



The Wave

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Welcome Back



President's Corner

Michele Davis

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Hello, ladies! I do hope this issue of the Wave finds you healthy and safe. This has been an extremely challenging year for our group – social distancing is not what we are about under normal circumstances. As you know, our activities have been mightily curtailed as we weather the pandemic. Some groups were able to continue meeting as I have relayed to you in prior communications. Others are now trying to restart gatherings. What most of us learned during this respite is how much we enjoy each other and our social activities. I know I miss the camaraderie we share and have heard the same from others. So we will attempt to carry on as restrictions are lifted and safe gatherings allow.

Our new computer system has sent emails to all current members for membership renewal. At last year's Annual Meeting, we changed the membership year to run from July 1 to June 30, to more appropriately align with our activities. Under normal circumstances most groups meet from August/September through May/June, only a few meet all year round. Covid-19 has certainly altered our schedule, but we will try to move forward.

We have rescheduled our Spring 2020 Luncheon/20 Year Celebration to October 23 at Poseidon in Shelter Cove. This luncheon will serve as our Fall Luncheon, Fall business meeting, and 20 Year Celebration. We have plans to use the second floor, which is open air and has a lovely view of Broad Creek. Please mark your calendars and save the date! Invitations through our website will be forthcoming.

The Executive Board and Standing Committee participants are forging ahead and making plans for FALL 2020 / SPRING 2021. We hope to continue to pursue the spirit of community for all women living in Palmetto Dunes, Shelter Cove, and Leamington. If anyone is inclined to take a more active role in the workings of the activities, such as becoming a group activity leader, please let us know. We are currently looking for leaders of Happy Tizers, Pedal Pushers, Lunch and a Movie, and Knitwits. With the assistance of the computer system, it is a much easier task than in years past.

I hope to see you all sooner rather than later as we forge forward into Fall 2020!

Stay Safe,
Michele

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2017 Fall Luncheon - "We'll meet again..."

Vice President's Comments

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Hang on to the PDWC! Hang in there for the PDWC! During this time when we all feel so disconnected from everyone and everything, it is nice to know the Club is still here. We're all just a phone call or an email and, for some groups, a Zoom meeting away. So while we are very quiet at the moment, think of the iconic WW2 song (even mentioned by Queen Elizabeth a short while ago).

"We'll meet again, don't know where, don't know when,
But I know we'll meet again some sunny day!"
Missing everyone!
Nancy



Membership News

Our 2020-2021 membership year begins July 1st. To renew online go to <https://pdwc.wildapricot.org/join-us>

New Member Welcome Group

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This group is for all New Members or recent members who would like to meet other new members and obtain information about our organization and various groups. Board members and group leaders attend when able to share information. A visual presentation of the web page is offered.

As we recover from the Pandemic and open our island up, group meetings will resume when appropriate. At



2018 New Member Tea

this time there are no teas scheduled but hopefully as fall approaches we will be able to resume the New Member Teas. New members as of July 1, 2020 will be automatically enrolled in the group. Anyone who joined recently and would like to attend a tea please contact me. If you are a new member and do not want to be included contact me to be removed from the group list. Looking forward to seeing you in the near future.

Helping our Neighbors

Palmetto Dunes Cares Food Drive

July 11

Volunteers & Donations Needed

The members of the PD Women's Club have a long history of helping others in our Island community. PDWC members Phyllis Napoli & Kerry Case asked us to pass along this information. Contact Kerry or Phyllis if you have any questions.

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A little sunshine needed?

If you know of a PD Women's Club member who needs a little bit of cheering up due to health issues or loss of a loved one, please contact our Sunshine Person,

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Many thanks to our Club Historian (& VP), Nancy Soifer, for providing group photos from past years used throughout this issue of *The Wave*.



PALMETTO DUNES CARES FOOD DRIVE

SATURDAY, JULY 11

8:00AM-2:00PM

KING NEPTUNE STATUE

13 Harbourside - SHELTER COVE

DONATIONS OF NON-PERISHABLE FOOD AND/OR
\$10 GIFT CARDS TO WALMART, PUBLIX OR KROGER

ALL DONATIONS GO TO
SANDALWOOD COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY
Helping to feed and nourish Hilton Head Community
residents that are in need



Beach Sweepers

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Lucky for our group, we have been able to keep our group going through the Covid shut down!!

Mama turtles are laying their eggs, & we need to make sure the trash is picked up & the holes are filled in!!

We meet the first Tuesday of each month at 8:00 am at the Dunes House. Bring a bucket or trash bag & gloves!! Enjoy a stroll on the beach with friends, and help keep our beach clean!!



Keeping Busy & Active in a Pandemic....

INTEREST GROUP NEWS!

