



PANAMA CANAL SOCIETY
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
Yacht *Starship* Cruise, 603 Channelside Dr., Tampa, FL
October 13, 2018

Meeting was called to order at 11:58 a.m. by Shirley Avery Bentley (President).

Shirley welcomed the 41 members and guests present and thanked them for coming. She mentioned the last cruise was held 18 years ago. If you enjoy the cruise, please say something on Facebook or send us an email.

Laura Kosik was asked to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Shirley introduced the Past Presidents in attendance: Betty LeDoux (1989-1991 & 2000-2002), Bob Russell (2006-2008) and Mike Coffey (2014-2018). Then she announced the Board members present: Mike Coffey, Immediate Past President, Laura Kosik, Sergeant-at-Arms, Bob Russell, Legislature Reporter, Betty LeDoux and Kathy Malin, Office Staff.

Cheryl Russell provided the appreciative invocation. The meeting broke for lunch and resumed at 1:16 p.m.

Shirley asked if everyone read and if there were any motions to approve the September minutes. A motion was made by Jim Duffus motioned to approve the September minutes, Bobbie Berger seconded, and motion carried.

Shirley announced the upcoming PCS events. Betty has found a hotel for Carnavalito, the Holiday Inn in Melbourne at Wickham Road at is \$149 a night. Sentimiento Panama [Los Legendarios] will play.

Joan Ohman spoke about the Panama Canal Museum Collection and to look at pages 91 & 92 in the October *Canal Record* for more information. The Friends of the Museum organized a cruise to Cuba at the end of January and there is still time to book. There are over 45 registered for the cruise and when they stop in Havana, a group will travel to Santiago where there is veterans' memorial for those who fought in the Spanish American War. Cheryl Russell's grandfather fought in that war. The PCS/UF/Friends luncheon is on March 16 where the Panama Canal Collection (PCPMC) will have exhibits from the Canal Zone. Joan asked all to join the Museum at a starting rate of \$26 a year.

Betty gave a summary of the Reunion which will be held at the same hotel, Orlando World Center Marriott, at the same price. There are 2 Yacht Club Dances being hosted by BHS 79 & 89. At next year's Reunion, there will be a new event called *Painting with a Twist*. It is painting a picture while drinking a glass of wine. Look for more information in the December *Canal Record*. Betty encouraged all to renew their membership to register for the 2019 Reunion and even think about giving the membership or even the Governor's Club membership as a gift to others. The Society office will send out a letter to the recipient. There is a drawing for early bird registrations at Carnavalito for a 2-night stay at the Marriott. There are only 10 suites for Class Reunion so register early. Marriott will be having their own fireworks on the 4th of July.



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Door prizes were drawn, and Bobbie Berger won the grand door prize of 2 nights at the Marriott.

Shirley thanked Betty and Kathy for putting the Cruise together. She also thanked everyone for attending and the meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Shirley Avery Bentley, President

Kathy Malin, Office Manager