

THE GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB NEWS

APRIL 2015



OUR FIRST DOGFEST WALK-N-ROLL FOR CCI WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!



How do you top an outstanding first effort? By putting heads together now to begin planning next year! We truly cannot thank Stephanie Cantrell and Tony Super enough for spearheading this great effort. **WELL DONE, DISTRICT 1 TEAM!**

THE APRIL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

Sponsored by our Health & Welfare Dept.
THURSDAY, APRIL 2 ~ 11:30 am



Our Program:

FEDERATION DAY

A State of the State Address

by **JAN GAINER**

Please bring large size canned goods and non-perishable foods for a local food kitchen.

Make your reservation and place to-go orders with your Department Secretary by TUESDAY, MARCH 31

Pearls From Our President

DogFest was a roaring success and we are all proud of the hard work and long hours put in by Stephanie Cantrell and Tony Super. I hope you read the Membership Monday on Monday, March 16 with the letter from Caryn Freas of Canine Companions for Independence. She had great praise for the Panama City DogFest and had special praises for Stephanie. The final tally for our inaugural event was \$41,044!

The Annual Community Prayer Coffee was another highlight of the month of March. Emma Helms and her helpers in the Health & Welfare/Home Life Department made it an especially inspirational event with their choice of speaker and singer. The messages given by both speaker and singer complemented each other to an amazing extent.

The Yard Sale on March 21 was another successful event. We had many items for sale and thanks go to all of you who brought in your "old stuff". Special thanks to Adelaide Ware for heading up this project.

We are looking forward to our General Meeting in April and our Federation Day program brought to us by our own Jan Gainer. A big thank you to Jan for agreeing to speak to us. We also look forward to welcoming our State Junior Director, Catrina Sistrunk to our April meeting.

Our GFWC Florida Spring Convention will be from May 14 to May 17. Please think about attending this important meeting. LEADS Candidates which includes Genie Cianciolo will be honored at Friday's Dinner. Awards will be announced and some workshops will be held. It will be a fun, busy weekend and I hope you will consider being a part of it. Deadline for registration is April 25. The cost of registration is only \$35 for each person, if paid by that date. Join us!

Gerry Wilson

ARTS**Meets 4th Thursday at 10:30 am****Contact: Victoria Williams**

The theme for Youth Art Month's 2nd grade Arts Contest at our Bay District Schools is "My Hero". Works are already being submitted. We have committees for judging the entries, prize collections, show awards, and refreshments. The Awards Ceremony and Reception for these inspiring and aspiring young artists, their parents, teachers and District staff is scheduled for Sunday, April 19, from 2-4 pm. Help us encourage the Arts in our community! Speaking of heroes, Lois Dick may have missed this year's Arts Festival but made a heroic effort in painstakingly creating this doll house miniature nursery for the 2015 event!

CONSERVATION**Meets the 3rd Thursday at Noon****Contact: Pat Fenaes**

What a beautiful day we had for the 2015 Azalea Trail. Tina Smith's daughter Athina was crowned Queen, and Rita Acoba's granddaughter Katelyn was first runner-up. Our March meeting was all about roses. In April we will transition from beauties to bugs with an entomologist from Tyndall AFB as our guest speaker.

**EDUCATION****Meets the 4th Tuesday at 11:30 am****Contact: Genie Cianciolo**

We were pleased with the March General Membership luncheon, thanks to all our members' hard work. We could then relax and look forward to hearing all about Karen Mullins' wonderful trip to Spain at our March meeting.

Did you know Kay Hicks does sign language? She served as the signing interpreter at the Prayer Breakfast. We have a good group and do good work.

**HEALTH & WELFARE****Meets the 4th Wednesday at 10 am****Contact: Emma Helms**

Health & Welfare really pulled together for the annual Prayer Coffee on March 18. It was a truly inspirational event for our faith leaders, government and community members. Our Sunshine Singers and soloist Marvin Miller performed with Kay Hicks signing for our guests. Jan Dye gave a remarkable testimony. We



we were immediately back in the kitchen to plan the April General Membership Luncheon before making plans for the reception for those brave souls who work hard to combat domestic violence in our community in May at the Springfield Community Center. We may be small but we do big things!