For contact information for all our Interest Groups visit www.pdwc.wildapricot.org

Athletic Endeavors

Nine & Whine

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Nine & Whine meets once a month to play nine holes of golf with ladies of different handicaps to have fun and meet other members who like to play. We play fun games - individual or teams - to even out the playing field. A different member hosts each month to decide the game, the teams, and provide prizes. This past year we played our local PD courses as well as a few local island courses. Besides Fazio, we played at Port Royal, Shipyard, and Oyster Reef. It was nice to get outside, while safely distancing, to enjoy the weather and friendly company.

This coming year, we will initially limit our play to the Fazio and Arthur Hills courses where some of our members can use their private golf carts. Join us to play some golf, have fun, and maybe - take home the prize.

Pedal Pushers

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Covid can't stop us! Pedal Pushers had super spring rides. Sharon Cheney led a ride to Main Street and a splendid lunch at Mixx for February. Patty Courtney led us on an undaunted Bridge Loop ride in March. In April we had a "Social Distance" ride to Jarvis Creek Park lead by Debbie Esposito. We each packed our own lunches. Lennel Stroud has this super electric bike, but we have bikers who can out-race her -- except me. I am



one of the slow bikers just trying to enjoy the beautiful nature and creatures on this island. Hope you'll come join us in this Fall. MEETS 3rd Wednesday each Month, September to May.



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There remains at least one group (during COVID) that can safely gather, " Rowing on Broad Creek". Deb or Marty are available for lessons if you enjoy physical activity, being on the water and desire to learn a new skill. Call or text Marty Davis or Deb Esposito.

Adventures Around Town

Gallery Hopping

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This group visits galleries and cultural destinations in the area. "Hops" are selected based upon what's current and seasonal. No hops are planned yet but members will be advised over email when we will resume. Many galleries and art destinations have reopened with precautions taken for safety. Please support the ARTS!

Single Ladies

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This group officially meets once a month. Each month a different member, or two working together, plan(s) an event or social evening for the group. We have done such things as having an informal evening at a member's home, attending events at the Town Center Park, the Discovery Museum, Mitchelville Park, attending a performance at the Jazz Corner, a sunset cruise out of the Salty Dog, an educational session learning all about sea turtles and many other fun activities. If any one of us has an idea for something extra to do in any given month, the member simply sends an email to all our members with details and organizes the event. New members are always welcome. This group is mostly made up of widows and divorced single women. We are a fun loving group that enjoys getting together and doing different things.

Island Hoppers

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We would all love to be going on exciting adventures together exploring all that our Island and nearby destinations have to offer. But, of course, that's not possible right now. Island Hoppers will be on hold until we all feel safe to socially come together once again.



Checking the map

*Island Hoppers
November, 2018*

Movie and a Bite to Eat

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Movie and a Bite to Eat will be taking the summer off. I hope that we will be able to continue our group in September when things hopefully have improved with the virus and the tourists have gone home. Our group meets at a local restaurant for dinner, then selects a movie for that evening. If no movie appeals to us, we just enjoy fun and conversation with friends old & new.

Lunch and a Movie

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Well, what an interesting year for the movie crew. We started in September with pretty good size groups attending lunches at Red Fish, CharBar, and Charlie's to name but three. We also saw some interesting movies like Knives Out, Rocketman, and Downton Abbey. And then the theaters went dark. Sorry to say Covid-19 has closed the theaters and the restaurants for group dining so we have been on hold since March 2020. The plan is to begin again in the Fall, providing all goes well. So, for the group, let's plan on reuniting in September (if we can).

As for coping during the pandemic, just about everyone I have talked to has watched and streamed shows on TV we would have never thought of seeing or doing before. I believe one plus from this experience is, we are all a little bit more technically talented. Looking forward to the Fall!

Book Clubs



Book Club I

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We will start with the three books we did not get to discuss in March - May:

Educated by Tara Westover
Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens
Daughter of Molokai by Alan Brennert

Selections for the balance of the year will be made after we begin the year. Our usual meeting date and time is the 1st Wednesday at 1:30. Details about how and where we meet will be sent in August.

Book Club III

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Social distancing has changed how Book Club 3 meets but we are still discussing books every month by using Zoom. An unexpected benefit has been we can now include members who leave for the summer. It has also been fun hearing about all the books our members have been able to read with the extra time at home. One of our members has been sheltering a beautiful fawn in her yard this spring. Another has discovered a cache of diaries written by her great-grandfather, a U.S. military officer, and is having a wonderful experience connecting with her personal history. All of us are trying to make something meaningful out of this unexpected time in our lives.

