



Zonta Club of Pascagoula Area

NEWSLETTER

District 11, Area 1

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President's Corner

One month and counting until our 33rd Annual "Day in the Plaza" and what a month it will be!! Who would have guessed that we would have a \$25,000 grant from BP Oil Company to help with our little festival? While we are certainly grateful, let us keep in mind that this grant would not be possible but for the fact that our beloved Gulf Coast suffered a horrible disaster. Unfortunately, we can't do anything to change what happened with the oil spill. Heaven knows if we could, eleven good men would still be alive and with their families and our coastlines would be pristine.

What we can do, however, is to make certain that we use our funds wisely and help restore the tourism market as best we can. Let's work to put our festival and Pascagoula on the map. While we won't have these funds in the future, we can use the increased publicity and, hopefully, attendance to leverage other resources in years to come.

Teresa and her committees have worked hard to make this the best festival in our club's history. I encourage every member to get involved and help in any way you can. With this grant, we must be prepared to have a much larger crowd and more work and organizational duties for the members. We need EVERYONE'S help to be successful. Again, while we can't undo the effects of the spill, we can do our part to help in the recovery. So let's pull up our sleeves and get to it!!

Arts & Crafts Countdown



32 days

Upcoming Events

- Friday, Sept. 3: Welcome Center, I-10 at MS/AL state line 8:00am-4:00pm
- Thursday, Sept. 9, 5:30pm: Membership Meeting, St. John's Episcopal Church Pasc.
- Tuesday, Sept. 28, 5:30pm: Board Meeting, Hancock Bank Building Downtown Pasc.
- Sept. 30, Oct. 1 & 2: District 11 Conference, Savannah, GA
- Saturday, Oct. 2: "Day in the Plaza" Downtown Plaza Pascagoula

Member Spotlight: Beth Fenech



Beth Fenech is the Clinical Director for Singing River MH/MR Services, Region XIV. She's been employed in community mental health for 19 years now and has held many different positions. She's also a Mississippi Alcohol Safety Education Program (MASEP) instructor through Mississippi State University. The program is court mandated for first-time offenders convicted of driving under the influence of alcohol or another substance that impairs their ability to operate a motor vehicle.

Beth is originally from Laurel and she moved to our area about 7 years ago. She is an animal lover and has one cat and five dogs. She has a nephew in Columbus, Georgia who was born on her birthday one year ago. Beth travels to see him as often as possible.

In her spare time, Beth enjoys traveling, cooking, the outdoors, and going to auctions. One thing you may not know about Beth is that she is half Maltese. Her father is from Malta, an island off the coast of Sicily.

September Birthdays



Norma Savage, Sept 4

Teresa Williamson, Sept 9

Club Photo taken at Jackson County, MS Welcome Center

On Saturday, August 21, we gathered together at the Welcome Center to have a club photo taken. That was my first time to visit the Welcome Center and I was very surprised at all that I saw. It was beautifully decorated with lots of antiques. We had our picture taken on a grand looking spiral staircase. If you live in the area I guess you just don't have a reason for visiting the Welcome Center, but you really should. There are lots of things to see and learn about.

There was a picture and a plaque commemorating the USS Cole and it listed the 17 names of the sailors that died on Oct. 12, 2000, at the hands of terrorists in Yemen. I didn't know that one of the sailors was from MS. There were two beautiful wood sculptures by Marlin Miller. He is the Florida sculptor who has given so much of his time and talent carving sculptures out of the broken live oak & cedar trees along the beach in Biloxi. He will not take any money for his work. It is his way of repaying local residents who helped him recover after Hurricane Ivan. There was a large Katrina Quilt on one wall with the story behind it. And beside that was a life size statue of Elvis with a display about his life. Of course it let you know he was from Tupelo, MS. As you can see from the picture, Norma got Elvis to come and stand by her. The last thing that I saw that day was a very large crane displayed in a glass case. They are such pretty birds. I enjoyed getting together with everyone and I will visit the Welcome Center again, soon!