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH Meets the 4th Thursday at 9:30 am

Contact: Neysa Semmler

The *International Outreach Chicks* team scratched up almost \$200 for our Dogfest team! We thank Shirley Newton for her help on this project. In March, we focused on plans for the upcoming May General Luncheon, which will have a Mexican theme in honor of Cinco de Mayo. In April, we will have a speaker from Bethel House, and learn more about struggles and small victories of women and their children who seek shelter from domestic abuse.



PUBLIC ISSUES Meets the 3rd Tuesday at 5:30 pm

Contact: Darcie Brooks



On Monday, April 6, we will thank the many people who work with abused or neglected children in the 14th Judicial Circuit with a delicious lunch buffet and a table packed with homemade desserts. We will dry those dishes and start prepping for our BUNCO Night on Tuesday, May 19. Tickets to this fun fundraiser will be \$15 for a buffet dinner and the games. Bring the beverage of your choice and a friend! We will be selling tickets at the April and May luncheons. We are also asking your help with a canned goods/non-perishable food drive. Many older adults in our community suffer abuse and neglect. A lady serving lunch every week at the Glenwood Community Center needs large cans to feed a growing number of less fortunate seniors. Mary Helen Barnes will deliver the food to Big Bend Community-Based Care to support this mission. Lastly, Stephanie Cantrell delivered 22 prom dresses to the Hacienda Girls Ranch and returned with a long wish list. Stay tuned!

YOUTH Meets the 3rd Thursday at 6 pm

Contact: Jane Rigby

Ron Sharpe gave a spirited presentation on the work being done to revitalize and recapitalize St Andrew Bay Center, which serves disabled and developmentally challenged adults with work/life skills training and socialization. Their efforts to restore their greenhouse and gardens garnered him a \$100 donation from our department coffers. In April we will gather again for a potluck dinner and learn more about the Anchorage Children's Home. Join the Youthful Ladies of the Evening!



Anchorage Children's Home

**KUDOS TO WAYS &
MEANS GARAGE SALE
QUEEN ADELAIDE
WARE & HER TEAM
OF WORKER BEES!
\$1300 & COUNTING!**

April GAME DAY
Cancelled. Stay tuned
for the new day and time
this summer ☺



**Don't miss out this year
on BUNCO NIGHT on
Tuesday, May 19!
Dinner and dessert at
5:30pm. Just \$15 for all
the food, fun and laughs you can stand!
Tickets on sale at the luncheons!**



**MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND SUNDAY
BRUNCH 11:30am-1pm**

Having a houseful of holiday company?
Who wants to cook when you can do the Woman's Club
Lunch Buffet? Even if you don't have company, come
anyway! Advance \$15 tickets highly recommended!



**A cute reminder
that your \$85
Club dues will be
collected at the
April and May
luncheons.**



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| All departments meet at the Clubhouse unless specified otherwise. | | |
| THURS, APRIL 2 | 11:30 AM | GENERAL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON See page 1 for details |
| MON, APRIL 6 | 12:00 PM | PUBLIC ISSUES DEPARTMENT CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION LUNCHEON |
| THURS, APRIL 9 | 10:00 AM | KNITTERS, HOOKERS & A COOK Contact Normandy Cooper for details |
| THURS, APRIL 16 | 9:30 AM | BOARD MEETING |
| | 12 NOON | CONSERVATION DEPT MEETING at The Place on Harrison Avenue, downtown Panama |
| | 6:00 PM | YOUTH DEPT MEETING |
| SUN, APRIL 19 | 2:00-4:00 PM | ARTS DEPARTMENT'S 2nd GRADE ARTS AWARD CEREMONY & RECEPTION See page 2 |
| TUES, APRIL 21 | 5:30 PM | PUBLIC ISSUES DEPT MEETING |
| WED, APRIL 22 | 10:00 AM | HEALTH & WELFARE DEPT MEETING |
| THURS, APRIL 23 | 9:30 AM | INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH DEPT MEETING |
| | 10:30 AM | ARTS DEPT MEETING |
| TUES, APRIL 28 | 11:30 AM | EDUCATION DEPT MEETING |
| TUES, MAY 19 | 5:30 PM | PUBLIC ISSUES' ANNUAL BUNCO PARTY See page 3 for details |
| SUN, MAY 24 | 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM | MEMORIAL WEEKEND SUNDAY BRUNCH \$15 - RESERVE YOUR PLACE! |