BC3 is still using the PDWC website to provide information and register for meetings, the first Wednesday of the month at 7pm. We are discussing **Little Fires Everywhere** by Celeste Ng in July and **The Silent Patient** by Alex Michaelides in August. We will continue to meet using Zoom for the time being.

Book Club Too!

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We completed our year on June 24 with our last ZOOM meeting (I hope). We will resume our meetings on Sept. 2 with **Virgins of Paradise** by Barbara Wood.

That meeting will be hosted by Jan Vaughn.



Book Club V

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Book Club V is currently reading **The Power of One** by Bryce Courteney. We are having a Zoom meeting on July 15th.

On August 19th, we will meet again on Zoom to discuss **Something in the Water** by Catherine Steadman.

We recently read **The Underground Girls of Kabul** by Jenny Nordberg but unfortunately my Zoom had to be updated so we had to cancel that discussion.

Mystery Lover's Book Club

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Our first book will be the one postponed in March, **The Daughter of Time** by Josephine Tey. We will make other selections when we resume meeting. Our usual meeting date and time is the 2nd Monday at 10:30. Details about where we will meet will be sent to members in August.



Cocktails and Appetizers



Happy Tizers

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Our easy-going group got together in September (Mary Ann Hanna), November (Heather Wilkauskas), January (Cindy Sheppard). March and May were "Covid cancelled". The hostess provides her home, plates and cups, and a dessert. The guests bring an appetizer to share, their beverage of choice, and her plus-one. Thank you to our hostesses. THIS GROUP IS LOOKING FOR A NEW LEADER FOR THE 2020/21 YEAR. If you are interested, please call or email Cindy Sheppard. You can also contact the club's vice-president, Nancy Soifer directly. It's a very low-key responsibility, but I am retiring from it after 3 years of service.



*For the safety of all, many of our Happy Hour and Dining Groups have not met in recent months. As we move through and beyond these difficult times, watch for updates from the Group Leaders. We know they are all anxious to get back together for some fun with their PD Women's Club friends, and maybe have a cocktail or two!
Cheers!*

Tasty Tidbits

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Due to the intimate nature of our group, we have been out of business since March. Our next get-together is yet to be determined. We are a group of singles and couples who enjoy getting together for tasty appetizers and pleasant conversation. We met and hope to meet every other month at a member's home. Everyone brings an appetizer to share and personal beverage. Dessert and coffee are provided by the hostess. There is a limit of twenty people so smaller venues can be utilized. Let's hope we can kick off in the Fall.

Cocktails and Nibbles

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Cocktails and Nibbles is a group comprising couples and singles who enjoy Happy Hour cocktails and appetizers at local restaurants. Due to restaurants on Hilton Head being open only for takeout, our activities have been on hold since early March.

As restrictions are now beginning to ease, we have identified two options that might be acceptable to our members who are comfortable meeting in a location that is either outside or that has enough space for social distancing and ventilation. For the Fall, we can consider the following:

- Michael Anthony's Market for cocktails and appetizers. The group would order from Michael Anthony's Market menu and outdoor seating can be an option, weather permitting.
- Hilton Head Distillery for a rum tasting and we can bring our own appetizers. The group would be limited to 20 people and the event would be held inside the Distillery's spacious tasting room.

Be on the lookout for an email from Kathy Reynolds to gauge interest in these options.

Dining Adventures

Culinary Adventures

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Culinary Adventures is a group comprising couples and singles who are interested in exploring food while participating in interesting activities. Due to the fact that most events are held in members' homes, gatherings for Culinary Adventures have been on hiatus since early March.

Finding creative opportunities that meet the needs of the group and honoring their various comfort levels will happen over the next few weeks as we take the pulse of members. Stay tuned for a survey email from Kathy Reynolds to explore options for the Fall and beyond.



Not So Gourmet

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This group has been gathering for many years and hopefully we'll be back by October to enjoy the fun and gourmet delights.

We meet October, December, February, April and June. Each couple either hosts or co-hosts so everyone participates. The hostesses provide the main course and those attending bring a dish and their own beverage. The exception is December: hostesses provide dessert and all others bring an appetizer.

Hostesses decide what their celebration will look like: Casual, formal, brunch, picnic!
I hope current couples will continue and others will join in the fun.

