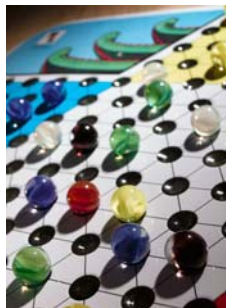


THE GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB NEWS

DECEMBER 2014

GAME ON, GIRLFRIEND!



Beginning January 14, we will have a Game Day on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at the Clubhouse from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Any games can be played -- Bridge, Scrabble, Mexican Train, Uno, etc.

Cost: \$5 per person

Snacks will be provided.

THE DECEMBER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

A holiday feast sponsored by our International Outreach Department

Thursday, December 4
11:30am



OUR PROGRAM:
Songs of the Season

Make your reservation and place your "to-go orders" with your Department Secretary by December 2!

From our President, Gerry Wilson

I hope all of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving and that at least part of it was spent with family members. We are so blessed to be here in the Panama City area where we can enjoy our beautiful beaches and glorious sunsets.

We had a productive board meeting on November 20 and learned about all of the many activities of our seven departments. I have enjoyed participating in some of those activities and hope to visit with other department's fun times soon. Many of you brought your dime rolls to the November General Luncheon Meeting, but if you did not, it is not too late. You can bring them to the December General Luncheon Meeting. This is a great way to raise money for the March of Dimes and we will be supporting a long standing project of GFWC and GFWC Florida when we send in our funds. The Ways & Means Committee is working on some fund raising ideas for the future, so stay tuned for their information.

The starfish pins for the new members have arrived and we all wish we were new members so we could have one! What you can do is invite your friends and acquaintances to become new members. Including the new member we received at the last board meeting, we have 21 new members since last January 1. I continue to be amazed and proud of all of the great ideas and productivity of our club members. Keep up the good work, ladies!

Gerry Wilson

ARTS

Meets this month on DEC 18 at 11:30 am

Contact: Victoria Williams



What a great success our Arts & Crafts Festival was! Congratulations are well deserved to all our participants for outstanding work! Normandy Cooper's felted purse won our President's Award and Linda Smith's Rose drawing took Best of Show. All first place winners progress to the upcoming District Arts Festival. We will celebrate the upcoming season on December 18 with a covered dish lunch and gift exchange at June Ball's home.

CONSERVATION

Meets 3rd Thursday at Noon

Contact: Pat Fenaes

After lunch at The Place, we will combine business with pleasure, creating holiday floral designs as gifts for shut-in friends. We will also pack up Christmas cards for delivery to Sims Veterans' Home and for Pyramid. During the winter months, local animal shelters need additional blankets and newspaper. Please bag your papers and bring them and any unwanted bed linens to the luncheon for distribution.

And remember to shop locally! It's good for our economy and our environment. Please reduce waste, reuse and recycle, especially over the holidays!



EDUCATION

Meets this month on DEC 16 at 11:30 am

Contact: Genie Cianciolo

At our November meeting, Kay Hicks, who taught the deaf children in our district for many years, enlightened us about their difficulties in family, education and society as well as the interesting days she had throughout the years. Our department has collected many linen items and pillows for Anchorage Home. We will also be giving them socks, underwear and other items closer to Christmas. In addition, Kay Hicks and Allison Mizell went on a book-buying trip to Tallahassee. Our department has spent \$900 to ensure that each child at Springfield Elementary receives a new book of their own. Our next meeting will be on December 16 for a Christmas party at the home of Frances Arnold.



HEALTH & WELFARE

Meets this month on DEC 11 at 11:30 am

Contact: Shirley Gobat

Our November meeting was postponed, due to the Thanksgiving holiday, and December's meeting is also rescheduled due to Christmas. Instead we will make merry on December 11th with a covered dish luncheon at Rena Hammett's home, beginning at 11:30 am. In January, planning for our traditional spring activities will begin in earnest, starting with the Prayer Breakfast, which brings faith leaders and community members together, in March.



INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH

Meets on DEC 10 at 12 noon

Contact: Neysa Semmler



On November 19, nearly 100 students from 25 different countries and 20 chaperones came to our International Student Party. Our members made dozens of sandwiches, deviled eggs, cookies, brownies, yummy other things. We even had hot chocolate with real milk along with marshmallows and whipped cream. *(It was a really cold day.)* We had tea, sodas and all sorts of other goodies including tangerines from a member's tree and chocolate candy for the students to take home. The Gypsy Rhythm Dancers of Panama City entertained us with several international dances. They even got students to join them for the last dance. We thank Bay District Schools' Instructional Specialist Sally Gentili for coordinating the event, as well as Michael Ward and his father Kevin who helped set up and clean up - they are hired! WJHG News Channel 7 came out to film it and interviewed Gloria Crawford and an exchange student. It aired on the 6:00 news.

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

Contact: Darcie Brooks

We met on Nov. 10 to bake cookies for our Veterans' Day Parade welcome tent. Home-baked cookies and individual water bottles were very much appreciated. Extra cookies were delivered to the Sims Veterans' Home. Local WW II veterans were treated to delicious lunch, hosted by Bay Honda and the Bay County Commission. They enjoyed fried chicken and all the fixings from Granny Cantrell's and more. It was an honor to serve them. Our December project is to participate in "Wreathes Across America" by placing six wreathes on veterans' gravesites at a Lynn Haven cemetery on December 13. We will celebrate the season at Stephanie Cantrell's home on December 16 by assembling gift bags for children and furnishing gifts for children to give to their mothers who are staying at the Salvation Army Center. *PS. If you are cleaning out your closets, set aside party apparel suitable for proms to donate to the Hacienda Girls Ranch.*



YOUTH *Meets 3rd Thursday at 6 pm - No DEC meeting*

Contact: Jane Rigby

The Youth Department had their annual fund raising auction at the St. Andrews Coffee Shop and it was a great success. The food was wonderful. The auction as usual was a lot of fun with Gayle Paynter as the Auctioneer. Sandra Wing's guest Andrea brought three beautiful baskets to auction off. Gayle put her to work as Assistant Auctioneer! Homemade candy, cakes, and cookies went fast. Beautiful bracelets donated by Ashley at Plum Delightful and a wonderful basket worth \$450.00 donated by Dr. W. G. Harrison's office were big sellers. We truly appreciated a special donation made to the Youth Department by the ladies who own the St. Andrews Coffee Shop. They donated all the money they would have made from the dinner! A thank you will be sent to Dr. Harrison and Andrea. Thank all of you who came and donated so many nice items to the auction. We made over \$700 and had so much fun! We hope you will enjoy this month's general membership luncheon too. T'will be in the spirit!





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MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB DECEMBER EVENTS!
 All departments meet at the Clubhouse unless specified otherwise.

THURS, DEC 4	11:30 AM	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON <i>See page 1 for details. RSVP to Departments</i>
WED, DEC 10	11:30 AM	INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH DEPT HOLIDAY LUNCHEON at The Olive Garden, Hwy 77
THURS, DEC 11	11:30 AM	HEALTH & WELFARE DEPT MEETING & HOLIDAY LUNCHEON at the home of Rena Hammett
THURS, DEC 16	11:30 AM	EDUCATION DEPT MEETING & HOLIDAY LUNCHEON at the home of Frances Arnold
THURS, DEC 16	5:30 PM	PUBLIC ISSUES DEPT MEETING & Holiday PARTY at the home of Stephanie Cantrell
THURS, DEC 18	9:30 AM	BOARD MEETING
THURS, DEC 18	11:30 AM	ARTS DEPT MEETING & HOLIDAY LUNCHEON at the home of June Ball
THURS, DEC 18	12 NOON	CONSERVATION DEPT MEETING <i>at The Place on Harrison Avenue, downtown Panama City</i>
NO DECEMBER MEETING		KNITTERS, HOOKERS & A COOK <i>For more information, contact Normandy Cooper</i>
		YOUTH DEPT
THURS, JAN 8	11:30 AM	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON
TUES, JAN 14	1:00 PM	GAME DAY AT THE CLUBHOUSE <i>See page 1 for details</i>