
 Business Meeting 12:30 p.m.
 Reservations and Menu: see the last page**

PROGRAMS....Denise Dobelek

Our January program will be 2 'Spotlights'.

A 'Spotlight' of our newest Platinum Sponsor, Peter Bennett of Mecca Productions. Also, a 'Spotlight' by Destin Mayor Craig Barker regarding the Destin Fisherman's Fund, its history and purpose.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER....Sandi McClanahan

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Dear Friends,

This week my family had a big scare. My two children came home from school to find a stranger's van parked in an odd place out near the carport. My daughter noticed someone hiding in the bushes and then scaling the fence. They quickly went into the house and my son immediately noticed his Xbox was missing. They knew then that the man in the yard was a thief and called 911. Due to their description of the van and the man in the yard, a deputy on patrol was able to spot the stolen vehicle in town and later (after a high speed chase which lead to a crash on Okaloosa Island and some serious injuries) take him into custody. Needless to say, this incident shook up my family. When I think of the dangers that were lurking for my kids, and the alternative outcomes that could have happened, I shudder. All I want to do now is hold my kids close and tell them that I love them. As we head into the New Year, I hope we can all focus on the important things in life: our family and friends. Strong friendships help to sustain us in troubled times and help to make our club a desirable place. My hope for 2010 is a club where friendships can thrive, which will create an environment for women to reach their full potential. When we are at our best, we can do the best for our community.

Our next priority as a club is to plan a spring fundraiser. Ladies we need you to come up with some great ideas. If you have not already done so, please send all your ideas to Kate Callicotte, who has graciously stepped up to help plan our next event which will benefit the Fisher House of the Emerald Coast and/or our family fund. Our community needs us.

Blessings and hugs to you all in 2010.

At your service,
Sandi

Your Ideas are Needed!

Please submit your fundraiser ideas (large or small) to Kate Callicotte

Katecallicotte@aol.com

Would you like to help out with the next fashion show?

Please let Kate know in what area you would like to serve?

FAMILY FUND....Beth Ann Cox

Hello Ladies,

First I hope every one has had the Merriest & safest Christmas Season.

Thank you all for your wonderful clean donations. Some of these items were used as gifts and some given to those who needed them. ALL are very appreciated.

The Family with 7 foster children was so surprised with our donation of \$150.00 gift card to Wal-mart that the Mother cried and the Father stood there with his mouth hanging open. They told me they have never experienced such unrequited kindness. Yes, of course I cried also.

I am just so proud of our women to make this big of a difference in the lives of others through our Family Fund. THAT, my ladies, is what this season is all about! Give and you shall receive.

May we carry on the spirit of giving through out the year though our endeavors as a club and as individuals.

God Bless,

Beth Ann

JANUARY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

Wendy Schmutz	Jan 2
Amy Meyer	Jan 7
Glenda Jernigan	Jan 9
Mary Brakebill	Jan 11
Dorothy Robinson	Jan 12
Diana Van Oeveren	Jan 12
Susan Frishman	Jan 18
Cindy Posey	Jan 21
Margie Foutz	Jan 23

**Prayers for members...Helen McMillan**

We are all in tip top shape for Christmas

**MEMBERSHIP.... Margie Foutz**

Please welcome these new members when you see them at the next luncheon.

Beth Beno
Ann Flanagan
Kathleen Hall
Amy Meyer
Ashley Studl
Sandra Williams



RECORDING SECRETARY....MAGGI GROGAN
DESTIN WOMAN'S CLUB
MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING
DECEMBER 9, 2009

What a jolly time we had at Flemings on Wednesday. Everyone arrived loaded with gifts and goodies for the Angel Tree, Toys for Tots, and Santa gifts for members.

After social time, President Sandi McClanahan called the meeting to order at 11:35, and asked Cindy Posey for her invocation. Following Cindy's timely message, Sandi introduced several guests and also 4 new members. Welcome all!

Sandi went on to say that the Minutes of the November meeting were available in the Newsletter, and that Margie Foutz had put copies of the financial report on all the tables. She then handed over to VP Kate Callicotte who announced the December birthday girls, Pat Smythe and Lydia Rush.

Kate told everyone that she had analyzed the responses from the fundraising survey at the last meeting and placed a synopsis on all the tables. The Executive Board will be working on the suggestions and presenting ideas at upcoming meetings. We will be planning a small fundraiser in Spring 2010 to benefit Fisher House and/or Family Fund.

In her role overseeing the Sponsorship Task Force, Kate reported that she had held a meeting of the STF committee on December 7. As a result of the meeting, it had been decided that the 2010 sponsorship campaign will run from July 1 through December 2010. Hopefully, this will be better for our sponsors as it will coincide with their financial years and help with their budgeting. Kate also placed cards on the tables so that members can give suggestions of companies to be approached by the committee as Sponsors. If you know of a possible company, please let Kate know.

Sandi thanked Kate for her work on the Sponsorship Task Force, and then handed over the microphone to Sherry Sheldon for an update on the Destin Christmas Parade on December 12th. The theme of the parade is "Christmas Movies" and our entry will illustrate "White Christmas". Sherry outlined where and when volunteers should arrive for the parade.

Margie Foutz then addressed the meeting to remind everyone of the Christmas Social on December 10th at Kelly Plantation. It is not too late to put your name down to attend. Mary Rose Hidalgo has details of what food is needed.

After a very tasty lunch, the main event of the day began with a Christmas story told by Cindy Posey, and then SANTA HIMSELF!! I guess all our members had been very good this year, because Santa had gifts for everyone, and wished everyone a MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Cafe 790 on the Gulf

Mediterranean Shrimp Salad

Large Gulf Shrimp, ripe tomatoes and mushrooms, tossed with homemade olive oil-based dressing with fresh garlic, fresh-cut basil & oregano. Served over a bed of spinach.

or

Grilled Chicken & Andouille Sausage tossed in a flavorful Creole Sauce with Pasta

Warm Southern Louisiana Bread Pudding with a whiskey butter sauce

RESERVATION GUIDELINES: [Please try to pay before the meeting]

Reservations are required **and must be made no later than the Friday [by noon] preceding the Wednesday meeting.**

Mail your check as soon as you make your reservation.

Please note: If you cannot make the luncheon and do not cancel your reservation in time you will be charged for your lunch.

RESERVATIONS FOR D.W.C. LUNCHEON— Your reservation must be in by noon Friday, January 8, 2010.

Send to: Georgeia Pappas-Johnson, 2067 Crystal Lake Drive, Miramar Beach, FL 32550 Tel: 622-0014

Email: gpappas-johnson@cox.net

MEMBER: _____ \$20.00 CK# _____

GUEST: _____ \$20.00 CK# _____