

## **Sandra P. Chandler, CAP, President**

Pine Castle Woman's Club – June 1, 2020

What an honor it is to assume the role as President of the Pine Castle Woman's Club. I look forward to working with this excellent team: Nancy Chacon, Arlene Gimondo, Lynne Marshall, Margaretta Douglas, Ruth Harrell, Cathy Lindberg, Vivian Oviedo, and **ALL** of you, the members. Good leaders realize the importance of surrounding themselves with talented people.

For those of you who don't know me very well, I've been a resident of the Pine Castle area for a lot of years. My husband, Chuck, and I moved here in 1967, as newlyweds, when he was stationed at the former McCoy Air Force Base. The "hot pink" building on the corner of Hoffner and Randolph was an apartment complex at the time, and first, we lived on Randolph Street and eventually moved to the front apartment that faced Hoffner Avenue. We joined Pine Castle United Methodist Church, Jerry's Pub across the street was a local barber shop, Robert Pribell was our dentist until he retired, and, on yes, we ate lots of Ole Dixie Fried Chicken and still do, when the food truck is in town! Shortly before Chuck got out of service, we bought our new house on Hall Lane and met our wonderful neighbors, the Davenports. We watched our kids grow up together, attended Oak Ridge High School, Chuck and Larry worked at CED and later retired from there. Often, Jackie invited me to one of your meetings, but I was working full time at SunTrust Banks, and raising our family. In addition, I was actively involved in the International Association of Administrative Professionals, traveled quite a bit, and served as the International President in 2006-2007. Can you imagine how many times I drove past the Club all these years? I often thought it was an elite Club for special members – **AND, IT IS!**

After retiring from SunTrust in 2007 as an Executive Assistant, stepping down a bit from IAAP but still a member 35 years later, I accepted Jackie's invitation to attend one of the meetings. It was in April with the program being the Fifth Grade Essay Contest, and Tommie Hosier was your speaker. At Minnette's invitation, who was Membership Chair at the time, I signed on the dotted line, paid membership dues, and that was it, I thought! When I got home, I told Chuck I had joined but promised I wouldn't get too involved. So, it's all Jackie and Minnette's fault!

When I thought about the remarks I wanted to share with you, I read my incoming IAAP speech in 2006, and decided **Chandler's Five C's** could also apply to the PCWC with a little tweaking.

The first of the five C's is **COMMITMENT**.

John C. Maxwell said "*Ordinary people with commitment can make an extraordinary impact on their world.*" As the heart of the community since 1940, members of the PCWC are committed to making significant progress toward a common goal and being committed to action and not just words. By all of us working together, we can continue with this legacy.

The next of Chandler's five C's is **CONTINUING EDUCATION**.

Ronald E. Osborn said: *"Unless you try to do something beyond what you have already mastered, you will never grow."*

I don't think it's a secret that continuing education is essential for everyone. Our programs have definitely been beneficial, helpful, delightful, fun and the list goes on.

The third of Chandler's C's is **COMMUNICATION**.

In today's world, everything revolves around not good, but GREAT communication. And, even the best communicators continually seek to improve their skills. Through the years, communication has definitely changed, but I am a firm believer that effective communication is still important whether it's a phone call, e-mail, text message, card or note in the mail.

And now, on to the fourth of Chandler's five C's which is **CREATIVITY**.

George Bernard Shaw said: *"Life isn't about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself."*

This is certainly an area that is very familiar to our members who display their talents annually at the GFWC Arts and Crafts competition. We just keep getting better!

Kudos is extended to Cathy, Ruthie and the Corner Rose Tea Room volunteers for the superb jobs they do. If you have not volunteered in this area, I invite you to do so. You will definitely like it and see just how creative these ladies can be with their skills.

The final C in the list of Chandler's five C's is **CONNECTIVITY**.

Connectivity is everyone's responsibility – yours and mine. It takes ALL of working together to achieve that vital link in the Pine Castle community.

Won't you step up to the plate by volunteering to serve as a Standing Committee Chair or member of a committee(s)? Remember, it's definitely a team effort to make it happen.

How will we accomplish these objectives during the 2020-2021 year?

Let's remember to focus on **Chandler's five C's**:

- **COMMITMENT**
- **CONTINUED EDUCATION**
- **COMMUNICATION**
- **CREATIVITY**
- **CONNECTIVITY**

In the words of Ralph Waldo Emerson, *"Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."* I'm counting on each of **YOU!**