

**PANAMA CANAL SOCIETY, INC.  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
HOLIDAY INN, MELBOURNE, FLORIDA  
FEBRUARY 6, 2010**

**President Tom Wilder** welcomed the 118 members and guests in attendance to the General Membership Meeting held at the Holiday Inn, Melbourne, Florida during Carnavalito and called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

**Cheryl Russell, Chaplain** gave the invocation and in the absence of **Chris Wilder, Tom Wilder** led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Tom Wilder recognized past presidents, Pete Foster, Marje Foster, Betty LeDoux-Morris and Bob Russell who were in attendance and introduced the board members in attendance which included Bob Russell, Immediate Past President; Cheryl Russell, Chaplain; Jacque Vowell, Editor and Nancy Van Sicien, Office Manager.

Tom thanked Donita McConaughy and Robert and Frances Morrissey, Co-Chairpersons of Carnavalito along with their committee members Bill & Pat Benny, Janet & Norman Watkins and Fred Watkins for organizing the event and presented them with a small token of appreciation from the Society.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, copies of the General Membership Meeting held on December 12, 2009 in North Redington Beach, Florida were distributed to the membership; therefore, the president asked for a motion to accept the minutes as written. Betty LeDoux-Morris made a motion to accept the minutes; it was seconded by Bob Russell. Motion carried.

The December Financial Statement was also distributed to the membership and stands for audit. Virgil Camby made a motion to accept the December Financial Statement; it was seconded by Betty LeDoux-Morris. Motion carried.

**Jacque Vowell**, Record Editor reported to the membership that the March issue of the *Canal Record* is completed and at this time it is currently being proofed.

**Betty LeDoux-Morris** reported that if a member is staying four nights at the hotel during the reunion, from Wednesday to Sunday, Rosen Shingle Creek Resort is offering our members Sunday night free. Betty also reported that on Thursday we would be having a dance contest this year. She explained that the dance contest would be from different eras of music. The finals will be judged on Thursday evening and after the contest the DJ will continue the music from all the different eras. We will also have three professional judges and those members, in attendance, will choose the first place winner.

The president reported that at the Annual Luncheon during the 2010 Reunion Frances Morrissey playing would be playing the organ for our enjoyment. The cultural seminar will be a two-part topic "The Smithsonian's Castle in the Tropics: The History and Work of the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, and Turning Swords into Plowshares: The Galeta Marine Education Center". The guest speaker will be Dr. Stanley Heckadon from the Smithsonian in Panama.

Tom also reported that we will be having the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Pool Party on Saturday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> which is free for all members who are registered and have a name tag to gain entrance into the event.

The president reported that the next events taking place will be the West Coast Picnic at Anderson Park in Tarpon Springs, Florida on March 20, 2010 and the May Luncheon at Troyer's Restaurant in Sarasota, Florida on May 1, 2010. Tom also reminded the members to send in their paperwork for the Annual Reunion from June 30, 2010 to July 4, 2010 at Rosen Shingle Creek Resort in Orlando, Florida.

At this point in the meeting, Tom Wilder asked Cheryl Russell to pick the name of the winner for early registration. The winner was Louis and Barbara Dedeaux and they will receive two free room nights for a regular room at Rosen Shingle Creek Resort at the reunion this year.

Throughout the evening several door prizes were awarded.

John Marcum made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m.; seconded by Steve Gilbert. Motion carried.

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**NANCY VAN SICLEN**  
**OFFICE MANAGER/SECRETARY**

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**TOM WILDER**  
**PRESIDENT**