



Panama Canal Society General Membership Meeting
Hilton Coco Beach Ocean Front, 1550 North Atlantic, Ave., Cocoa Beach, FL 32931
February 13, 2016

Mike Coffey welcomed everyone to the Carnavalito. He thanked the Fran & Bob Morrissey and Randy & JoElla Deakins for hosting the Friday night cocktail hour and organizing this event. He went on to thank everyone who brought the wonderful food; arroz con pollo, ceviche and all the other dishes as well as the drinks. He announced that Fran was going to mix up the music a bit with a little romantic music thrown in for Valentine's Day! He went on to thank Cheryl Williams, Rae Donaldson & DelRae Allen for making the centerpieces and decorating the tables.

Location: Hilton Coco Beach Ocean Front

Pledge of Allegiance: Was led by Patrick Smith our Sergeant At Arms.

Past Presidents in attendance:

Peter Foster – Past President 1985-1986
Betty LeDoux – Past President 1989-1991 & 2000-2002
Tom Wilder – Immediate Past President 2008-2014

Board Attendees:

Shirley Avery (1st Vice President) Kathy Malin (2nd Vice President), Noreen Hanson (Treasurer), Mike Young (Director), Patrick Smith (Sergeant at Arms), Richard Grimison (Chaplin), Jacque Vowell (Editor), and Cheryl Williams (Office Manager).

Members attending: Members attending 73 total attendance 81.

Invocation: Richard Grimison our Chaplain gave a heartfelt invocation.

Mike asked everyone to review the minutes and we adjourned for dinner.

Returned to meeting

Mike asked for motion to approve the Minutes from the December Minutes, Pete Foster motioned the minutes be approved and Renee Nellis and everyone approved.

We are closing our books out for 2015 and we are in the Black. We are not a profit organization, Mike thanked the members for keeping up their membership from year to year and the Governor's member who pay every five years.

Shirley Avery Bentley gave an update on the Reunion Events. Bill McLaughlin was unable to make this meeting.

Friday Night PanaZonian Ping Ding Dance - We will have a different format this year due to member's request and poor attendance in the past years. There will be no band, but we will have a DJ starting at 9:00PM with Lucho and other Panama Music then lead into the standard DJ music at 11:00 until 3:00AM



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Cultural Seminar – Panama’s Folk Culture: Polleras & Diablos presented by Lila Cheville.

Annual Luncheon - Artist and Animator George Scribner who is a contractor at Walt Disney Imagineering as a concept artist and Animation Director. He is also painting a serious on the construction of the new locks for the Panama Canal.

Annual Chagres Invitational Golf Tournament – Has changed location from Rosen Shingle Creek Golf Course to the Champions Gate Golf Course. Check the updated yellow pages on line.

Announced that you can get the Society’s special room rate four days before and four days after the reunion if you want to have an extended stay at Rosen Shingle Creek.

Volunteer – Are needed to help out with the information desk, registration, ticket sales, etc. Call the Society Office if you want to volunteer.

We cannot expand our rooms in Shingle Creek, so once the rooms are gone they are gone. We really encourage you everyone to sign up soon. If you have to book of site we will not provide transportation for you.

Upcoming Events:

- UF Luncheon: March 12, 2016
- Spring Picnic: May 14, 2016
- Annual Reunion: July 6-10, 2016
- Rick’s on the River: September 17, 2016
- South Florida Picnic: October 15, 2016
- Space Coast Picnic: November 5, 2016 (tentative)
- Holiday Luncheon: December 3, 2016 (tentative)

Terri Flynn won the 2 night stay at the Rosen Shingle Creek during the Reunion.

Fran and her drummer Rick (who she met at church and was stationed in Coco Solo), Mike Young and Richard Grimison accompanied her.

Mike thanked Betty LeDoux, Jean Medinger & JoElla & Randy Deakins for donating some the door prizes. Door prizes will be drawn during the breaks.

Cheryl Williams
Office Manager

Mike Coffey
President



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