

CROATAN WOMEN'S CLUB November 14, 2022: MEETING MINUTES

- Jo Blomquist, President, kicked off our meeting with a big "Thank you" to our Recording Secretary, Emily Chamness, for hosting November's Pie Bake Off. We had one new face in the crowd, Tori Crenshaw. Welcome Tori! After thanking everyone for joining us, Jo gave the floor to Denise Costigan, Treasurer.
- Financial Report:
 - Attendance: 49 attendees in Sept., followed by 25 in Oct. and 18 in Nov. Of those who have attended, 47 have paid membership dues.
 - CWC Checking account balance is at \$3K; however, food receipts are due to be entered, which will reduce our overall balance.
 - December generally is a high member turn out month, so we expect membership dues to increase.
- Announcements:
 - For future hosts, especially for those living off S. Atlantic, Vanderbilt or Surfside where parking is difficult: Please provide an alternative parking site for members if you are hosting.
 - Dues cover events during our Membership Calendar Year: September – June
 - A few members are interested in getting an updated membership list with members' phone number and address. There is concern that not everyone wants their information to be made public.
 - We are sad to announce the passing of June Strader, previous member of CWC. We are in the process of getting a plaque with June's name to place on our memorial bridge.
- Community Events:
 - Frosty on the Park on Dec. 17th, from 3:00 -7:00 PM, off Southside Rd., by the mermaid
 - The Croatan Civic League's is having their 2nd annual Holiday Glow Competition in December. Judging will take place the week of Dec. 18th. They will once again have three categories for awards plus three judges' choice awards for the most outstanding lighting and decorating displays on your house. There will also be a Walk the Lights night in December. The 3 categories for awards are:
 - Traditional – Classic/Religious
 - Cute – Inflatables and Kids Motif
 - Griswold – Crazy/ Chaotic/ Lots of lights
 - Toys for Tots:
 - CWC will participate in a Toys for Tots drive. Please bring a gift to donate during our December meeting
- December Meeting:
 - Holiday Party: December 12th hosted by Ellen Fournier and Kim Bruneau. Please bring a toy for our Toys for Tots Donation. Additional details to follow...
- Event Schedule Reminder:
 - Dec 12, Holiday Party: Ellen Fournier and Kim Bruneau
 - Jan 9, Learn to Host a Mermaid Happy Hour (*Demo drinks/appetizer*): Priscilla Ayres
 - Feb 13, Galatine Party: Kathy Thompson

- Mar 13, Craft Night: Nicole Ziegler
- April 10, Green Day: *Find Your Inner Flower Power*: Martha Davenport
- May 8, Croatan Met Gala: Kathy Thompson
- June 12, Beach Bash Party: Cindy Simms
- Pie Bake Off Contest: For those of you who missed it... well, you MISSED it! The pies were tasty and delicious. Some of us dared and tried every single one.
 - Pie Choices (pictured from left to right): Mary's Apple Brickle with Toffee Chips, Katie's Lemon Cheese Pie, Jo's Black & Blue Bourbon Pie, Lisa's Caramel Apple Pie Cheesecake Crumble, Diana's Granny Smith with Ginger Liquor, and Denise's Gluten Free Pecan Pie.
 - Winner: Katie's Lemon Cheese Pie



Jo ended the meeting by thanking the CWC for their attendance. We wanted to send a BIG "Thank You" to the ladies who prepared our delicious Thanksgiving dinner, complete with turkey, buttery mashed potatoes, gravy, green bean casserole and cranberry sauce. Delicious! As usual, it was great catching up with our CWC members.

Looking forward to the next meeting,

Emily Chamness, Secretary