



Panama Canal Society General Membership Meeting
Philippe Park, 2525 Philippe Park Pwy., Safety Harbor FL 34695
May 20, 2017

Meeting called to order at 12:00 noon by Mike Coffey (President).

Pledge of Allegiance: James Beattie (Sergeant at Arms)

Invocation: Mike Coffey

Past President in attendance: Margot Jordan 1997-1998

Mike thanked our 2nd Vice President, Kelly Parthenais, for chairing this event and for always doing such great job.

Board Attendees: Kelly Parthenais (2nd Vice President), Patrick Smith (Director), Noreen Hanson (Treasurer), James Beattie (Sergeant at Arms), Jacque Vowell (Editor), Rae Donaldson (Sunshine Committee), and Cheryl Williams (Office Manager).

Mike asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the March General Membership meeting. Steve Nehring made a motion to approve the March minutes, seconded by Stacy Parker DeRaps; motion carried.

Reunion Update: This is our 85th Anniversary. We expect this reunion to be exceptional, and we hope each of you are planning to attend. We are happy to be returning to the Orlando World Center Marriott. Registration opens on Wednesday followed by our Chagres Invitational Golf Tournament on Thursday. Thanks to Katie Beattie and Patrick Smith for once again chairing the Tournament. Thursday night the "Yacht Club" dance will be hosted by the BHS Class of 1972 and is free to all attendees. Friday morning our Annual General Membership meeting will be held. There will be wonderful door prizes at this meeting along with important updates regarding the Society. The festivities on Friday night start with our Rock and Roll Dance, followed by the After-Hour Dance for those who want to party into the night. On Saturday, Bill Friar, a BHS Graduate will be the Guest Speaker at our Annual Luncheon. Everyone was urged to purchase their tickets early as last year we sold out. This year the pool party will have live entertainment by "Shorty & Slim" along with free beer to those who have a name badge and an ID card. With this being our 85th anniversary, we will have the "Calle Arriba & Calle Abajo Murga" on Saturday evening before the Annual Ball. You won't want to miss this so plan to be down at the bottom of the escalators no later than 8:30. The Murga will have everyone dancing in the hallway as we head into the Annual Ball to enjoy the music of Frankie Preto. As the Reunion closes on Sunday, our Despedida and lottery drawing will take place. We have new coloring books this year which will be passed out for the children. These coloring books were created by Yovanina "Yovi" Wainio. The Vendor room will be open every day starting on Thursday through Saturday evening. While the vendors are not required to be there on Sunday, many do stay until the conclusion of Despedida.

Announcements:

September 16, 2017 – Membership Drive – Noreen Hanson, TBA

October 14, 2017 – South Florida Picnic – Scott Parker and Kathy Malin. Mike gave a special shout out to Scott for bringing us a taste of the South Florida Picnic. He made homemade wontons that went fast and furious!

November 4, 2017 – Space Coast Picnic – hosted by Bob & Kathy McConaughy, JoElla & Randy Deakins and Richard Grimison.

December 16, 2017 – Holiday Luncheon at the St. Pete Yacht Club which will be chaired by Kelly Parthenais

Adjournment - To play games, 50/50 raffle, 3 legged races, tug of war, egg toss, face painting and bubbles! The meeting was adjourned at 12:16 p.m.

Cheryl Williams
Office Manager

Mike Coffey
President



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