



Walton County Snowbirds, Inc.

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The Walton County Snowbirds have several activities to stimulate our brains while on the Emerald Coast. On Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m., the discussion group meets to discuss a new topic each week. Some topics this year include friendship, how to stay healthy and safe, and politics. The group leaders provide the topic and some thought-provoking questions prior to the meeting so we all have an opportunity to prepare and respectfully share our thoughts with the group.



Book discussion meets on three Thursdays during the snowbird season to discuss books they have selected. This year they are discussing, *Painting the Light*, *The Book Woman's Daughter*, and *The Book of Lost Names*. Many of the members are involved with book clubs up north and this gives them the opportunity to continue in a book club while they are on the Emerald Coast.

The investment and personal finance group meets Fridays at 10 a.m. at Culvers on Route 98. Jim Smith, co-1st vice president, started this new group this year. This is an open discussion by Snowbirds regarding investment and personal finance. Participants share their insights and tips with the group.



Another way to keep your brain sharp is to learn and play music. There are several snowbirds who have started a ukelele group. They meet on Mondays at 1 p.m. at Faith Fellowship Hall, Miramar Beach. Marilyn Feindt started this beginners' group that learns key chords and strumming and sings along together!

There is still time to sign up to give blood on Wednesday, February 15 at Faith Fellowship Hall, 306 S. Geronimo, Miramar Beach. The OneBlood mobile bus will be in the parking lot from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Contact Peg Breetz at 330-807-2379 to schedule an appointment. All are welcome, not just Snowbirds. Participants will each receive a free OneBlood tee shirt and a \$20 electronic gift card that can be used at various retail stores.

There is also still time to buy a FundRays coupon book for only \$20. Buying one book pays for itself in one or two visits to local restaurants and stores in Walton and Okaloosa Counties. The proceeds from the sale of the coupon books go to Children in Crisis, a foster care organization in Fort Walton Beach. If you bought a coupon book and already used the discounts for your favorite local places, you can buy a second one at Registration on February 6 or at our next General Meeting on February 9 at Destin United Methodist Church.



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There are seats available for the Walton County Snowbirds Dolphin Cruise on the Southern Star. The cruise is February 10 at 3:30. Your \$30 ticket includes the cruise, entertainment, food, beer, wine, and soft drinks. Tickets will be sold at Registration on February 6 and the General Meeting on February 9. This year, friends of members can also attend with members. For more information on the dolphin cruise, go to our website at www.waltoncountysnowbirds.com.



The Walton County Snowbirds thank many local vendors who support us by coming to our General Meetings and providing gifts and gift cards for our door prizes at the General Meetings. The vendors who support us get exposure to our large membership in the area during the winter.

Besides these activities and events, there are over 30 other activities including basketball, bowling, golf, aerobics, ballroom dancing, card groups, singles group, trips to the Biloxi casinos and more.

An additional opportunity to register for this season of the Walton County Snowbirds activities is on Monday, February 6 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Faith Assembly Hall at 306 S. Geronimo in Miramar Beach. Dues are \$20 per person for the season. You must be a member of the Walton County Snowbirds to participate in any of the activities.

You can also register at 9:00 am, one hour before our next General Meetings, which is on February 9 at 10:00 a.m. at Destin United Methodist Church, 200 Beach Dr, Destin. Each General Meeting includes live entertainment, local vendors who have giveaways and discounts to their establishments, door prizes, the 50/50 raffle to benefit the scholarship fund, and the sale of the FundRays coupon books. The final General Meeting is on Feb 23 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 207 Harbor Blvd, Destin.

For more information on registration and all the activities and events the club has to offer, go to the website at www.waltoncountysnowbirds.com or join the group Facebook page "Walton County Snowbirds."

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