



Pelican Bay Women's League



Mary Burns, President

## July-August 2020 Newsletter

We Hope to Be Together This Season!  
But in the meantime, we'll be right here online.



### Planning for Activities at the Community Center

Since the Pelican Bay Community Center is the place where we hold many meetings and activities for the Pelican Bay Women's League (PBWL), it is foremost in our minds in planning for the upcoming season. We may, of course, have to adjust the plan as the pandemic continues since our goal is to keep members as safe as possible.

### New Community Center Guidelines

Board members and interest group leaders joined in on a ZOOM meeting recently hosted by Gwen Rasiwala, manager of the Community Center. She went over the guidelines, (as of now and subject to change) about how the Community Center will open meeting rooms in November.



For those who play bridge or Mah Jongg, some tables in the upstairs sitting room are being eliminated for social distancing. Other larger meeting rooms downstairs for activities and events will be limited in number to provide social distancing. Each interest group leader should contact Gwen and set up their activities to reserve the space for the upcoming season. She can explain in more detail what will be allowable for each group.



### Community Center Safety Enhancements

The PB Foundation is being diligent in cleaning and disinfecting surfaces after each use and the staff will wear masks when within 6 ft. of a member. While the Community Center will not require masks for members, it is encouraged. Some interest group leaders may want to recommend mask use during their activities.

The heating and cooling system has been enhanced with ultraviolet light equipment,

eliminating sick building syndrome odors, particulate air pollutants, volatile organic compounds, smoke, mold, bacteria and most importantly viruses. The specific technology produces zinc ions that kill 99% of viruses.

If your interest group needs something specific for safety, contact Mary Burns, PBWL president, [lyonhenn@yahoo.com](mailto:lyonhenn@yahoo.com) or 937-231-4665 since the Community Center is not responsible for individual needs or equipment.

Remember, when the Community Center opens, all activities will be at your own risk. If you do not feel well or may have been exposed to someone with Covid-19, you are urged to stay home to keep others safe. If you are uncomfortable about joining a group in any way, the best choice is to err on the side of caution.

No one knows how the world will be next fall or winter, or even next month. But the good news is that the PBWL has a dedicated group of volunteers who are working diligently to keep the League strong through these challenging times. For the last 25 years, PBWL volunteers have worked hard to offer an organization that benefits us all and so we continue the mission to keep Pelican Bay Women's League a premier community asset.



**Photo:** Left to right front row: Mary Burns, incoming president; **Helen Stine**, past secretary; **Norma Jean Broeman**, past vice president; **Susan Woodall**, past president; Connie Collis, publicity director; back row left to right: Nancy Colodny, speaker's series co-director; Barbara Wall, Lunch and Learn; Geri Buranosky, Ambassadors; and Diane Abouzari, hostesses. Absent: **Liba Jelinek**, past treasurer; **Judith Emanuel**, past communications director; **Toni Levering**, past Hostesses director; Pam Rockey, Interest Groups director; Maeve Cullen, registration; Elaine Christian, speaker's series co-director; Pat Mullen, art show director; and Lyn Scanlon, past sunshine director.

## Board Enjoys Appreciation Luncheon

Members of the Pelican Bay Women's League (PBWL) board who served last season, gathered at Ridgway Bar & Grill recently for the annual appreciation luncheon. **Susan Woodall** was honored for her two years of service as president. Prior to the presidency, she served two years as vice president and she will remain on the board ex-officio as well as serve as media/communications director.

**Norma Jean Broeman**, who served as Susan's vice president in charge of luncheons, welcomed the group and gifted her with a gold engraved charm with the dates of her service as president. "Susan is really appreciated by all of us," Norma said. "She was always there for us, always calm and we all worked together well," she added. "She encouraged us to do our jobs as we saw fit and guided us to make our own decisions."

Board members who have recently retired from their positions include **Judith Emanuel**, **Toni Levering**, **Liba Jelinek** and **Helen Stine**.

**Judith** served as Communications Director and was responsible for many invaluable behind-the-scenes duties including e-blast updates, event flyers and offered expertise for updating the website.

**Toni** was most recently the Director of Hostesses and was responsible for organizing greeters and registration volunteers for luncheons and events. She also previously served as Director of By-Laws.



Not sure if we'll have activities and you think you'll wait and see? Consider simply renewing your membership now and when and if we have activities, you'll be ready to participate.

**And consider this...** the League that for years has been able to provide a more enjoyable season for you when you are in residence, could simply use the financial support. Our membership cost is the lowest of any women's organization in the area.

Renew now at [www.pelicanbaywomensleague.org](http://www.pelicanbaywomensleague.org).

**Liba** served as Treasurer for three seasons and developed the time-consuming process of taking League business online for all our financial transactions and accounting processes. She also developed the system for online payment of membership and events on the PBWL website.

**Helen** served as Secretary and had served in other board positions in the decade. She will assume the Sunshine Director position and remain on the board for the coming season.

A special thanks is extended to these women for the many hours of service they offered to enhance the mission of the organization. Each member spent countless hours performing the duties of their positions and always went above and beyond to help other members of the board.

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**Your support is greatly appreciated!**