Pot Luck Party

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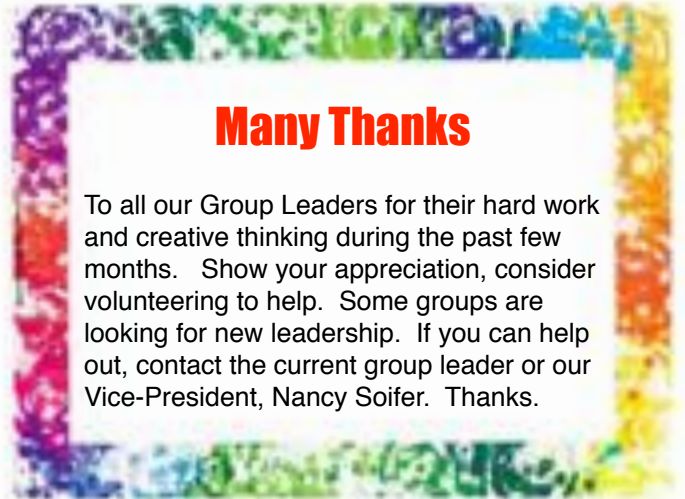
We don't always have a theme for the evening, but you can be sure, we always have a good time. The hosts pick the main dish, & the rest of us fill in with the necessary dishes!! It is BYOB of course.

We meet sometime during the first 2 weeks of the month. Hostess picks the date, and we meet about 10 times during the year, depending on everyone's schedule!!

Nadia and Michael entertained us in November with a delicious Pork dish. January found us at the Henderson's with 3 soups to keep us warm!! Marty & Richard served us wonderful Shrimp & Rice dish in March. Then, the lockdown started!! We are looking forward to seeing everyone again!!

Many Thanks

To all our Group Leaders for their hard work and creative thinking during the past few months. Show your appreciation, consider volunteering to help. Some groups are looking for new leadership. If you can help out, contact the current group leader or our Vice-President, Nancy Soifer. Thanks.



Card Games

Bridge - Social

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Hello fellow Bridge players,
We miss you all and hope you and your families have been well. As you know, we are preparing for a new PDWC year. Nan and I have talked about what/how bridge groups should proceed. Bridge puts us in close proximity to each other with many handling the cards. There is no logical way to play and still follow CDC suggestions, to say nothing of wearing masks for hours. We don't know what the Fall will bring either. Bottom line, Nan and I feel the time now and the near future is not right to restart our activities. We hope you agree with us. Please be sure to let us know if you will be continuing with our bridge groups so we will be ready when we can safely resume. In the meantime, we will stay in touch. If you are new to PDWC or a member who would like to join the Social Bridge groups, please let us know also.

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Canasta- Afternoon

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We meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at the PD Firehouse from 1:30 pm to approximately 3:30 pm. We have decided not to meet during this summer and to wait until September to see how things are at that time regarding the pandemic. Anyone can join this group whether or not you know how to play. We are more than happy to teach someone who has never played or has not played in a long time. Canasta is a casual and enjoyable game and you need not be hesitant to ask a question at any time.



Canasta 2 - Evening

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We have not met since March due to the Coronavirus, but we are planning to resume in September at Knute Welzant's home. The group plays on the last Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm. An email is sent about two weeks before and the first eight members to respond play. The group has just lost members Linda Robbins and Angela Dingbaum because they have moved. We now have some room for new members. Please join us for a fun, no pressure evening.

Fun and Games

Games, Games, Games

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Our Games Night group is open to both singles and couples who enjoy getting together for an evening of fun, laughter, and lively conversation. Our main focus is, of course, games—dominoes, board games, or card games—which are chosen by the host, who is always delighted to teach those who are new to the game. We meet monthly on the fourth Thursday (except November and December) with members taking turns hosting and providing light snacks, beverages, and dessert. For an evening of fun and relaxation, with a smidgeon of competitiveness thrown in—Let the games begin!

Unfortunately, because of the pandemic we have not played games for a few months, but hope to start up again soon.

Mah Jongg

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We wish we had a magic ball and could tell everyone when we will all be able to get together and play Mah Jongg again as a group. The new card has been sitting idle too long!

Playing on-line at myjongg.net is fun (give it a try if you haven't yet) but it's not the same as playing with our fun group.

We will keep an eye out for when the town lets us return to the fire station and what the set-up will need to be to allow for social distancing. (In case you didn't know, scheduling of the firehouse Community Service Rooms was taken over by the town on April 1 so now we have to work through them. The Town Hall re-opened on June 15 on a limited basis but community service rooms remain closed to the public.) If you want to play in the interim, we encourage you to reach out to the Mah Jongg group and set up a game on your own. Hope to see you at the Mah Jongg table again soon.



Scrabble

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I have spoken to a few members of PDWC Scrabble group. Until Station #6 allows groups to use its facilities we will put off starting up again. Scrabble is a face-to-face game, so there is no social distancing. Because of this I have been researching online games.

One very good "scrabble like" web address is lsc.ro I have tried it out with only person.

You must give yourself a player's name, for example, I'm LucetteM. Interested PDWC members can look it up on Wikipedia - under Internet Scrabble Club.

So for now, I'd say the Scrabble group is on hold.

