

CROATAN WOMEN'S CLUB September 19, 2022: MEETING MINUTES

- President Jo Blomquist hosted the CWC Meet and Greet in her home. We had several new faces in the group and many more returning members. After thanking everyone for joining us, Jo introduced the new 2022-2023 board members:
 - Jo Blomquist – President
 - Debbie Kurtz – Vice President
 - Denise Costigan – Treasurer
 - Emily Chamness - Recording Secretary
 - Kim Scholl – Corresponding Secretary
 - Linda Richie Royal – Programs Chair
 - Programs Committee Members – Katie Ripberger, Anne Mannarino, Casey Finn, Lisa O'Connor, Ryan Thompson, Kay Troutman and Mary Adams
- Following the introductions, Jo presented Anne Mannarino, who went over our upcoming Beach Clean-up:
 - As per our commitment with the City of Virginia Beach, the CWC is proud to host a beach clean-up between the Croatan Rd beach entrance and the area by the public parking lot.
 - Date: Saturday, October 1st
 - Garbage bags will be provided, but any extra bags you could provide would be appreciated
 - Virginia Beach Clean-up:
 - The city has partnered with International Coastal Cleanup, engaging people to remove trash from beaches and waterways around the world. It's a great volunteer opportunity if you are interested:
 - Date: Saturday, September 24
 - Time: 9am-12pm, arrive 30 min early
 - Location: 24th Street Oceanfront Entertainment Park
- Amendment to our Bylaws:
 - Following Anne's announcements, Jo informed the CWC that the board had voted and unanimously agreed on adding the following statement to our bylaws:

"Membership is open to all women RESIDENTS of the Croatan Subdivision. Members who have moved from Croatan, may become Associate members, by paying the same annual dues amount as Croatan residents. Associate members may retain all privileges except voting and holding elective office."
 - She opened the floor to vote on the amendment. The new amendment was unanimously agreed upon by all members.
- Programs:
 - Linda Richie Royal, Programs Chair, distributed flyers with the upcoming CWC events
 - Sept 19, Meet & Greet
 - Oct 17, Halloween Howl
 - Nov 14, Croatan Pie Bake Off
 - Dec 12, Holiday Party

- Jan 9, Learn to Host a Mermaid Happy Hour (*Demo drinks/appetizer*)
 - Feb 13, GALatine Party
 - Mar 13, Craft Night
 - April 10, Green Day: *Find Your Inner Flower Power*
 - May 8, Croatan Met Gala
 - June 12, Beach Bash Party
- Next Meeting will be the Halloween Howl
 - Date: Oct 17
 - Location: Linda Richie's house: 517 South Atlantic
 - Theme: Costume Party
 - Emily Chamness, Secretary, agreed to contact members who offered to volunteer hosting future program events. More to follow on this...

Jo ended the meeting by thanking the CWC for their attendance. We wanted to send a BIG "Thank You" to the ladies who prepared the food for us and helped with the clean-up. It was great catching up and meeting the new CWC members.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Chamness, Secretary