

**PANAMA CANAL SOCIETY, INC.  
MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
WINE CELLAR RESTAURANT  
N. REDDINGTON BEACH, FLORIDA  
DECEMBER 3, 2011**

**President Tom Wilder** welcomed the 76 members and guests in attendance to the General Membership Meeting held at the Wine Cellar Restaurant in North Reddington Beach, Florida and call the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

**Chaplain Cheryl Russell** gave the invocation and **Sgt. at Arms Michael Young** led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The president welcomed past presidents in attendance including Pete Foster, Muriel Whitman, Betty LeDoux-Morris, Jim O'Donnell, Margot Jordan, Faith Brundage, Bill McLaughlin and Bob Russell. The president also introduced the board members that we in attendance including 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Mike Coffey; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Shirley Avery; Director Noreen Hanson; Director Chris Wilder; Director Kelly Parthenais; Treasurer Jim Parthenais; Immediate Past President Bob Russell; By-Laws Chairperson and Co-Reunion Coordinator Bill McLaughlin; Sgt. at Arms Michael Young; Chaplain Cheryl Russell, Editor Jacque Vowell and Office Manager Nancy Van Sicen.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m. for lunch and reconvened at 1:30.

Tom Wilder announced that prior to the commencement of the meeting copies of the Membership Meeting minutes held on November 5, 2011 at Tom Statham Park, Titusville, Florida were distributed to the membership. Therefore, the membership was asked for a motion to accept the minutes as written. Mike Coffey made the motion to accept the minutes; it was seconded by Noreen Hanson. Motion carried.

The October 2011 Financial Statement was also included in the packets and stands for audit.

**Editor Jacque Vowell** reported that the December issue of the *Canal Record* is at the printer and should be delivered to the mailer on December 9<sup>th</sup> and reminded the members that this is the issue that the "yellow pages" for the reunion are published in.

**Bill McLaughlin, Co-Reunion Coordinator** reported that the online registration would open after the December *Canal Record* is mailed. Bill reported that the Society would be celebrating the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary and that the committees are already working hard and we expect to have another great reunion. Bill suggested that before you submit your paperwork to please read the yellow pages carefully.

**Betty LeDoux-Morris, Hotel Lodging Chairperson**, suggested that if you are thinking about attending to get your hotel reservations in early. If plans should change you can always cancel. Betty also reminded everyone that we are again having the early drawing for two free nights (regular room) at the reunion and you must have your registration in the Society office by January 31, 2012.

**Jim Parthenais, Nominating Committee Chairperson** reported to the membership that the committee consisting of Bill McLaughlin, Chris Wilder from the Executive Board and Paul Bierman and Rebecca Pletcher from the general membership have selected a list of candidates for the 2012-2014 slate of officers as follows:

President – Tom Wilder  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Mike Coffey  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Shirley Avery  
Directors: Noreen Hanson, Kelly Parthenais and Mike Young

At this time Jim Parthenais opened up the floor for nominations from the floor. Since no one was nominated from the floor, Margot Jordan made a motion to close the nominations for the slate of officers for the 2012-2014 term; it was seconded by Pete Foster. Motion carried.

Tom Wilder thanked Betty LeDoux-Morris and Margaret McLaughlin for organizing the event and presented them with a small token of appreciation from the Society.

The president asked if the membership had anything to bring to the attention of the board; hearing none Tom reminded the membership of the future upcoming events for the Society including Carnavalito the weekend of February 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> at the Hilton Melbourne Oceanfront Hotel in Indialantic, Florida where Frances Morrissey will be playing the organ for our dancing pleasure. The West Coast Society Picnic on Saturday, March 24, 2012 at Fort DeSoto Park in Tierra Verde, Florida. All the information will be in the December issue of the *Canal Record*.

**Kathy Egolf** representing the Panama Canal Museum reported that the partnership with the University of Florida is proceeding. The University is planning a celebration in 2014 honoring the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of the Panama Canal which will include a performance by Jim Brooks and his orchestra to Gainesville on August 15, 2014 for a special opening night performance to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Kathy also reported that the Museum will be at the 2012 reunion with an exhibit, they will also be in the Vendor room and will gain have the silent auction.

Door prizes were given out and Tom thanked all the members who donated prizes.

Hubert Jordan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:20 p.m.; it was seconded by Bill McLaughlin. Motion carried.

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

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**TOM WILDER**  
**PRESIDENT**